

St Peter's NEWSLETTER

PRIMARY SCHOOL

'I have come that they may have life - life in all its fullness' John 10 v 10

19th September 2025

Issue 3



Dear families,

Our new school year is well underway with our first trip, links with the community and a local walk in between showers! Next **Wednesday** our first **Outdoor Explorer** session will begin, starting with **Tucana class**. This is where the children go in single year groups to a local woodland/grassed area and take part in some wellbeing, craft and teamwork/resilience activities. Children will likely get wet/muddy and have great fun! Pupils need:

If you have trouble supplying these, please let us know ahead of time so we can help. We have a small supply in school of spares. We aim for every year group to go 3 times by Christmas. Check out our website page for more information.

- ✓Waterproof coat
- ✓Old or waterproof trousers
- ✓Wellies/walking boots and spare socks
- ✓Old jumper/long sleeved top
- ✓Plastic bag for wet items



DATES COMING UP

*(parents are welcome at events in **italic bold**)*

- Sun 21st **St Peter's Church Harvest Festival**
11.00am
- Mon 22nd **School Harvest Assembly in Church**
8.45am
- Wed 24th Tucana Outdoor Explorer sessions—bring kit!
1-3pm
- 1st Oct **Deadline for painting and photography competition**
See next page



On Monday our Reception class met our local PCSOs and had great fun learning about the police car.



On Wednesday Year 6 had an informative day being Junior Citizens. They learned about internet safety, railways, hazards in the kitchen and home, road safety and how to make a 999 call.



Pegasus have been part of a book review project with author Lisa Williamson and we are pleased to be able to support local publishers. Today they completed the project and were gifted a free signed copy of author Lisa Williamson's latest book in the *Bigg School* series. Thank you [Guppy Books - Guppy Books](#).

Congratulations to Mia



Mia has passed her preliminary medal exam in ballet with poised performing arts and was highly commended. Well done Mia.

Thank you all parents that attended our curriculum meetings, we hope you found them helpful. Slides will be uploaded to the website shortly.

Congratulations to all those who nominated themselves for school council and thank you for helping them to prepare so well. The successful candidates had their first meeting on Thursday and talked about continuing links with the Rise and Shine school in Uganda and planning to work towards a 'Fairaware' award.



We hope you can join us on Monday and share in our school Harvest assembly (last day for donations— please give generously!) in St Peter's church. (8.45am start) Thank you for your support.

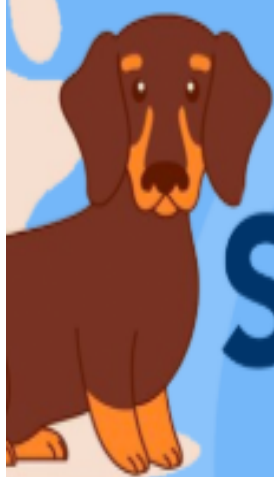
Diana

We're delighted to welcome back our volunteer readers for Cygnus Tucana and Phoenix classes.



WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS

- Cygnus** learning how to segment and blend words using the new sounds, matching pictures and objects in maths and also had fun learning about and pretending to be firefighters.
- Tucana** Learning about timelines we made our own timelines of our life so far. We have also been learning how to use number lines in maths and how to estimate.
- Phoenix** started to explore our new writing text, 'Hermelin'; mixed warm and cool colours in art and have been thinking about the Christian story of creation and what it means to Christians.
- Pegasus** Writing diary entries in English, Rounding large numbers in Maths and learning more about the Qur'an in RE.



Save the Date

Alvescot Fun Dog Show

Sunday 5th October
11.30am - 3.30pm



ALVESCOT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

For further details and entry forms:
www.alvescot.org.uk

Alvescot Fun Dog Show Painting & Photography Competition

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER
11:30am - 3.30pm

Mill Lane, Alvescot
OX18 2QJ

Proudly sponsored by



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ianwilson634@gmail.com

Painting Competition

Create a picture
of your favourite
pooch in any
style or medium –
paints, pastels, or
paw-prints!

Maximum size A3

Photography Competition

A portrait or action
shot of your (or
your friend's) dog,
colour or black &
white

Printed, maximum
size 10"x12"

Entry Categories

6yrs & Under,
7-11yrs,
12-16yrs,
17 & over

Submit your entries before October 1st!

Deliver to St Peter's School, Alvescot

Include: your name, your age, and contact
details of a responsible adult (18+)

For more details
visit our website

www.alvescot.org.uk

SCAN ME



ALVESCOT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

PAINT A POOCH COMPETITION

for the AVA Dog show

6 and under, 7-11 12-16 17+
Winner and runner up in each category
Prizes to be won!

Displayed and judged on Oct 5th @ the show

Join us in celebrating dogs everywhere by drawing, colouring or painting a dog! It could be a dog you know, an invented dog, a superhero dog, popstar or even a famous dog! Let your imagination run wild! Make sure you write your full name and age on the back on your artwork.



RULES: No bigger than A3 paper please.
Use colouring pencils, pastels felt tips, paint or collage only.
Deadline for entries: Hand into school by 1st Oct at latest.
Write yur name and age on the back of your artwork.



The

Library

Oxfordshire

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2026



ENTRIES OPEN: 8 SEPTEMBER

CLOSING DATE: 9 NOVEMBER

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

50/50 LOTTO

Friends of St Peters school Lotto is running September to June.
For £5 a ball, 50% goes to the school and the rest is paid in
winnings. This is a great way to support the schools
fundraising goals for this school year, while being in with a
chance to win a pot of cash!

Sign up before Sunday 21st September 2025



Join up using the link above or grab a form in the School
office. Anyone over 16 is welcome to join, parents,
grandparents, teacher, friends, extended family members,
colleagues, next door neighbours....
More players = Higher prize pot!

Full T&Cs available on the sign up form.
The 50/50 Lotto will be run by Friends of St Peter's and is run under
licence from West Oxfordshire District Council.

Email friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com
Registered Charity 1177978

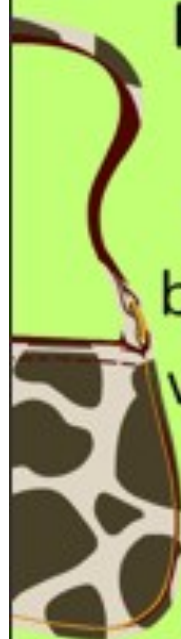


Rags2Riches

First collection for this school year.

Time to get rid of those outgrown
Summertime stunners, sandals, old
boots and coats that you were hoping
would fit this Autumn, and now don't
#SummerGrowthSpurt!

Every item counts - 45p/kilo!



**Tuesday November
4th 2025**

**Collection zones Tuesday
morning, in the usual spots of
church and school gate**



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu



- 1. Scan QR Code
- 2. Enter your email address
- 3. Enter the school code

0x141833

- 4. Fill out consent form
- 5. You will receive a confirmation email

The School Aged Immunisation Service can be contacted by:
Email: immunisationteam@schoolaged.nhs.uk
Phone: 01920 254430

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Developing Resilience Workshop

[Family Learning - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

Course code: P07917

Subject area: Family Learning

Study level: Part Time

Course level:

Course details

🕒 Course time:	12:00 - 13:30
📅 Days of week:	Monday
📅 Course date:	29th Sept 2025 - 29th Sept 2025
📍 Course location:	Online

Contact details

✉ Email:	enquiries@abingdon-witney.ac.uk
☎ Phone:	01235 555 585

📌 Apply for this course

Share this course:

[Family Learning - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

Find out about factors that influence resilience and how we can encourage our children to boost and maintain their resilience.

In this session you will identify factors which have influenced your child's resilience, consider what areas they need support in and explore approaches to boosting resilience in your child.

What next?

Further Family Learning online courses.

Entry criteria

For parents and carers of young children.

Fee information

As part of your course we may organise trips to assist you with your learning. Trips are optional, and you will not be penalised if you choose not to participate.

There are bursaries available to help you with other course costs. Call 01235 216 212 for more information.

The rules on fee reduction are complicated and we would encourage you to talk to our Admissions staff on 01235 216 400 to discuss your options. You can find more information on our Fees and Bursaries page - search "Fees and Bursaries" at the top of the page.

19+ Fee:

£0.00

19+ Reduced Fee:

£0.00

Implementing Effective Routines

Course code: P07915

Subject area: Family Learning

Study level: Part Time

Course level:

Course details

🕒 Course time:	12:00 - 13:30
📅 Days of week:	Monday
📅 Course date:	22nd Sept 2025 - 22nd Sept 2025
📍 Course location:	Online

Contact details

✉ Email:	enquiries@abingdon-witney.ac.uk
☎ Phone:	01235 555 585

📌 Apply for this course

Share this course:

Consider your routines and how well they are working. Explore strategies to improve routines so that they keep working for your family.

In this session you will identify your routines and how well they are working. You will have a chance to reflect on why routines are working/not working and explore some strategies to implement new routines and improve your old ones.

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