

Dear families,

It feels very autumnal all of a sudden! We are looking forward to celebrating together the fruits of Autumn at our Harvest service.

Thank you for food items donated so far. We will be collecting items of food from now up to the festival. Each child will take a food item from school to the Church for our offering on the morning and extra food will be added afterwards.

There will be a collection box each morning by the school gate. Please add to it if and when you can. Our pupils will be helping to lead the service as part of their work on service to others and courageous advocacy. Please do join us if you can. It starts at 8.45am and unfortunately pushchairs need to be left outside the Church.



Wellbeing Walk

Phoenix managed to walk to Big Fish at Abberley farm and had a lovely (and quite wet!) time feeding the animals and exploring the site. We managed to shelter while the storm passed over us and got back to the school gate before the Heavens opened again. We talked about our resilience and the nature all around us. Pegasus will be able to visit at another time. Thank you for providing wet weather gear at short notice. Thanks also to Big Fish for hosting us. They have an open day this weekend if you want to visit again!



Competitions!

As the weather gets worse and to support our focus this week on creativity, why not try entering one of these competitions!

AVA DOG SHOW PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – OF YOUR FAVOURITE DOG Age groups the same for both: 6yrs + under, 7-11yrs, 12-16yrs, 17yrs & over. Entries (marked with name and age on back) delivered to St Peter's School between Sept 29th – Oct 1st.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION—CHARLIE MAYNARD MP

You are invited to draw and colour a seasonal picture with a chance for it be used as his official Christmas card. It needs to be: A4 maximum; no sticking/painting; not folded. You need to include on the back your full name, address, DOB and school. Please post to Charlie Maynard MP, Elmfield House, New Yatt Road, Witney OX28 1PB by Monday 10th November.

I hope the rain stops for the weekend,
thank you for your ongoing support.

Dianna

DATES COMING UP

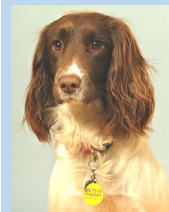
(parents are welcome at events in italic bold)

- Wed 17th Y6 Junior Citizen Trip
- Wed 17th **Reading and Phonics Meeting for Cygnus and Tucana Parents**
6.00pm @ hall*
- Wed 17th **Curriculum Meeting for Phoenix and Pegasus Parents**
6.00pm @ Pegasus class*
- Sun 21st **St Peter's Church Harvest Festival**
11.00am
- Mon 22nd **School Harvest Assembly in Church**
8.45am

*Slides will be available on our website if you cannot attend.

School Photos

Proof cards have been sent home in school bags ready for you to order pupil photos.



The closing date for ordering is the 17th September.

Even Wilma posed for the camera!

Important Information on MCAS

Thank you to everyone who has completed doctor surgery details and parental consents on MCAS. Please can you we ask that everyone completes this for us as it is essential we have this information. Thank you.

Congratulations William

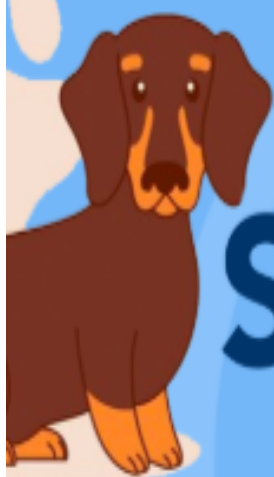
William won the Junior Parkrun with a speedy time against a field of 95 runners!



FOSPS NEWS: coming very soon- dates, fun activities and updates!

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** Had our first phonics sessions, listening brilliantly. Met and got to know new friends and adults in the school and creating models about people who help us.
- Tucana** used sequential words to help order the events. Y1 enjoyed our first PE lesson with Mrs Lawton and discussed what a leader is in RE.
- Phoenix** started our 'Invasion' topic by learning about life in Britain after the Romans. In maths, we have focussed on place value and we are beginning to feel confident with larger number
- Pegasus** learning about diary entries in English, place value of numbers up to 10,000,000 in Maths and the journey of blood through the heart in Science.



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

PAINT A POOCH COMPETITION

for the AVA Dog show

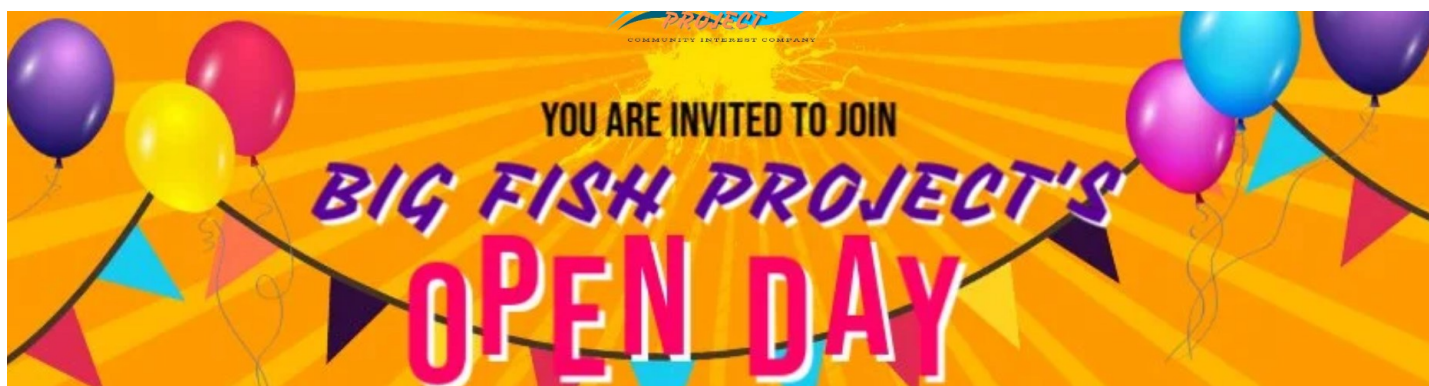
6 and under, 7-11 12-16 17+
Winner and runner up in each category
Prizes to be won!

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.



Register

[Open Day — Big Fish Project Care
Farm Therapeutic Animal Experiences
in West Oxfordshire](#)

Join us for our Open Day at Big Fish Project on Saturday 13th September, from 10am–3pm.

Enjoy a day full of fun for all ages – from sizzling treats at our BBQ, to arts and crafts, and a rare behind-the-scenes look at what we do here at Big Fish. You'll also get the chance to meet the animals, explore the farm, and discover more about the projects we run.

To help keep our animals safe and our site clean, we kindly ask all visitors to wear wellies when on the farm. We do have a small collection available to borrow, but bringing your own is always best. For the wellbeing of our animals, we're also unable to accommodate dogs anywhere on site. Thank you for helping us make Big Fish a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

As this is a working farm, we kindly ask everyone to register in advance so we know who is coming and can keep the day safe for people and animals alike. Unregistered visitors will not be admitted.



Saturday 13th September 2025

We look forward to our annual Ride+Stride event this September and with the hope that it will be a year blessed with a dry day, with neither too much wind or heat!.

Further information will be posted here and updated on a regular basis – so please keep checking in. If you would like to find out more about Ride+Stride **email Hilary – our Ride and Stride Coordinator.**

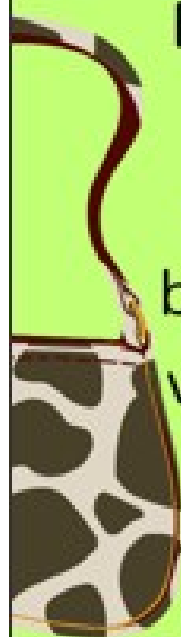


Rags2Riches

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**

