

St Peter's NEWSLETTER

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

5th September 2025

Issue 1

WELCOME BACK

Dear families,

Welcome back to school! It has been a busy few days getting settled back into school routines and finding our friends, old and new. We have welcomed our new Cygnus class children plus Frankie and George into Tucana class and Emily into Phoenix class. We hope Emilia and Lara have settled in well to their new schools in Hampshire and Hannover. Lara has sent her friends a letter already, which was greatly enjoyed. This newsletter is a bumper edition with several important pieces of communication attached so please do look at all the attachments. Look out for class and learning information which will also be emailed today.



If your child completed the reading challenge over the Summer holidays or indeed have any celebrations or achievements from home, please do encourage them to bring in and celebrate their certificates/awards etc on Fridays or on the newsletter.

If your child has a birthday, we invite you to buy a birthday book for the class (no sweets please). This amazon list has some great books we would love to receive : <https://amzn.eu/cFku98w> and each donated book gets a personalised plaque inside and shared in celebration worship on Fridays.



Thank you for your patience as we migrated to MCAS from parentmail. We have listened to your feedback and WASP can now be booked on the same day if needed using MCAS.



Early WASP (Breakfast club from 8am) and WASP (3-6pm) are now up and running. If you are collecting from WASP, please collect from the gate closest to Church and ring the doorbell if you haven't been spotted! If you have only booked session 1, please make sure to collect at 4.30pm, otherwise you may be also charged for session 2 if late on several occasions.



Wrap Around @ St Peters

SESSION 1: 3-4:30pm @ £8
SESSION 2: 4:30-6pm @ £8 (Mon - Thurs only)
Max 40 in session 1 (3 adults)
Max 20 in session 2 (2 adults)

SESSION 1:	SESSION 2:
Monday: Art with Mrs Hart and Sports - OSAA	Light tea time followed by a choice of: Outdoor play Board games Construction Art/Music/Dance Homework completion Reading/Relaxation One off activities such as cooking
Tuesday: Craft and Chess with Mrs Smart/Mrs Curtis and Sports - OSAA	
Wednesday: Drama/Music with Katy and Sports - OSAA	
Thursday: Cooking Mrs Axford and Sports - OSAA	
Friday: Outdoor Play Mrs Kowalski	

Children at Early WASP are offered cereal/fruit/milk. Children at WASP are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at hometime. No nuts please. Session 2 WASP includes a light tea. On Fridays, tuck shop is free for pupils at WASP.

News from the Plough: 'We are shortly to introduce a change to the way the car park is used. As has always been the case, customers of The Plough will continue to enjoy free to use parking during their visit. During September our car park will be privatised, with administration being handed over to a parking management company, who will introduce a Pay and Display option for non customers. The terms of our contract will mean the system will operate 24/7.' Please do not park in the pub car park at all unless you are a paying customer or choose the pay and display option.

The Church and village hall car park are available for use and Lower End has plenty of space. Please park respectfully for our neighbours and remember our gate is open between 8.15am and 8.30am so staggered drop offs are possible meaning not everyone needs to park at once. This will work better if people leave promptly after morning drop off. Thank you for your co-operation. Please note: on Fridays, the lower car park is open until 3.45pm for parking, then it is locked.

LOST PROPERTY

Please label everything clearly. We have already come across lost jumpers unnamed. Named items will be returned to their owner's pegs. Unnamed items will be kept in the lost property box in the school entrance hall for a short time and then added to the preloved stock so please check the box promptly if you need to.

DATES COMING UP

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

- Mon 8th School Pupil Photos
- Tue 10th Inflatable Football taster day Y1-6
- 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*

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

Please check the school calendar on the website for the dates up to Christmas.



GOVERNOR NEWS

We have a parent governor vacancy available. If you would like to nominate yourself to be part of our friendly LGB, please see the attached forms for more information.

ATTENDANCE

Please see the attached letter about attendance.

STAFFING

On Monday Mrs Kim Thomas, an experienced TA, joins our team temporarily to cover some of Miss Wright's role (formerly Mrs Smith) while she is still recovering. We are glad to warmly welcome her and benefit from her expertise.



MILK AND FRUIT

If your child is in Y1-6 and wants milk and/or fruit, please make sure you order on MCAS and let your child know. We have given out more than was ordered this week but next week we will stick to what is ordered only.





Harvest Festival—22nd September 2025

Our first Church event of the year is our Harvest festival. We will be collecting items of food for donation to the Carterton foodbanks. This year we have decided to **collect food items 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 due to space.

HARVEST FOODBANK FOOD DRIVE

Please Can you help Carterton's 2 foodbanks by bringing in a small bag of food items to the school before 22nd September & they will be split between the 2 Carterton foodbanks to help people in need

MOST NEEDED FOODS:

- Tea or Coffee
- UHT Milk
- Pasta & Rice
- Cereal
- Sugar
- Canned Goods e.g. soup, beans, tinned fruit/veg, tinned meat & fish
- Jam
- Biscuits & Cakes
- Baby Food
- Pet Food



Thank you for your support!

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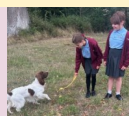
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WILMA AT WORK! Wilma has started at school again. If you are new to the school, you will find more information on our school website and need to tick a box if you are happy for your child to spend time with Wilma at school.



St Peter's

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Belonging. Believing. Building a Future

Aims for 25-26

Teaching & Learning: provide appropriate challenge for all including greater depth pupils

Personal Development: build resilience and tolerance in all learners by promoting diversity and relational practice.

Leadership & Management: improve communication and efficiency across school and community.

Behaviour & Attitudes: develop courageous advocacy for benefit of all

Safeguarding: develop safe use of and robust understanding of AI within education

We are continually working on improving and refining school practice. This year we have 5 main aims we are working on. If you feel you have any skills or expertise that link to these aims and would like to be involved, please do get in touch.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP Y1-6

Next week, pupils will be able to nominate themselves for school council if they haven't previously done that role and would like to. They will need to explain why they want to be a school councillor and what skills they have. After school council have been voted in, all other pupils will then be able to volunteer for a different pupil leadership role if they would like one. This includes reading and digital ambassadors; wellbeing buddies, health and safety reps, eco council, worship warriors and more! Please chat with your child to help them decide if they want a leadership role.

FOSPS NEWS

We are excited to have restarted tuck shop. Anyone who would like to bake for us, please do contact us. More news coming soon about all our events this year! Pre-loved uniform will be available on the playground on Friday's at Tuck time. Do have a look if you need to.

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Well done to Chloe who conquered the summit of Helvellyn over the summer holidays!



Thank you for all your support in getting your children ready and settling them back into school,
Best wishes

Diana

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** settling into their new environment well, following simple routines and building relationships through play and shared activities.
- Tucana** writing sentences about their goals for the year, learning together through maths games and discussing our class rules.
- Phoenix** settling well into Phoenix Class routines, drawing self portraits and writing a recipe for a successful school year.
- Pegasus** using Roman numerals in Maths, thinking about characters in a story in English and exploring how the circulatory system works in Science.

HOLY COMMUNION *service*

Remember...
HIS BODY. HIS BLOOD.

Every 1st Sunday of the Month

St Peter's Church, Alvescot



Parish Communion

🕒 Monthly. Every First Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

📍 [Alvescot St Peter](#)

Mill Lane Alvescot Bampton, OX18 2PT, United Kingdom

ⓘ Please check Benefice website in case of rota alterations.

ⓘ Usually on the first Sunday of the month

Informal Worship

🕒 Monthly. Every Third Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

📍 [Alvescot St Peter](#)

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ⓘ A service which does not include Holy Communion. An inclusive service suitable for all.

ⓘ Usually on the third Sunday of the month.

Wellness Walks

We're hiding ten wellies around our Formal Gardens and Estate this autumn, in collaboration with Holland Cooper



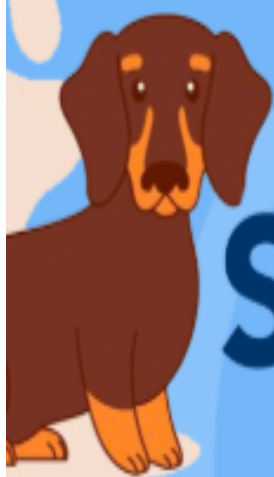
Starting Friday 10th October - Monday 20th October

This autumn, step into the great outdoors and discover our Formal Gardens and Estate in a whole new way. In celebration of World Mental Health Day, we've teamed up with iconic British luxury brand Holland Cooper to create our 'Wellie'ness Walks.

Hidden across 10 beautiful locations in the Formal Gardens and wider Estate, you'll find a collection of Holland Cooper branded wellies.

Each wellie boot holds a QR code: scan it to enter our exclusive prize draw for the chance to win a luxury prize bundle including a pair of Holland Cooper wellington boots, a family Palace and Play Pass and a decadent Afternoon Tea in The Orangery.

Whether you're wandering the tree-lined avenues, soaking in the autumn colours, or simply taking time to pause, the 'Wellie'ness Walks are a reminder of the simple joys of being outdoors.



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.

CARTERTON LIBRARY

WHAT'S ON

RHYME TIME Every **Tuesday** during term time 10.30-10.50am.

STAY & PLAY Every **Tuesday** 3.30-4.30pm. 

LEGO CLUB Every **Thursday** during term time 3.30-4.30pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

GADGET HELP Every **Tuesday** 1.30-3.30pm. Book an hour session.*

FILM CLUB 4th **Wednesday** every month 2.30pm £3.50. Book with OxfordshireAgeUK, phone 07827 235409.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** every month 10.30am-1.30pm, with the Oxfordshire Family History Society. Book an hour session.*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT 2nd **Wednesday** every month 10-11.30am with OxfordshireAgeUK (phone 01235 849434 for information).



Follow and like Carterton Library on Facebook to keep up to date with what's on.

***Booking essential, phone Carterton Library 01993 841492.**

Mini-activities to boost your wellbeing

Loads more to try on Kooth, [sign up for free](#) to check them out.

Manage emotions



Make your own coping box

[Try activity →](#)

Manage emotions



Create a 'good mood' playlist

[Try activity →](#)

Helpful habits



Practice being present

[Try activity →](#)



Carterton Community Food Bank



Getting Help

We know that anyone can find themselves in financial hardship. Please rest assured, you are not alone, and we are here to help

Getting a referral

In order to use the Foodbank, it is important to get a referral. You can be referred to us in the following ways:

Citizens Advice Bureau	+
The Hub in Witney	+
Your GP Surgery	+
Your Children's School	+
Churches	+

If you are unable to access any of these to obtain a referral, please email us or use the contact form to get in touch with us, and we will see if we can help



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.**