

10.02.23 Newsletter



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Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of a short but exceptionally busy term. Some of our Year 6 children performed at the Dance Festival this week which was a great experience for all of them. A big thank you to Mrs Merriman and Mrs Greenaway for preparing and taking the children to the event.

We have changed the parents meetings booking system for next term, details of how to book your meetings are below. The meetings will once again be a mix of face-to-face and online. Hopefully the new system will be straightforward for everyone to use - if you do have queries please contact the school office for help.

As we look forward to next term, hopefully the health of pupils and staff alike will improve. I hope you all have a great half-term break with your families.

Gordon Nunn

Acting Headteacher

Parents Meetings w/c 27th February and 6th March

The school is introducing a new intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. We are confident this will be an improvement to the previous system and welcome any feedback.

Appointments can be made **from Monday 20th February and will close on Friday 24th February**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date or are having any difficulties making a booking please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://www.st-peters.wilts.sch.uk/parent-information/school-information/parents-evening> and follow the link to book.

Invitation to creative prayer and reflection time

Each term St Peter's Academy focuses on a different value; this term the value has been Courage and next term it will be Justice. Each term the children ask Big Questions about each value.

As a way of marking the new value next term, the Ethos Committee of the Academy Council would like to invite you to come to a time of reflection and prayer on the first morning of the new term, **Monday, 20th February, at 9 am** (after drop-off time) for about 20 minutes. During the session, we hope to share with you some of the Big Questions on the theme of Courage and to have a time of creative prayer and reflection on the theme of Justice. This isn't planned as a time of Collective Worship, but we hope that some of the older children of the school Worship Council will be able to join us.

I look forward to meeting you there.

Carolyn Stell (on behalf of the Ethos Committee)

World Thinking Day - Wednesday 22nd February

Girlguiding has been marking this special day since 1926.

It is a celebration of 10 million girls worldwide that has taken place every 22nd February since 1926.

It remains a day when all girls in Girlguiding think of each other and celebrate their Sisters around the world.

There has been a long tradition of inviting school children who are members of Girlguiding to wear their uniform to school or proudly wear their Promise Badge.

If your child is a member of the Girlguides they may wear their Guides or Brownie uniform to school on Wednesday 22nd February.

Chippenham Dance Festival



On Tuesday evening, a group of Year 6 pupils donned their tutus and took to the stage at Chippenham Dance Festival. A fantastic example of the school's worship values this term of courage and bravery. Well done to you all!

Wiltshire Police - Online Safety Visit



Thank you to PC Jenkins and PCSO Maplesden from Wiltshire Police for their recent visit to the school. An Online and Personal Safety presentation was given to Year 5 and Year 6 students. The children were very engaging and asked lots of questions!

A copy of the presentation is available on our website [Wiltshire Police Personal and Online Safety Presentation](#).

Wraparound Care

**ST PETER'S C OF E
ACADEMY**



Accepting Childcare Vouchers

WRAP AROUND CARE

MONDAY - FRIDAY ALL YEAR GROUPS (Ages 4-11)



Breakfast Club	After School Club Session 1	After School Club Session 2
7:30 - 8:45 am	3:10 - 4:15pm	4:15 - 5:30pm
£5.50	£4.50	£6.50
Breakfast Included	Snack Included	Light Tea Included

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13th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wrap-Around Care Booking System

As you are now aware, the school will take over the management of the wrap-around care from Monday 2nd January 2023. Bookings are available from Wednesday 4th January 2023.

We are offering 3 sessions each day: -

- Breakfast Club 7:30 – 8:45 am £5.50 (including breakfast)
- After School Club Session 1 3:10 – 4:15 pm £4.50 (Snack included)
- After School Club Session 2 4:15 – 5:30 pm £6.50 (Light Tea Included)

If you would like to book your child into our wrap-around care, you can do so via your parent pay account (instructions are attached). **Please ensure you book early as places are limited. If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies, please fill in the special dietary forms attached to this email.**

If you would like to use childcare vouchers to pay for your wrap-around care, please contact the school office directly.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Kind regards



Gordon Nunn

Acting Headteacher



Headteacher: Mr Mark Everett Assistant Head: Mr Gordon Nunn Contact: 01249 658537 admin@st-peters.wilts.sch.uk

1 - Booking closes on a Sunday for the following week.



Making bookings

1. Go to www.parentpay.com and log in
 2. Select the child to make bookings for
 3. Select **Book Meals and places**
 4. Select the booking you wish to make e.g. Breakfast, ASC Session 1 or After School (Session 2) and the time of day that you wish to make a booking for
 5. Select the week to view
 6. Select **Make or view bookings**
 7. You will then be presented with a booking screen. Schools can opt for varying functionality, so you will see the following formats:
 - Breakfast Club
 - ASC Session 1
 - After School (Session 2)
 8. Make the required bookings
 9. A summary will be displayed at the bottom of the page with any previous unpaid bookings shown in red
- WARNING: Any bookings must be confirmed and paid for within 2 hours of selecting them. Failure to do so will result in the bookings being automatically cancelled.**
10. Review the booking summary, and select **Confirm booking**.
 11. Any credit in your Parent Account will be used to pay for the meals. Any remaining cost can be paid by Bank Transfer (if enabled), Visa Checkout or Other payment methods.



School Attendance

We are monitoring attendance every two weeks, focusing on children whose overall attendance is below 90%. We will invite parents to an absence review meeting if the attendance is below 85% and we have not previously discussed it with you.

Any leave of absence during term time will only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances'. In the Education Act the Department for Education states: *every day at school counts enormously and so does every consecutive day attended by pupils. Pupils need to be able to absorb new facts and knowledge, acquire new skills and consolidate before building further and progressing. They simply cannot do so if their structured school terms are disrupted by too many preventable absences.*

If the absence has not been authorised by the school and an absence occurs, where the child's total unauthorised absences amounts to 10 or more sessions (5 school days), continuous or aggregated within the previous six months within the current academic year (including the most recent unauthorised absence), schools are expected to notify the Education Welfare Service.

We will notify you by letter if your child's unauthorised absences amount to 10 sessions or more and a notification has been made. A regular check is made on attendance for all pupils and if a pupil's attendance falls below 90% there will be a follow up from the school.

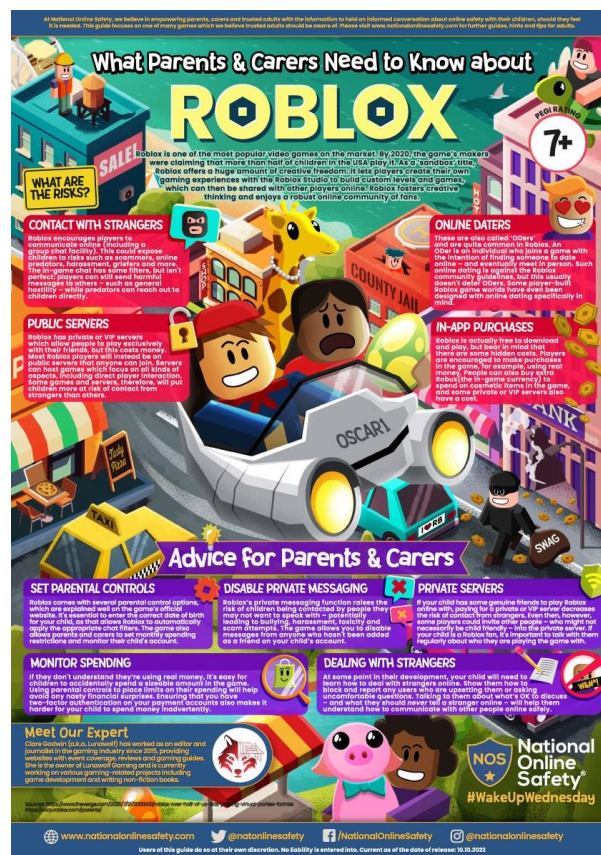
The Educational Welfare Service have made it clear that if children are taken on holiday in term time because of their need to go on holiday at a quieter time, medical evidence will need to be provided with an application form for absence.

Absence Reporting

If your child is ill please can you ensure you call the school office on 01249 653537 to report any absences on **EACH DAY** of absence. You may also wish to update their teacher via Class Dojo as well as informing the office.

We are aware of an increase in cases of covid in the school community over the past couple of weeks, along with strep A and flu infections, so please remain vigilant.

Online Safety



ParentPay

St Peter's C of E is now a cashless school. All trips, clubs and events will need to be paid for through your ParentPay account.

We will also be using ParentPay more to communicate with parents, so please ensure that your account is set up and running.

If you are having difficulties, please contact the school office.

No Parking outside back gates



Please can we remind parents not to park in this area outside the school's back gates. We need to ensure this area remains safe for pupils and their families when walking to and from school. The church has also asked us to remind parents that their car park is private and is only to be used by preschool families at drop-off and pick-up.

Community Book Swap



Have you found our Community Book Swap cupboard yet?

There are lots of lovely books available to read.

It is located outside the main school office. We have put this here to encourage all members of the community to keep on reading.

If you have any books that you are not going to read again, pop them on the bookshelf for others to enjoy. Whilst you are there, have a look to see whether there is anything that takes your interest.

Books for all ages and abilities are welcome, just do not forget to swap a book in so we can keep the shelves full!

Chippenham Library Half-Term Events

February Half-term Activities at Chippenham Library



Friday 10 Pyjama Party! 4:00-4:45 *

Stories, songs & colouring for children in KS1 (reception, years 1 & 2)
(+ regular Babies & Toddlers Rhyme Time at 11:00)

Saturday 11 Storytime 11:00

Monday 13 Lego Club 2:00-4:00

(+ regular Baby Rhyme Time at 2:15)

Tuesday 14 I ♥ Books Activity 10:30-11:30*

Stories & crafts for children aged 4-11

Lego Club 2:00-4:00

Wednesday 15

(Regular Toddler Rhyme Time at 11:00)

Thursday 16 Board Game Morning 10:00-12:00

Lego Club 2:00-4:00

Friday 17 Lego Club 2:00-4:00

(Regular Baby Rhyme Time at 11:00am)

Saturday 18 Queen Mary I Workshop 11:00-12:00*

Lego Club 2:00-4:00

If you see this * please book your place at the help desk
01249 650536



Pyjama Party

at Chippenham Library

Friday 10 February
4:00 – 4:45

This activity is for children in KS1 (reception, years 1&2)

Please come along in your PJs with your favourite teddy for stories, a few songs, and some fun activities.



Please book your FREE place
at Chippenham Library or on 01249 650536





**FREE Children's
Workshop at
Chippenham
Library**

*Queen Mary I
and the history of Chippenham*

Saturday 18th February 11a.m. - 12 noon

Join **Yesterday's Story CIC** to find out about Queen Mary I and how she links to Chippenham.

Find out about life in the time of Queen Mary I in this fun, interactive workshop based around drama games.

Places must be booked in advance at the library counter or by phone on 01249 650536

Suitable for ages 7-11. Under-8s must be accompanied by an adult.



**I ♥ Books Activity
at Chippenham Library**

**Tuesday 14 February
10:30 – 11:30**

For children aged 4- 11

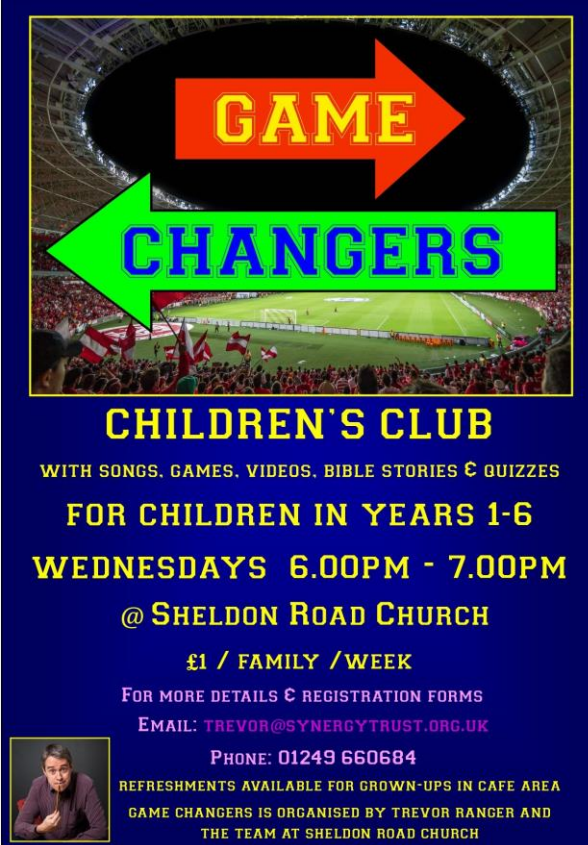
**Come along and enjoy the stories we love then
have fun with some Valentines crafts.**



**Please book your FREE place
at Chippenham Library or on 01249 650536**



Game Changers



The poster features a background image of a football stadium at night. Overlaid on this are two large, stylized arrows. The top arrow is red and points to the right, containing the word 'GAME' in yellow. The bottom arrow is green and points to the left, containing the word 'CHANGERS' in blue. Below the arrows, the text 'CHILDREN'S CLUB' is written in yellow. Further down, in smaller white text, it says 'WITH SONGS, GAMES, VIDEOS, BIBLE STORIES & QUIZZES'. This is followed by 'FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6' in yellow, 'WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM - 7.00PM' in yellow, and '@ SHELDON ROAD CHURCH' in yellow. Then, '£1 / FAMILY / WEEK' is written in yellow. Below this, in small white text, it says 'FOR MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION FORMS'. This is followed by 'EMAIL: TREVOR@SYNERGYTRUST.ORG.UK' in purple, 'PHONE: 01249 660684' in yellow, 'REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR GROWN-UPS IN CAFE AREA' in small white text, and 'GAME CHANGERS IS ORGANISED BY TREVOR RANGER AND THE TEAM AT SHELDON ROAD CHURCH' in small white text. A small inset photo of Trevor Ranger is located on the left side of the poster.

GAME

CHANGERS

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REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR GROWN-UPS IN CAFE AREA

GAME CHANGERS IS ORGANISED BY TREVOR RANGER AND THE TEAM AT SHELDON ROAD CHURCH

Doorway

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Sleep Out 2023



Saturday March 25th

7pm - 7am

John Coles Park

Join us to experience a night sleeping rough and
raise money for Doorway
Groups, families, Children over the age of 10 with an
accompanying adult and individuals are welcome

To register visit www.Eventbrite.co.uk

or for more details email:

facilities@doorwayproject.org.uk

Science Fair



MY SCIENCE FAIR
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023

CALLING ALL YOUNG SCIENTISTS!

Join us for a free, fun-packed day of workshops and activities exploring the worlds of music and science at Wiltshire Music Centre!



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- **DESIGN** your very own investigation about ocean sounds, planets, atoms or light!
- **GET ADVICE** from real scientists from the University of Bath
- **PRESENT** your findings at **MY SCIENCE FAIR 2023**

Sign up by **MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2023 — PLACES ARE LIMITED**
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Dates for your diary

13/02/23 - 19/02/23 Half Term

w/c 27/02/23 and w/c 6/06/23 Teacher-Parent meetings

March

02/03/23 World Book Day - (Characters from Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl or Dr Seuss books)

Term Dates

Term Dates 2022-23

Term 3 : 03/01/23 - 10/02/23

Term 4 : 20/02/23 - 31/03/23

Term 5 : 17/04/23 - 26/05/23

Term 6 : 05/06/23 - 21/07/23

TD Days

Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Flu and Covid Update

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are present in the school community. Nationally, high numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.