

# 24.02.23 Newsletter



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## Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. We have started our new value of 'Justice' this week, alongside marking Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Instead of giving things up, I have asked the children to think about and suggest potential Lent challenges that will make a difference to other people.

We anticipate at this stage that the school will be fully open on Thursday 2nd March, which is the next designated strike day. Next Thursday is also World Book Day and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone dressing up as various characters. Music for Miniatures will be performing in the afternoon for all children in Reception and Years 1-3. Parents meetings will also be taking place over the week with face-to-face meetings on Tuesday. Hopefully you have all negotiated the new booking system; please contact the office if you need further support with this.

Have a great weekend,

Gordon Nunn

Acting Headteacher

## Future Communications



You may have noticed that we are moving away from paper correspondence at school and heading towards a paperless future. As a school, we are very conscious of our impact on the environment.

### **ParentPay**

Please ensure that you have your ParentPay account activated as this will be how most communication will be sent to you in the future. If you are having difficulties setting up a ParentPay account, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### **School Lunches**

All school lunches should be ordered in advance via the School Food United app.

Simply download the School Food United app from the Apple Store or Google Play or visit

<https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login> and select the 'register' button. (KS2 – Please ensure before ordering your child's school meal that you have funds available in the school meals section on your ParentPay account.)

### **Class Dojo**

For children in Years 1-6 - communication from teachers will be sent via Class Dojo as normal.

### **New School Website**

Have you viewed our new website yet? It is full of useful information and illustrates the latest news. Follow the link to take a look : [St Peters C of E Academy](#)

## Individual Healthcare Plan



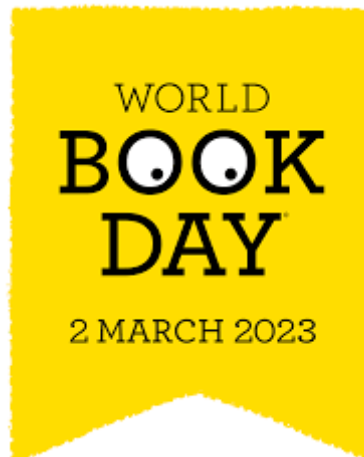
If your child uses an inhaler, could you please complete the attached form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

This is to ensure we have up to date records that reflect your child's current needs.

If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office.

[Individual Healthcare Form](#)

## World Book Day



Next Thursday (2nd March) is World Book Day! We are inviting all the children (and staff!) to **dress up** as a character from a book written by

- Julia Donaldson,
- Roald Dahl, or
- Dr Seuss

## Chess

This term we will be teaching in the children in KS2 how to play chess. We hope they can also enjoy practising at home against family or friends. They can even play against a computer on

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/games/chess.html>

Next term we will have a chess competition for any children in KS2 that would like to enter.

Additionally, for experienced chess players there are regional/national competitions if parents wish to take their children. The nearest is in Bristol in June. In the past children from St. Peter's have entered and some have done very well!

Details are available at <https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/>

## Shrove Tuesday Fun







Pupils across the school had fun on Tuesday holding pancake-flipping races. All of the pancakes were rendered inedible by the end.

A big thank you to FOSPA for supplying the pancakes!

More photos are available on our website [Latest News](#)

## Parents Meetings and Pre-loved Uniform

Don't forget Parents Meetings start week commencing 27th February.

FOSPA have pre-loved uniform available to purchase on Tuesday 28th February at 50p per item.

**Payment can be made through your ParentPay account.**

If you require something different, please message FOSPA on Facebook or see Mrs Wallis.

## Wiltshire Council Children's Centre Services



From March 2024 the children's centre services offer will change from 0-5 to Family Hubs 0-19 (25 if the child has SEND) delivering Family Help and incorporating Best Start for Life.

We would like to know what parents think about how this should be delivered, please follow the link below to complete the survey.

[Family Help Jan 23 \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798)

## 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
<b>£5.50</b>	<b>£4.50</b>	<b>£6.50</b>
Breakfast Included	Snack Included	Light Tea Included

**BOOK NOW THROUGH YOUR  
PARENT PAY APP**



**St Peter's C of E Academy**  
"Giving children the keys to unlock their future"  
www.st-peters.wilts.sch.uk  
Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 0LL

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TRUST**

13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. Bookings are available from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@st-peters.wilts.sch.uk)

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





#### Making bookings

1. Go to [www.parentpay.com](http://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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it, and over 100 million Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own 'gaming experiences' with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate with others in a group chat facility. This could expose children to risks such as cyberbullying, online predators, harassment, griefing and more. The game chat has a word filter, but isn't perfect. Parents can limit their child's access to chat, but this doesn't prevent them from communicating with others - such as general chat - which predators can exploit to contact children directly.

##### ONLINE DATERS

There are also called 'daters'. An dater is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date. They are often very young, and they don't always tell others. Some players have even been caught with online dating specifically in mind.

##### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers, which are designed to be played exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most players don't have the money for these servers, so they play on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can have games which focus on all kinds of topics, including social media, relationships, dating games and servers. Roblox will not delete more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

##### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is not just a game to play and play, but also a place where you can make money. Roblox has a virtual currency called 'Robux' (the in-game currency) and Roblox has a marketplace where you can buy Robux. Roblox has a marketplace where you can buy Robux. Roblox has a marketplace where you can buy Robux.

#### Advice for Parents & Carers

##### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained in the game's official website. It is essential to enable the correct ones in your child's account so that Roblox can automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

##### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to talk to - potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

##### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox with, private servers are a good option. However, some players could invite other people - who might not necessarily be good friends - to join the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

##### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand how to use real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a lot of money in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment account also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

##### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting, scary or who ask them to do anything they don't want to do. Discuss the importance of not sharing personal information and what they should never tell a stranger online - will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

##### Meet Our Expert

Claire Bennett (aka. @clairebennett) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2016, providing members with news coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Unusual Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) @nationalonlinesafety NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety

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## 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!

## Red Nose Day

Wear what you like - Friday 17th March

**READY FOR THE BEST DAY EVER?**



**What**

Danceathon Fundraiser  
(led by Year 6 Dance Festival pupils)  
&  
Wear what you like day  
Minimum donation £1

**When**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Where**

St Peters C of E Academy  
Donations to be made  
via the link below  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10042>  
No cash payments please

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A DONATION

Stick your JustGiving QR code here to make collecting donations super simple.

Get more posters at [comicrorelief.com/tools](https://comicrorelief.com/tools)

Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief, operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (1325568) and Scotland (SC039790) and company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (01806414), registered address 89 Abert Embankment, London, SE1 7TP. MR MEN® LITTLE MISS™ © 2022 THQIP (a SANRIO Company). All rights reserved. Photo credits: Jake Turney RND23\_008

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**COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY**  
FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Our amazing Year 6 Dance Festival pupils will be taking each class through a dance routine on the day.

**No cash donations. All payments can be made through the link below.**

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10042>

## Science Fair



# MY SCIENCE FAIR

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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!



### TAKE PART IN THE MSF23 PROJECT COMPETITION!

- **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 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023** — **PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**You do not need to know your project before you sign up!**

Our team of scientists can help you design and create your investigations at our Drop-in sessions

Learn more at: [www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/msf](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/msf)





## Doorway

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## Sponsored 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](http://www.Eventbrite.co.uk)  
or for more details email:  
[facilities@doorwayproject.org.uk](mailto:facilities@doorwayproject.org.uk)**



## Spring Sing

NWSDS PRESENTS

# Spring Sing

Monday 3rd April  
9am - 3pm  
St Peter's Church Hall  
Lords Mead, Chippenham

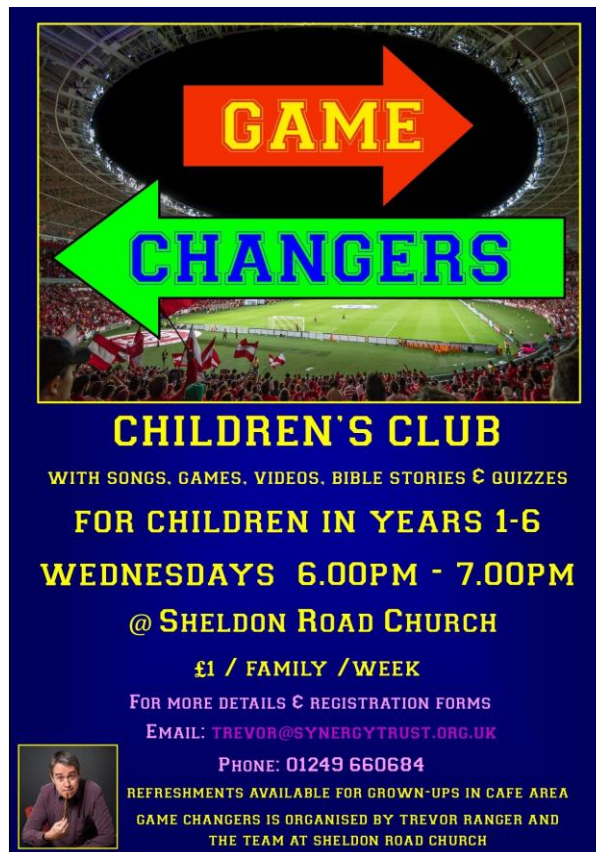
£40 per child

Spring songs, games and drama. The children will have a spring themed craft to take home.

To book, please email:  
[nwsdsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:nwsdsmusic@gmail.com)



## Game Changers



A poster for 'Game Changers Children's Club'. The top half features a large red arrow pointing right with the word 'GAME' in yellow, and a large green arrow pointing left with the word 'CHANGERS' in blue. The background is a photograph of a football stadium filled with spectators. Below the arrows, the text reads: 'CHILDREN'S CLUB', 'WITH SONGS, GAMES, VIDEOS, BIBLE STORIES & QUIZZES', 'FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6', 'WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM - 7.00PM', '@ SHELDON ROAD CHURCH', '£1 / FAMILY / WEEK'. Further down, it says 'FOR MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION FORMS', 'EMAIL: [TREVOR@SYNERGYTRUST.ORG.UK](mailto:TREVOR@SYNERGYTRUST.ORG.UK)', 'PHONE: 01249 660684', 'REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR GROWN-UPS IN CAFE AREA', and 'GAME CHANGERS IS ORGANISED BY TREVOR RANGER AND THE TEAM AT SHELDON ROAD CHURCH'. A small photo of Trevor Ranger is in the bottom left corner.

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## Wiltshire Young Musicians



A poster for 'Wiltshire Young Musicians'. The top section has the 'wym' logo and the text 'Wiltshire Young Musicians' and 'Helping young people make music since 1990'. Below this, it says 'Calling all musicians under 19 years'. The middle section lists 'String Groups', 'Wind Bands', 'Orchestras', 'Choirs', and 'Steel Pans', followed by 'Plus New groups coming soon!'. The bottom section features a photo of a group of young musicians playing instruments, with two circular callouts: 'High quality music making experiences' and 'Highly qualified and inspirational tutors'. At the very bottom, the website 'www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk' and email 'info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk' are listed.

**wym** Wiltshire Young Musicians

Helping young people make music since 1990

**Calling all musicians under 19 years**

String Groups Wind Bands

Orchestras Choirs Steel Pans

Plus New groups coming soon!

High quality music making experiences

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[www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk](http://www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk) | [info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk](mailto:info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary

### February

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

### March

02/03/23 World Book Day

17/03/23 Red Nose Day - (See the information above)

## Term Dates

Term 4: 20/2/23-31/3/23

Term 5: 17/4/23-26/3/23

Term 6: 6/6/23-21/7/23

Remaining TD Days (children not in school): Monday 5th June, Monday 24th July, Tuesday 25th July

## 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.