



Dear all,

As we approach World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, I want to take a moment to highlight the incredible importance of reading in our lives. Reading is not just a fundamental skill; it is a gateway to endless possibilities and a lifelong journey of learning and discovery.

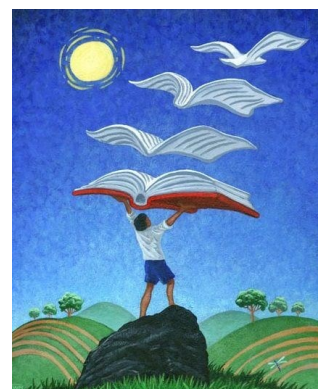
For our children, reading opens doors to new worlds, broadens horizons, and fuels the imagination. It enhances vocabulary, improves comprehension, and develops critical thinking skills. Whether it's a thrilling adventure, a heartwarming story, or an informative non-fiction book, each page turned is a step towards greater knowledge and understanding.

For parents and guardians, reading with your children is a wonderful way to bond and share special moments. It sets a positive example and fosters a love for books that can last a lifetime. Encouraging your children to read regularly can significantly impact their academic success and personal growth. My favourite time of day is reading with my girls before bedtime.

This World Book Day, let's celebrate the joy of reading together. I encourage everyone to pick up a book, explore new genres and share your favorite stories with others. Let's make reading a cherished part of our daily lives and continue to nurture a community that values and loves books. Remember that we are hosting a reading session for parents from 9 till 9:30 on the day for you to come and read with your child.

Warm regards,

Mr B



Spotlight on... Charity

We understand that times are hard for many of our families, in the current economic climate. We often talk in school about how expensive basics such as food shopping, clothes, gas and electricity have become, let alone trying to do nice things with your family such as days out and holidays.

In spite of these challenges, you are all doing your very best to support us in school with special days such as World Book Day, school trips, supporting our WASPs events and charity collections.

With the Christmas collections and Pedro competition, you have helped to raise £271 this year to support children and young adults with additional needs and disabilities and their families, through Menphys.

A huge thank you from all of us in school.

Mrs Howard



ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say 'well done' to the class with the best attendance:

Overall attendance is **96.4%** this academic year to date.

Well done to all of our pupils who are trying so hard with their attendance. Please don't forget to phone the school office and leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am if your child is unwell.

Any medical evidence you may have to support your child's absence can now be emailed to our dedicated attendance email :

attendance@stpeters.embracemat.org

27/01	100%	Tigers
3/2	98.15	Zebras
10/2	98.67	Polar Bears

At St Peter's, our Christian

values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

Financial Education Spotlight:

As part of our work with financial education throughout the school, we are keen to spread the word further than the classroom so that it makes even more of an impact on the children in their own families and communities. That is why we invite parents into school at least once a year to participate in a Financial Education lesson - you are warmly invited into school on **Monday 17th March at 9am** to take part and learn more about what we do.

Also, there are lots of great resources out there to help understand money and finance. Here is one website, from NatWest Bank, that has some really education and fun games for all ages - children and parents.

<https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/home>



Money Games and Online Financial Resources | MoneySense

Accredited and educationally robust. MoneySense is proud to have been awarded the Financial Education Quality Mark by Young Money. The programme is based on the Financial Education Planning Framework, and has been created with input from practising teachers to support the curriculum.

natwest.mymoneysense.com

St Peter's Newshounds...

Thank you for all of your entries to the Year 6 Newshounds and Wellbeing Ambassadors 'Pedro' writing and drawing competition. Violet and Harley have chosen Year 2's Isabella Palfrey and Year 6's Ava Mitchell as their winners.



All entries will be hung in Mrs Howard's window for everyone to enjoy and Ava and Isabella will enjoy an assembly/playtime walk with Pedro.

The competition raised **£16** which we have added to our Christmas collections for Menphys.

With the WASPs Pancake Toss Competition, World Book Day and Comic Relief on the horizon, the Newshounds won't be running any competitions in March.

Watch this space for April.



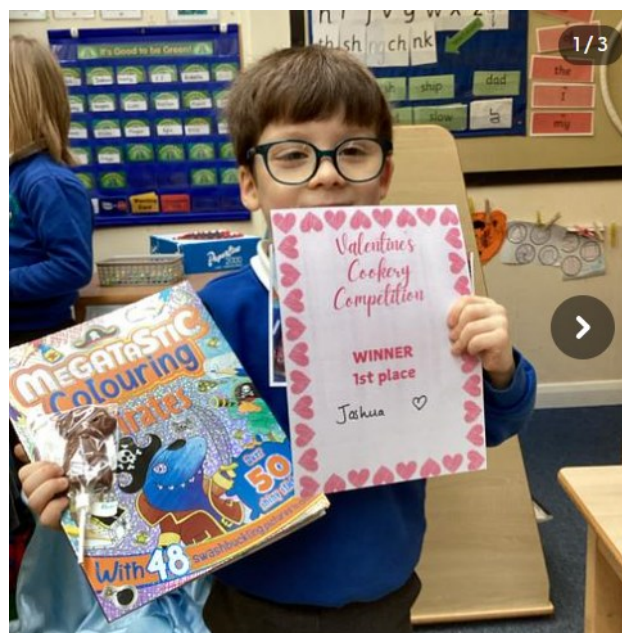
Harley Ansell and Violet Heath
Wellbeing Ambassadors

Lydia Pennington and Maisy Bevan
Newshounds



EYFS

Big congratulations to Josh & Dominic winners of the valentines cooking competition and to Megan & Maisie our runners up.



ZEBRAS

Year 1 completed the final stages of their collagraphy project. Over the last couple of weeks they have been exploring weather symbols, and looking at different materials to use to make collagraphy blocks. They created their blocks using different resources and stuck them on using PVA glue. They then used their blocks to stamp with and create patterns of different weather symbols. The children had varying degrees of success using their stamps but they all had fun during the process! Well done zebras for exercising your creativity muscles!



Year 2 - Polar Bears

In Design Technology, Polar bears class have been making beach huts, linked to their topic Coastline Geography. This photo is before decorating them—they had great fun.



YEAR 3 & 4 Dodgeball Festival

The Year 3s and 4s had a fantastic time at the Dodgeball Festival. They played lots of dodgeball warm-up games and then played some matches against other school. We were proud of their resilience and sportsmanship.

Amazing teamwork from everybody!

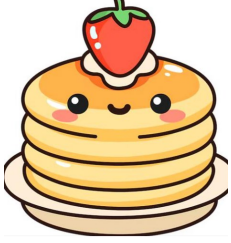


Sharks News

In Year 3, we have begun reading our new class text called 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers. This is a stunning book all about some animals that have found themselves in a secret laboratory, deep underground beneath the Perfect Pet shop. The underground animals are 'failed projects' and they are a mixture of two animals. The main character Barnabus sees the perfect opportunity to escape from the underground laboratory. This is a super book that led to our wonderful creations of our own failed or unique animals.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES



Tuesday 4th March—Sponsored Pancake Toss

To celebrate pancake day this year WASPS have organised a sponsored pancake flip for the children to enjoy.

All children have received a sponsorship form.
We hope to have a flipping good time, whilst raising money for our school.

Please bring any forms and donations into school by Friday 7th March.

Thank you for your support—WASPS

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting all of the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Costumes can be bought or homemade, we are looking for creativity and there will be a prize in each class for the most imaginative costume!

We will also be setting you an **Extreme Read** challenge again this year. Please send your extreme read pictures via dojo to your class teacher by Monday 3rd March, there will be a prize for the winner in each class.

Thank you

Miss Chamberlain



Monday 17th March—Financial Maths Morning

All parents/carers are welcome into school to participate in their children's financial maths lesson. Please meet in the hall at 9.00 am for a short talk before going into lessons. We look forward to welcoming you.



Wednesday 19th March

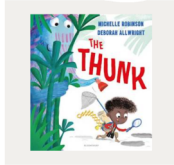
Class photos—Zigzag photography in school 9.00am

➡ Wear something red—Donate via parent pay

Monday 7th April—Parents evening 3.30 –5.30pm

Wednesday 9th April— Parents evening 3.30—7.00pm

Miss Chamberlain's Books of the Month



The Thunk

Author: Michelle Robinson Illustrator: Deborah Allwright Publisher: Bloomsbury

This is a fabulously funny picture book by the author of Ten Fat Sausages, brimming full of Michelle Robinson's trademark silly humour.

The Thunk is a beast, a bit like a skunk, although more like a skunk on account of the stink! It's thought to be extinct but young explorer Hector Voltaire - who's had his fair share of other kids saying his head's full of air - is determined to find one.

Hector goes in search of a Thunk, and find one he does - in fact, he finds 63,402, all living a lovely life in the forest. But Hector comes to the realisation that if he shows off about this, these fabulous creatures will end up in 2006!

Interest age: 4-5
Reading age: 4+



Impossible Creatures

Author: Katherine Rundell Illustrator: Tomislav Tomic
Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

The Archipelago is a collection of hidden, secret islands inhabited by all the magical creatures you probably think are just myths or stories: dragons, griffins, sphinxes, unicorns, krakens, and many more. But the Archipelago is in trouble. Something dark has taken root at its centre and the islands (genuine magic) is disappearing.

Interest age: 9+
Reading age: 8+



Spycerators

Author: Alex Willmore Publisher: Farshore

Get ready to buckle up for a high-octane dino-spy adventure!

Spycerators is a feisty top-secret spy, fully kitted out with all the latest gadgets and gizmos. Her latest mission is set to be her greatest challenge yet as she partners up with her abling to find out why her granddad has been behaving in a peculiar manner.

A tip-roaring mission ensues as they track Granddad through town, abetting from treehouses, setting up a surveillance spy base and whizzing around town on their ramshackle homemade spy bike... could Granddad be a secret spy too?

Interest age: 6-8
Reading age: 5+



The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Phantom Thief

Author: Marcus Rashford with Alex Falase-Koya Illustrator: Marta Kissi
Publisher: Macmillan Children's Books

Marcus, Aaim, Stacey and Lise are the Breakfast Club Investigators. Every morning they meet at their hideout, looking for mysteries to solve. Then a painting from Art Club goes missing, and Aaim is blamed. There's a shadowy figure stalking the school's clubs, taking prized items and leaving a calling card. It's a real puzzle. Can the BCI unmask the real culprit before the art exhibition?

Interest age: 7-11
Reading age: 8+

Visit booktrust.org.uk for more info.



WASPs News



Our Friday afternoon Tuck Shop has proved to be a real hit. Year 6s are doing a great job of bagging up and selling the sweets. We are making a small profit each week, which WASPs will allocate to school projects. Some of our enterprising Year 6s are now making jewellery to sell, to raise money for our charity, Menphys.

Items from 10p to 50p. Thanks, as always, for your support.



Tuesday 4th March - Sponsored Pancake Flip (news to follow)



Friday 23rd May - Break the Rules Day (back by popular demand)



Spring Term - Key Stage 1 and 2 discos planned (watch this space)