St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School

Autumn Newsletter



Nurture, Flourish, Serve

Welcome

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. From our fantastic new Nursery and Reception children, to pupils joining our school and those moving up to a new year group, all of our children have made us incredibly proud through their enthusiasm for learning and the new friendships they have formed. Read on to discover just some of the many highlights from a busy and successful Autumn term..

Attendance Highlight

We are delighted to share that our whole school attendance for this term is 96.8%, which is above the current national average of 95.5%. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing commitment to ensuring children attend school regularly and on time to make the most of every learning opportunity.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who completed our parent attendance questionnaires this term. Your feedback is invaluable. We have carefully gathered and considered your views, and we will be implementing a number of adjustments next term to reflect the common themes that emerged. We greatly appreciate your support as we continue to work together to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children.

Celebrating Cultures, Valuing Every Voice

This term, we have enjoyed celebrating European Languages Day, Black History Month and Hello Yellow Day across our school. These special events have provided wonderful opportunities for children to learn about different cultures, languages, histories and experiences, while promoting respect, understanding and inclusion. Through Hello Yellow Day, we also raised money to support children's mental health and reinforced the importance of kindness, wellbeing and looking after one another. These experiences help our children to develop as confident, compassionate citizens and reflect our school vision to Nurture, Flourish and Serve

Important Dates

- Nov 2 — First Day of new term; Year 6 Hilltop Residential
- Nov 10 — Year 6 Lesson at Hartismere
- Nov 13 — Years 3 and 4 Trip to The Big Sing at Snape
- Nov 25 — Year 3 Trip to Gressenhall
- Dec 9 — Reception and Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performance (am)
- Dec 10 — Reception and Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performance (pm)
- Dec 11 — Years 5 and 6 Pantomime at Hartismere
- Dec 15 — Years R – 6 Pantomime at Ipswich
- Dec 17 — Years 3–6 Christmas Service in Church
- Dec 18 — Last Day of Term

Our Action-Packed Term

Acorn Class

Nursery Goes to Church

Nursery have been exploring the story, 'A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles' by Gill Vaisey. It is about a mischievous cat called Puddles who creates havoc in a church during the Harvest Festival Service. The children visited the lovely church of St Peter and St Paul. They took Puddles too. They talked about and looked for different important objects in the church, and they sang their daily prayer – "Thank you for the World So Sweet".







Oak Class

All About Them

Our reception class have settled into school life well and have been engaged in their first topic 'All About Me'. They brought in family photos for show and tell and also told their friends about their pets. They enjoyed having a visit from Mrs Salter's pet tortoise! She talked to the children about how to look after him, which encouraged lots of discussion about how we look after our own pets.




Ash and Beech Class






Building Site Visit

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a fascinating visit to the new housing development in Eye after welcoming Site Manager Alan Bridgman into school to explain how houses are built. The following day, the children visited the site to see the construction work in progress. They are looking forward to returning next summer to explore the completed homes before their new owners move in.

Maple Class






Some of our Year 5 pupils attended a Team Building event at Hartismere High School, working alongside children from other primary schools to tackle teamwork challenges. Through communication, collaboration and problem-solving, they showed great resilience and enthusiasm, earning stickers and medals for perseverance, honesty, determination and compassion. One pupil reflected, "I think this has really improved my confidence in talking to new people."

Hazel Class

Year 4 were making the digestive system through hands-on learning approaches in their science topic this term !






Cedar Class

Bridging Generations Through Games

Years 4, 5 and 6 recently enjoyed a visit to Hartismere Place, our local residential home, where they spent part of the morning sharing board games and conversations with residents. It was a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the wider community, build connections across generations, and bring smiles to the faces of some of our older local residents. The children represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

