





Petersgate Post



Welcome to our September newsletter

As part of our changes and redesign of our newsletter, we have moved to a monthly newsletter, which will come out towards the end of each month (or end of a half term/term), depending on what falls first. This will include some new items or recurring items.

In this newsletter we will be including:

- Outcome from the parent survey
- Walktober
- 50th birthday celebrations for Petersgate
- Reminders
- Attendance and Safeguarding
- Writing Award

30th September 2026

I cannot believe we are already at the end of September, it seems to have flown by!

Thank you to all the parents/carers/families and wider families who supported the school during our emergency closure following our major leak. As these things are completely out of the blue and unexpected, I want to thank families for adapting so quickly, completing the home learning set on Seesaw and for keeping an eye on the school communications coming out. I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Forknall for all the additional hours he completed over the closure and over the weekend to ensure the school was ready for opening on the Monday.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the families for their hard work around attendance and punctuality. Our attendance this month has been very positive, with the vast majority of children on time each day, which we really appreciate. It makes a huge difference to the children's learning to arrive in school everyday and on time.

We hope, as you move into October, that you can come and join us for the 'Share a Story' (formally advertised as the Reading Cafe) event on Friday 2nd October at 2.15pm. This is for Yr 1 and Yr 2 children and will be an opportunity to read alongside your child. We know these events are often well attended and we hope you can join us. A form and information has been sent out via email and information shared on Seesaw. There will be other events during the year, so if you can't make this one, then please don't worry and staff will also be on hand to support your child. Information on how you can support your child with reading at home will also be shared during this event. There will be other events throughout the year where you can come and join in your child's learning.

Well done to all the children who took part in the summer Reading Challenge with the library. We had 23 starters and 13 finishers. We have celebrated this with the children in celebration assembly. A copy of their certificate is displayed proudly in our library.

Parents Survey



Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent survey during the summer term. All of your comments and feedback are really important in supporting the school to improve.

We aim to gather feedback during our parent consultation evenings and more formally as part of this survey. All of this feedback supports school improvement and is shared with staff and governors too. We will send out another formal survey during the summer term, you can make your responses anonymous by simply typing anon in the name of the child and class.

Overview of responses:

- We had 29 responses from families. Whilst this is a small amount, thank you all for completing the survey. We have deliberately made this a short survey which is focused on your child's learning
- Here is a flavour of what some of the children have really enjoyed at Petersgate:
- *Makaton*
- *Reading*

- *Maths and DT*
- *Spending time with friends and lunchtimes*
- *Kind, caring and approachable staff*
- *Running into school everyday happy!*
- *Additional support, when needed*
- *Outdoor learning*
- *Communication*
- *School has improved significantly over the last few years*
- *Anything raised with staff has been dealt with quickly and resolved with clear actions*
- Things we can work on to support the learning moving forward:
- *Events and trips*
- *Reading*
- *Staffing*
- In response to the things to work on:
- We will endeavour to look at how we can further enrichment through trips/events or visitors. However, due to the dramatic increase in cost with regards to facilities which offer trips or visitors coming in, as well as, the huge increase in coach prices, we are conscious that we want to make enrichment as affordable as possible. We aim to have one on-site visit a year. With regards to other enrichment, we offer football, karate, Spanish, dance and gym, with a club running every night of the week, if you choose to send your child.
- Staffing - whilst a disruption in staffing is difficult to manage, parents and families have been kept informed of any staff changes and we try and use staff that children know and have a relationship with to cover. We have members of staff suffer from sickness or starting a family, which can be unforeseen. But parents have been kept updated and we work hard to ensure the least disruption as possible. We have managed, last year, with any new member of the teacher staff, to have a transition period where they have been able to come into school and complete an induction and handover, whilst getting to know the children
- Reading - we will continue to find a more hybrid approach to reading. A reading survey comes out each year and the outcomes from the survey has been favourable with regards to the E-Collins device. We will continue to find ways to support with reading at home. In school, the children have access to high quality texts in our

library, which they bring home each week. In class, during their guided reading sessions, they have physical books to read with and they are reading everyday. The set of books are assigned to your child's Seesaw account, so you can see the text they are reading.

Walktober



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As we head into autumn, it's important to stay active and spend time outdoors whenever possible. To encourage this, Hampshire County Council's Travel Planning Team is inviting schools to take part in Walktober 2026 as part of International Walk to School Month.

Walktober encourages pupils, families and staff to choose active and sustainable travel throughout October.

We hope as many of our pupils, families and staff as possible will take part by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride or travelling by public transport for journeys to and from school, work and for other journeys too.

Top Tips, More Trips

As part of Walktober 2026, we are inviting pupils, families and staff to share their top tips for active and sustainable travel. Tell us about your journeys and share practical ideas to inspire others to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot, use Park and Stride or travel by public transport more often.

This ties in really well with our WOW Challenge!

WOW Challenge



A vibrant, green-themed poster for the 'WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge'. The background is a bright green with white clouds and a yellow sun. At the top left, a vertical banner reads 'LIVING STREETS' with 'LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL' next to it. A pink banner below says '2025/26'. The main title 'WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge' is in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background. Below this, a white banner says 'WALK WITH JOY'. A pink banner provides the website 'livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch'. An orange banner states 'IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH, PROTECT THE PLANET, WALK TO SCHOOL WITH WOW'. The bottom features illustrations of diverse children: a girl in a red jacket and goggles on skis, a boy in a wheelchair, a boy with a backpack, and a girl with a backpack standing on a mountain peak. A soccer ball is also shown. The poster is decorated with various icons: a hand holding a paint palette, a hand holding a soccer ball, a hand holding a musical note, a hand holding a tree, and a hand holding a backpack. A small FSC logo is in the bottom right corner.

LIVING STREETS

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

2025/26

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

WALK WITH JOY

livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH,
PROTECT THE PLANET,
WALK TO SCHOOL WITH WOW

Get involved on social media: **#WALKTOSCHOOL**

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The WOW Challenge will continue all year for all year groups. This campaign promotes active travel - whether that is walking, scooting, cycling or using the park and stride facilities around Clanfield to travel to school. We urge and ask all families to complete active travel at least 3 times a week and we can log this on the class Travel Tracker. Each class will have a WOW Ambassador who will be supported to use the travel tracker to track the travel.

At the end of the month, the children get to take home the WOW badge for that month. The class with the highest active travel looks after the plushie Strider for the month. This is a free initiative and supported by the charity Living Streets. This is to support children to use active travel to support their physical and mental health and to reduce the air pollution around school.

Please can we remind parents and families that there is no cycling or scooting on school site which includes the playgrounds, car park and paths around school. Please can children dismount at the end of the path and walk their bike or scooter up the path and around school. Please see our school Travel Policy for further details. School Travel Policy¹ and also use this link for further details for the WOW Challenge WOW Challenge²

Harvest



Thank you for your support of the Foodbank through your Harvest Festival donations this year. We are grateful to receive tins and packets of produce with a long shelf life. The images below give some ideas of items which would be useful to us:



¹<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>

²<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Travel+to+School&pid=41>



We can help!

If you're struggling to make ends meet and a food parcel would help see you through, call or text us on

07914 504 715

Leave a message and our volunteers will return your call.
Open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm

The food bank provides free emergency food supplies for anyone who lives in Horndean or Clanfield and is in need. The foodbank is co-ordinated by Horndean Baptist Church and is stocked through the generosity of local people and churches in your community.

Donation points are at:

- Co-Op, Clanfield
- Merchistoun Hall, Horndean

Find us on Facebook: Horndean & Clanfield Foodbank

50th birthday celebration



This year, we will be celebrating Petersgate Infant School becoming 50! On the 7th September 1976, the school opened its doors for the children and families of Clanfield. We will be working with the whole school community to find a way of celebrating this wonderful event, in some way, over the course of the year.

I was wondering if you can help us by sending in any photos, news clippings, anecdotes or stories about your time at Petersgate. This could be from someone who worked here or attended the school.

We will be working with PoPS, staff and governors to give the children time to enjoy these celebrations. We will keep you posted over the course of the year of how this celebration develops and key events happening at school.

PoPS



AGM

October 12th 6_{pm}
At the School

The POPS team run events that raise important funds for the whole school. The AGM is a chance to find out what went well, what didn't and to define the aims and objectives for the coming year.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The work we do together is all about bringing extra value to the kids time at school as well as having some fun along the way!

Also ~ there are actual positions on the committee we need to fill to continue to run!

The available positions are:

Treasurer and Secretary

To find out more or
get involved message
Nick on: 07976772114



WANTED POPS REPS FOR RECEPTION CLASSES!

WHAT'S POPS?! POPS is the parents association for our brilliant school.

WHAT DOES POPS DO?! The POPS Team run events throughout the year to raise important funds for the school.

WHAT DOES A POPS REP DO?! The most important job of a POPS Rep is to share messages to and from your class chats. This can be forwarding promo posters and messages for events or sharing ideas and feedback back to the POPS Team.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Volunteer on your class chat so everyone knows,
then sign up with Nick on: 07976772114



2 - Please update PoPS if you are willing to become the Dormouse or Squirrel Class Rep.

myHappymind



3 - myHappymind

We are really lucky to continue to have myHappymind fully funded to January 2030. The children have loved being taught this programme, which is taught weekly. This programme supports the children's emotional and mental health. Click on the link to find out further information on myHappymind³

There is an app you can access which has a unique school code. The QR code is displayed around school and the unique access code (which is for our school only) will enable you to access a range of materials to support your child at home. Speak to Miss Daisy and Mrs Mitchell for further details.

In the coming half term, children will have the opportunity to apply to be a Happiness Hero, where they will get a pin badge (which they can keep) and help Mrs Mitchell promote the key parts of the programme, which includes Happy Breathing when feeling sad, cross, excited or 'fizzy' to help regulate or promoting the character strengths which are part of the programme. These include love and kindness, teamwork and friendship, bravery and honesty, exploring and learning, life and love of the world. These tie in carefully with our SCARF values and Zones of Regulation.

Attendance & Punctuality for Wednesday 2nd September - Wednesday 30th September



Whole School Attendance: 98.2%

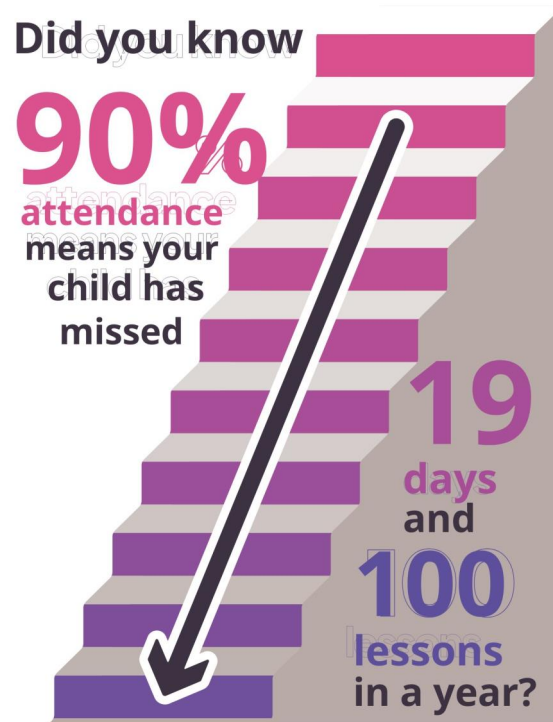
(National Average = 95.6%)

Best Class Attendance: Squirrel Class

Best Timekeepers: Dormouse & Deer class, on time everyday!

³<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=myHappymind&pid=57>

Attendance



4 - Attendance and punctuality

Please can I remind all parents that the drop off time each day is 8.40-8.50am. After this time, your child will need to come in via the school office and ask for a reason why they are late. We have to log punctuality carefully. We will support families, where we can, with supporting getting their child to school on time.

At the end of the day the gates will open at 3.05pm, where you can move around the site. Doors will be open from 3.10pm-3.20pm and then all gates closed. After this time, children will be taken to the school office for collection. At 3.30pm, if you are not here, then the child will be put into Treetops (Wrap Around Care).

There are many entrances/exits onto school site and to the classrooms. Please can you use the different entrances/exits to ensure we keep congestion at a minimum.

At the end of the day, we will place CJS siblings near the front (although we have many per class) so they can leave as quickly as possible, as this will support you collecting from the junior school.

In terms of attendance, we do expect all children to be in school everyday, this is a legal requirement. If you submit an absence request form, this will be looked at carefully and a decision will be with you if the absence has been authorised. Please see the Attendance policy for further details Attendance Policy⁴

⁴<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>



Writer of the Month Award



We have decided to try something new this year. We want to inspire our young authors and illustrators to show us their amazing progress in writing.

Once a month, one of our young authors, who has shown amazing progress in their writing (not necessarily the one who writes the most!) will be chosen for the Writer of the Month Award. Their writing will be displayed in the main office so this can be celebrated with all members of our school community and a small award will be presented in celebration assembly at the end of each month. All of our children work really hard in their writing and we are so proud of their achievements and we want to share them with you.

We will, of course, continue to award SCARF cards for all SCARF values, including resilience and achievement linked to their learning and these will be shared on Seesaw. Once a week, the children who have demonstrated a key SCARF value will receive the golden certificate and will get to take Harold home for the weekend. There are, of course, many other celebrations we share during assembly on a Friday.

A few reminders



- Please can PE kits come into school and all items named. These need to be placed in a bag for your child and these are stored on their peg. They come home each half term. Please also ensure school uniform is named to help reunite any lost jumpers/cardigans.
- No earrings during PE please - this is a health and safety risk. Staff are not allowed to tape the earrings. Parents need to remove earrings on the days of PE or tape them before coming to school. Please see the Uniform Policy for further details Uniform Policy⁵

⁵<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>

- See Seesaw for your library session each week. Library books need to be returned each week. The title and author of the book will be shared on Seesaw. Please can I ask that water bottles are not put in bookbags as we had a lot of water damaged books last year or they bend the books. If a book is lost or damaged, parents will be asked to replace the book.
- We are a nut free school - so please look carefully in lunch boxes for the items you are sending into school.
- If you send in any recyclable materials for junk modelling, please can these be boxes/containers not be food related. We have a number of children with allergies and any food residue in the boxes can cause an allergic reaction.
- Please do not use the outdoor play equipment before or after school, as it is not supervised during these times and children's safety is our priority. Children have also been reminded of this during assembly.
- Please check that the information we have for you on Arbor is correct and up to date. You can update any of the above information on Arbor. If you do need to amend the current records we hold for you, simply amend the information. This will automatically be sent to the school office so we can approve your request. Once approved these will take immediate effect. For any address changes we will need to see proof of the address you have moved to.
- If it is your child's birthday, they can come into school in their non-school uniform. This gives us a chance to share in their celebrations. Please do not send in sweets/cake for the class to share out.
- If your child has achieved a certificate, trophy or medal outside of school as part of a club, then send it in on a Friday and we will share their celebration with the whole school as part of our celebration assembly.

The Big Future Survey



The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The Children's Commissioner will be using what they tell them to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Website

Our website is live!

After the incident last term we are happy to announce that our school website is back up and running with a refreshed look! Please have a look as there is a lot of useful information on there. <https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk>

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