



## Petersgate Post: 13th June 2025

### PoPS Summer Festival—Sunday 6th July

Please can we ask for parent volunteers to help out at the Summer Festival.

This event is just over 3 weeks away and at this time PoPS do not have enough adult helpers to run this smoothly.

There will be boards outside each classroom with a list of what stalls and areas that PoPS need your help with. Even if you can only give 30 minutes of your time, this would help PoPS out and will be very much appreciated.

This event is one of the biggest fundraisers that PoPS holds and without your help then this event will not be able to run as in previous years. These events help fund the extra school activities for children to enjoy and without PoPS events then we would not be able to offer children this. Thank you for your continued support in helping raise much needed funds for our school!

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### Attendance and Punctuality for 19th—23rd May & 2nd—13th June

Whole School Attendance = **94.35%**

(National Average = 95.2%)

Best Attendance: **Fox class = 95.92%**

Best Timekeepers: **Deer class (on time everyday!!)**



### Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Wow—what an exciting, yet busy, start to the term!

Thank you for your understanding regarding the cancellation of Sports Day, obviously Mother Nature was not on our side that day. However, we would hope the weather is on our side for the afternoon of the 4th July when we hope that Sports Day can go ahead. More details to follow.

Well done to the Year 1 children who have worked really hard this week during the Phonics Screening Check, we are really proud of all of their progress and results will be shared as part of the end of year report.

Over the coming weeks, further details will come out regarding transition. We will keep you posted!

### Attendance and Punctuality

#### Honesty is the best policy

Can I remind you that should you be intending to take a family holiday anytime, then to complete an absence request form, own your decision and accept that as a school we have to follow a procedure.

This saves awkward phone calls, home visits and subsequent letters home informing you that we have reason to believe information to the contrary. It also means your child can come back to school and freely share their wonderful experiences; please don't ask them to lie. Let's work together on this.

With regards absence requests for holidays, these will not be authorised. Sickness absence also does not have to be authorised, especially if we have reason to believe that the children are not unwell.

Thank you.

### Roadworks

Please note roadworks are being carried out on Green Lane for a period of 6 months or until completion of the works whichever is sooner.

It is expected that the closure will be required for no longer than 21 weeks, working between the hours 08:00-20:00 and in operation for 24 hours a day.

The road closure is currently between its junction with Drift Road and its junction with Redwing Road. We have now been informed that the road is now totally closed due to the old pipework is deeper than expected and for safety the road has to be closed.

They will be doing this in sections and we do not know when they will be starting outside the school drive.

Please bear this in mind when travelling to school and finding somewhere to park. You may need to allow extra time.

For more information [CLICK HERE](https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/publicnotices/publicnoticedetails?id=18772)  
or copy and paste this link into your web browser  
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## Safeguarding

We have been made aware of a new character called 'Jeffy' which is coming up in YouTube videos. Please can I ask that all parents and families check their settings online and parental controls, as well as, adequately supervising the children. We will be supervising the children closely with regards their device use, as we usually do. We will also be contacting our IT provider to ensure that our filtering and monitoring system for our online systems are checked and, if needed, adjusted.

### What is Jeffy?

- Jeffy is a puppet character featured in series of YouTube videos. The channel behind Jeffy has over five million subscribers and each video posted gains millions of views.
- The character of Jeffy has been criticised for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with unspecified learning difficulties or disability. The creator has argued against this characterisation, saying Jeffy is meant to be funny and does not represent someone with a disability.
- Despite the video's child-friendly animation style, our online safety experts found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, profanity and more inappropriate themes.



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## Health & Wellbeing Tips

### Empathy Day June 2025

Empathy Day, took place on Thursday, June 12, 2025 This is a national event focused on inspiring children and young people to learn about empathy, experience its power through stories, and put empathy into action. It is part of a larger Empathy Day Festival that runs from June 2nd to June 12th, offering a variety of activities and resources.

During Empathy Day, we used a range of recommended texts to explore this important life skill and teachers planned a range of wonderful learning to support the key themes in the text, whilst developing their skills and understanding of empathy.

All books within this collection are now available in the library to borrow.

<https://empathylab.uk/rfe/>



## PoPS Non-uniform day—Friday 27th June

On Friday 27th June, children and staff can come into school in non-uniform. In return for this PoPS are asking for a bottle for the Summer Festival 'bottle tombola'.

PoPS are asking for any type of bottle from alcohol to shower gel to a bottle of pop!!

*(Please note that this date has changed because of Sports day change of day)*



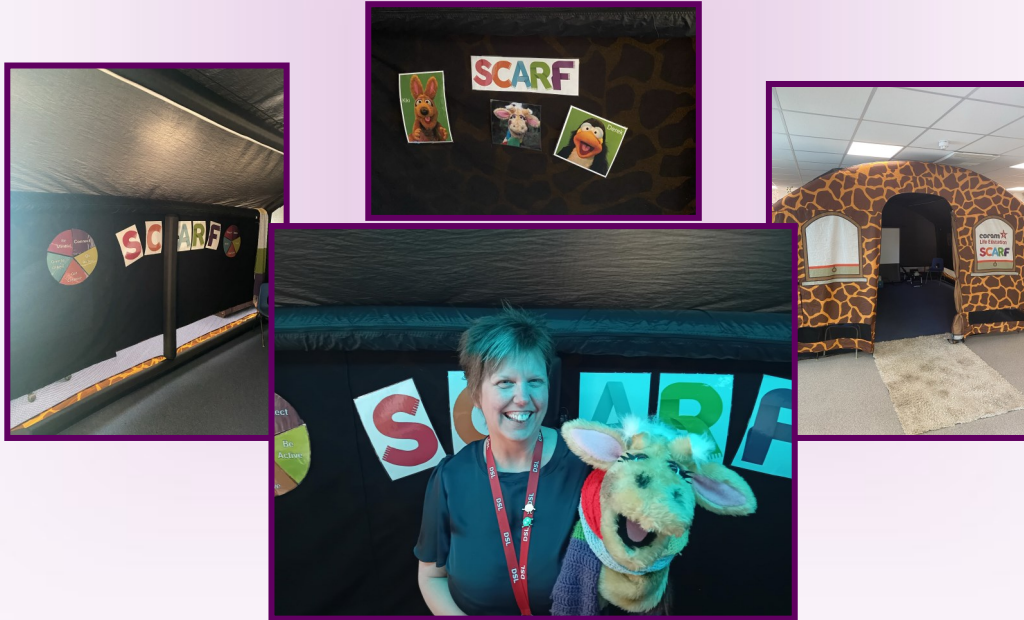


### Scarf Visit

We were very lucky and excited to receive a visit from Michele (and Harold!!) from SCARF in May. During their visit, they held workshops on Mental Wellbeing in their amazing inflatable classroom. Building on the foundations of our SCARF lessons, the workshops helped the children with the skills and positive mental attitudes they need in order to be resilient and bounce back from setbacks.

We learnt all about the 'super power' of resilience - Harold had been learning a new skill but was really struggling and feeling fed up. The children helped to find ways to tackle these problems and different feelings, using empathy, role-play, singing and the power of the magic word... 'yet'.

We absolutely loved having Michele and Harold - thank you Coram Life Education!



### Tesco Stronger Starts program

**Exciting news!** We are pleased to have been chosen to receive funding from Tesco “Stronger Starts” initiative. We have applied for this funding for our outdoor space improvement. As you know we are redesigning and enhancing our outdoor learning environment, which will enable us to link aspects of the school curriculum with learning outdoors.

We are competing against two other causes to receive up to £1,500 and we need your help to win! If you shop in Tesco or Tesco Express in Petersfield or Tesco Express in Liss you can support us by casting your vote in any of these stores; simply drop a blue token into our voting booth until 30<sup>th</sup> June and remember...**Every little helps!!**





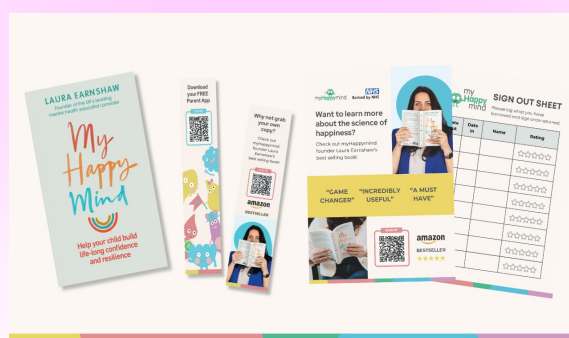
## myHappymind Competition

To help boost parent engagement with myHappymind Parent App, myHappymind are running a competition for schools to win a fantastic prize to the school that demonstrates the highest levels of parent engagement using the myHappymind Parent App. This prize will not only enhance our school's resources but also foster even greater parental involvement in supporting their children's education.

Simply scan the QR code to sign up, once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

The competition runs from now until **Friday 11th July** so you have not already signed up here's how you can.

The winning school will receive a fully stocked Parent Lending Library containing myHappymind books and bookmarks to support and inspire parents to learn more about myHappymind. This library will be a fantastic addition to our school community and offer valuable support to parents.



We are really proud to be part of the **myHappymind** family.

As a school, we have been gifted an opportunity to deliver a whole school programme to build positive mental health and well-being. This programme is endorsed by the NHS and is a fully funded programme.

**myHappymind** helps children to understand how their brain works and creates a culture that helps to build resilience, confidence, and self-esteem. **myHappymind** also teaches the children how to self-regulate and manage their emotions in stressful times, allowing them to be their very best selves!

We have already launched the programme with the children and parents/carers and families were invited to the physical launch. Further information was sent out to all families which included a letter outlining key information, parent presentation and link for a short video.

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the free parent app and I hope this helps you in supporting your child at home. Information of how to do this was in the letter but there are posters around school with the QR code and sign code to access the app. Please can we ask that this code is not shared with anyone else. The resources and materials will be on display during our parent consultation evenings coming up. The app QR code will be available to sign up then too.

We have also developed a section on our school website for parents/carers for mental health and well-being which signposts you to resources to help you at home.

Please [click here](https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/parents/mental-health-and-well-being-for-parents) or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

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