



Petersgate Post: 24th October 2025

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

I cannot believe we are at the end of the first half term of the year! It has been a jam packed half term full of events, amazing learning and progress. I am so proud of all of the children.

I want to say a special congratulations to our Squirrel Class and Dormouse Class children who have settled well into Petersgate and are thriving in their learning. They have developed strong relationships with their adults in Year R, as well as, kind and caring friendships with each other.

I hope you all have a restful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on your return to school on **Tuesday 4th November (Monday is an INSET day)**.



Hello Yellow—YOUNGMINDS

Thank you to everyone that donated by wearing something yellow for World Mental Health Day last Friday.

We raised **£201.45** towards this brilliant cause.



PoPS

Loose Change Winners!

Thank you for all of your generous donations, collectively we raised **£361.25**

The class winners are:

Rabbit Class—the only class to fill their bottle

Otter Class—raised the most

Each class will choose a treat and you will be notified of this via Seesaw.

Farewell and Welcome

It is with sadness that Mrs Martin will be leaving us on Friday 24th October. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Martin for her hard work.

Mrs Martin is embarking on an exciting new opportunity and as a school community, I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best of luck for the future.

We would like to welcome Mr Forknall to the team as our new Site Assistant. Mr Forknall has settled right in and we are lucky to have him as part of our team.



Attendance and Punctuality for 13th October to 24th October

Whole School Attendance = **93.8%**

(National Average = 95.3%)

Best Attendance: **Hedgehog class = 96.2%**

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

Minibus

We would like to say a big **'THANK YOU'** to Mr Lee from RSL Autos for repairing the minibus promptly. We really appreciate all you do to keep the minibus running for the children to enjoy trips out.



Safeguarding

Thank you all for walking to school this half term—the WOW Travel Trackers have been positive across the school and the children have received their badges for September and October.

What we have noticed is that some parents are using our drive to turn round. For the safety of our children and families, please can we ask that you refrain from using the drive to make a U-turn.

Amazon Wish Lists

We have created wish lists for different year groups.

Year 2 are in the process of compiling theirs.

If you would like to purchase anything on the wish lists, you can do so directly using the links below.

These are also on the homepage of our website near the bottom of the page.

Year R — [Wish List 1](#) and [Wish List 2](#)

or copy and paste these links into your web browser
<https://amzn.eu/9odv8Qp> and <https://amzn.eu/8fpLhk3>

Year 1 — [Wish List](#)

or copy and paste this link into your web browser
<https://amzn.eu/cUKFkrX>

Thank you!

Harvest

Horndean & Clanfield Foodbank were blown away by the amount of donations that were given by you during Harvest week—thank you so much!

It was a beautiful Harvest singing assembly led by Reverend Richard. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising the event and liaising with the foodbank.



**Horndean
& Clanfield
Foodbank**

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



Health and Wellbeing

For more details follow the website: [CLICK HERE](https://www.thrive.org.uk/autumn)



Autumn wellbeing calendar

#autumnwellbeing

Improve your health and wellbeing this autumn with our 28-day journey of gardening and nature-based activities. For more information and activity guides visit www.thrive.org.uk/autumn

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Share a photo of a tree with changing colours (5 mins)	2 Reflect on this years' spring and summer (10 mins)	3 Make a hedgehog house (20 mins)	4 Search for sweet chestnuts and conkers* (10 mins)	5 Go for a walk and notice changing colours* (15 mins)	6 Autumn treasure hunt (20 mins)	7 Sow sweet peas (15 mins)
8 Wildlife bingo (15 mins)	9 Collect seeds to store (10 mins)	10 Go for a walk and notice autumn smells (15 mins)	11 Plant tulips in pots or in a border (15 mins)	12 Leaf mould part 1 (collect leaves) (10 mins)	13 Leaf mould part 2 (create mould) (15 mins)	14 Build a bug hotel (20 mins)
15 Go for a walk and notice autumn sounds (15 mins)	16 Make some 'ephemeral' nature art* (15 mins)	17 Go stargazing* (10 mins)	18 Kick through some autumn leaves* (5 mins)	19 Press some leaves or flowers (15 mins)	20 Sow broad beans (15 mins)	21 Make a bird feeder (15 mins)
22 Create leaf art part 1 (collect leaves) (5 mins)	23 Autumn flower arranging (15 mins)	24 Create leaf art part 2 (create art) (15 mins)	25 Buy or plant something to live in your home (15 mins)	26 Grow from hardwood cuttings (15 mins)	27 Make a festive wreath* (15 mins)	28 Revisit your tree from day 1 and take another photo (5 mins)



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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WOW Challenge

Whether you walk, scoot, ride, 'Park and Stride' your child can earn badges each month.

We want to promote walking/scooting, cycling or park and stride at least once a week. Even if you can only manage to park a little further away, then walk into school, we can count that as a park and stride and log that on our travel tracker.

Thank you to all those who have taken part, the children have received their badges to September and October.

WOW Challenge update

Well done to Year 1 and Year 2 classes for promoting active travel and thank you to the Wow Ambassadors for supporting the children in completing the travel tracker each day.

Well done to Otter class for the highest active engagement since the Wow Challenge started.

But all classes in Year 1 and Year 2 have over 60% of engagement in the challenge, well done!

We will be inviting and launching the WOW Challenge to Dormouse and Squirrel class after half term.



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](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/parents/mental-health-and-well-being-for-parents



What is new in the **myHappymind** parent app?

myHappymind Places is designed to help children understand their emotions and strategies to feel safe, happy and calm. There are three key Places to help children identify how they are feeling:

- The Happy Place: Where your child feels safe, happy and calm.
- The Middle Place: Where your child might visit in between their Happy and Busy Places. They might feel a mixture of emotions.
- The Busy Place: Where your child might feel overwhelmed with big emotions.

Mini Masterclasses

Laura Earnshaw, the founder of **myHappymind**, has created a series of Mini **myHappymind** Masterclasses. These sessions are designed to help you navigate some of the scenarios that we know often arise at school and at home. They are short videos (around 5 minutes each) to hopefully give you some practical strategies and reassurance.

The sessions cover themes such as Separation Anxiety, Emotionally Based School Avoidance, Building Self-Esteem, and Managing Big Emotions. New to this area of the app are sessions on Trauma-Informed Practice and Sleep.

