



## Petersgate Post: 28th November 2025

### 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 and have been shared on Seesaw.

**Year R** — [Wish List 1](https://amzn.eu/9odv8Qp) and [Wish List 2](https://amzn.eu/8fpLhk3)

or copy and paste these links into your web browser

<https://amzn.eu/9odv8Qp> and <https://amzn.eu/8fpLhk3>

**Year 1** — [Wish List](https://amzn.eu/cUKFkrX)

or copy and paste this link into your web browser

<https://amzn.eu/cUKFkrX>

**Thank you!**

### PoPS



We have lots of PoPS Christmas events coming up which are really exciting. This includes:

- ◇ Christmas Shopping day—Friday 5th December
- ◇ Christmas Raffle—tickets will be sent home next week and the Raffle will be drawn on Friday 12th December
- ◇ Christmas Fayre and Christmas Grotto—Thursday 18th December

There is a lot of brilliant Christmas events coming up, so please keep an eye on the Winter Dates or the 'Coming up next week' memos.

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

Thank you all for the many positive comments shared during parents evening. I have shared them with staff. We will share them in due course with parents too. We are very grateful for all the comments we received.

I cannot believe we are heading into the crazy part of the term with December starting and Christmas events around the corner. Please can I ask that you all remember the season of goodwill and communicate with all of our staff and each other with kindness and care, which reflects our SCARF value of caring.

We appreciate that Christmas can bring all kinds of stress and worry at home but please can I remind you all that everyone is doing their best for your children here at school.

### Attendance and Punctuality for 17th to 28th November



Whole School Attendance = 94.18%

(National Average = 95.0%)

Best Attendance: **Squirrel class = 95.83%**

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

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that donated money for poppies and other items. We made an amazing

**£245.12**

for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

### Health and Wellbeing

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

Thrive		Autumn wellbeing calendar					
Using gardening to change lives		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 <a href="https://www.thrive.org.uk/autumn">www.thrive.org.uk/autumn</a>					
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
1 Share a photo of a tree with changing colours (10 mins)	2 Reflect on this year's 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 (10 mins)	
8 Wildlife bingo (10 mins)	9 Collect seeds to store (10 mins)	10 Go for a walk and notice autumn smells (10 mins)	11 Plant tulips in pots or in a border (10 mins)	12 Leaf mould part 1 (collect leaves) (10 mins)	13 Leaf mould part 2 (create mould) (10 mins)	14 Build a bug hotel (20 mins)	
15 Go for a walk and notice autumn sounds (10 mins)	16 Make some 'ghemmer' nature art* (10 mins)	17 Go stargazing* (10 mins)	18 Kick through some autumn leaves* (5 mins)	19 Press some leaves or flowers (10 mins)	20 Sow broad beans (10 mins)	21 Make a bird feeder (10 mins)	
22 Create leaf art part 1 (collect leaves) (5 mins)	23 Autumn flower arranging (10 mins)	24 Create leaf art part 2 (create art) (10 mins)	25 Buy or plant something to live in your home (10 mins)	26 Grow from hardwood cuttings (10 mins)	27 Make a festive wreath* (10 mins)	28 Revisit your tree from day 1 and take another photo (5 mins)	



### **Safeguarding**

We have been made aware from the LA Safeguarding Team of a pop-up that is appearing in **Roblox**, encouraging the children to download an app called **Pollybuzz** (or in some spelling cases pollyfuzz).

The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions and it generates an Artificial Intelligence (A.I) friend. This starts off quite innocent but then begins to show extreme content, which includes suicide, self-harm or pornography.

Please can you remind children at home (including siblings) not to click on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is inappropriate or worrying to a trusted adult.

Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed by [clicking here](https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview) or copy and paste this link into your web browser  
<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

This is just a reminder that parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

We have informed all staff here and will be conducting additional work around safety online with the children. The school has a high level of filtering in school and this is monitored carefully and any actions are taken up with our IT provider.

### **Photos at events**

As we have Christmas events coming up, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that we do not allow any filming or photography at Christmas performances or any other events. We also would like to remind you that mobile phones are strictly prohibited and should be switched off.

Unfortunately we will not be filming the Christmas performances.

It is our duty to protect all of the children and families at our school, for whatever reason.

Be kind, be thoughtful, be safe.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Modeshift STARS Active Travel Winter Journey!

As we head into a busy and festive time of year, we know many schools are already getting involved in wonderful seasonal activities such as Elf Day, Christmas Jumper Day, or even a Reindeer Dash!

This December, Modeshift are simply inviting you to add an active travel twist to the fun. Whether your pupils are dressed as elves, reindeer, or proudly wearing their favourite festive jumper, it's a great opportunity to encourage walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling, or taking the bus, train, or—if the snow falls—maybe even a sledge or skis!

The Active Travel Days of December theme can also be used to link to other activities in the [Modeshift STARS](#) scheme to help towards gaining travel plan accreditation. For example, you could organise a festive bling your wheels day, hold an active elf breakfast for those who walk or wheel, or support a charity with fund raising activities with elf ears, Santa outfit or reindeer antlers as part of the school journey.

You can take part in as many, or as few, activities as you wish, and mix and match them to suit your plans for the month. There's no set order, just join in however works best for your school community.





## 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.

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

Squirrels and Dormouse are now taking part in the WOW Challenge, with badges being given out to all classes at the end of November for all those who have taken part.



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

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.

If you would like to sign up for the app

Please [click here](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

**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. [CLICK HERE](#)

