



Petersgate Post: 13th February 2026

Staffing updates

I want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Mrs Fleming who has been supporting and teaching Hedgehog Class at different points during the Autumn term and first half of spring term. She has done an amazing job and we are grateful she has given the children the consistency they needed during this transition period.

We would like to welcome Miss Mook to Petersgate Infant School. She is the new class teacher for Hedgehog Class after half term. Miss Mook has had a thorough handover during this 2 week period and she cannot wait to be the new class teacher for Hedgehog Class.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Atkinson and her husband have announced they are expecting their first child later this year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them our heartfelt congratulations and wish them both the very best for their new arrival.

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Just like that, this half term seems to have disappeared! It feels like I have spent most of the time on the gate with an umbrella this half term but the children still greet me with a cheery smile, Makaton hello or a good morning. Let's hope for some warmer, sunnier weather to come next half term.

Thank you for all the parents who have attended the Number Day event last week, the school was buzzing with all things number! Plus we have also had one of our 'Learn Alongside Your Child' event for Yr 2, which was also very popular. These are a lovely opportunity for you to see and join in with the learning in action. We have more events to follow next half term—keep an eye on our communication.

We do have Premier Sports joining us next half term until the end of the academic year. Details will come out in due course regarding an after school club they will run. But they are also going to be in for PE enrichment for 2 afternoons a week. On these days they will also run a lunch club too.

Just a little update regarding Mrs Webb following her accident, she is making a really strong recovery, which is really positive. We keep in regular updates with her to check how she is doing.

Mrs Coates also has had an accident and is at home recovering, again we wish her well for her recovery.

Use of school car park

This is a gentle reminder that only those visitors with a blue badge and authorised visitors are allowed to use the school car park. Please remember to move slowly down the drive.

Amazon Wish Lists

We have created wish lists for different year groups.

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](#) 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>

Year 2 — [Wish List](#)

or copy and paste this link into your web browser
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/5KHOCNSNPJ94/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Attendance and Punctuality for 2nd to 13th February



Whole School Attendance = **96.32%**
(National Average = 95.9%)

Best Attendance: **Rabbit class 98.24%**

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

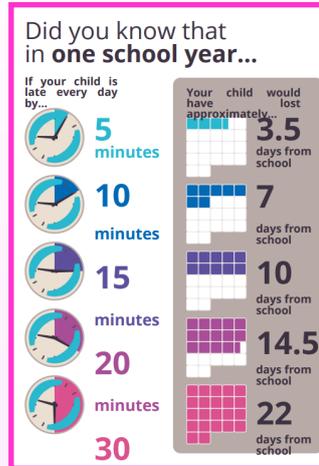
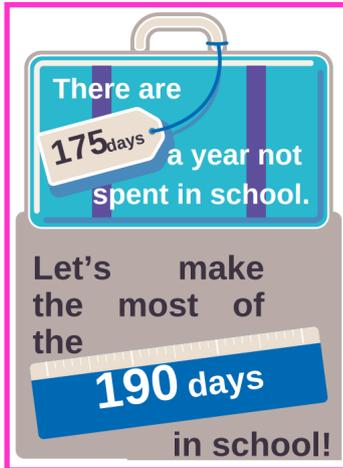
NSPCC Number Day 2026

We raised an amazing **£218.52** for NSPCC.
Thank you for all your kind donations.





Safeguarding – Attendance



As in previous newsletters, I am highlighting the need for good attendance and arriving on time each day for school. Lots of our children have really good attendance and are on time every day, which we are really proud of. I want to take this opportunity for those parents I have spoken to this half term regarding attendance and punctuality and I can see some really positive improvements.

As highlighted previously, part of my role and the role of the other Designated Safeguarding Leads, it is our duty of care and part of the role to monitor attendance and address any poor attendance or timekeeping.

Whilst we completely understand if a child is unwell and we would not want a child to try and make themselves come to school when they are poorly, we do have to address attendance when it falls below a certain percentage.

Therefore, as a reminder, if you do receive a call from school or a letter from myself to discuss attendance, this is part of our duty of care for the children. Part of our role to ensure any support is put in place, if it is needed, or to discuss how we can improve attendance or punctuality working in partnership with you. Often when we make these calls or meet with parents we see positive changes, which ultimately impacts positively on the children's learning.

Please can I remind parents that whilst this is a highly emotive issue, we ask that any communication with members of staff about attendance/punctuality is done so respectfully and in line with our parent Code of Conduct.

Thank you

Parent WhatsApp groups and use of social media

Just a reminder that the parent WhatsApp groups are for general notices and not a place to make judgements about the school, staff, or other people's children.

"When using social media we ask that, whether it is public or private, it should not be used to fuel campaigns and voice concerns against the school, school staff, parents or children (this includes the use of class/year group WhatsApp groups and/or Facebook groups). If a social media group has been sent up using the Petersgate Infant School name, we need to make you aware that this is not endorsed by the school. Anything using the school's name or staff member's name could lead to legal intervention by Hampshire County Council" (taken from our Parent Code of Conduct).

If you would like to refer to the Code of Conduct further, please see our website policy section.

If you would like to share your views about the curriculum or other matters in the school, we have a monthly parent forum for that purpose. If you are unable to attend please send any questions into school.

Health and Wellbeing

WOW Badge Competition 2026 ARE YOU READY TO GET CREATIVE?



Join one of the UK's biggest design competition for children, for a chance to win FREE walk to school resources for an entire year!

The WOW Challenge team are asking children to think big and see where in time it takes them. They turn **11 winning entries into more than 300,000 badges** to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride to school across the UK next academic year.

This year's theme is **Walk the Senses** – we want pupils to tell us what they see, hear, smell, taste or feel as they walk or wheel to school. That might be the sound of birds singing, the smell of flowers or a tasty snack eaten on the way to school. Or it could be the feel of raindrops or snow on their skin – or spotting a rainbow in the sky!

This competition is curriculum linked and encourages mindfulness and fun. We can't wait to see what your pupils create.

THE BADGE COMPETITION IS OPEN NOW AND YOU HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY TO ENTER [CLICK HERE](#)



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

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](#).

