



Petersgate Post: 6th March 2026

School Trips

As outlined in our Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement on our [website](#), we recognise the positive impact enrichment such as trips, events and visitors (including workshops) can have on the children's learning.

We do endeavour to have at least one off site school trip for each year group. We are lucky that PoPS makes a contribution towards the trips, along with parent voluntary contributions. However, the cost of entry fees and coach fees (although we do try to use the minibus but we only have one now) can make running a school trip incredibly expensive. We are also aware rising costs for families at home. Therefore, having more than one school trip a year can make paying for a school trip unaffordable.

Therefore, we will consider carefully when and how many school trips we do, as well as, ensuring that the trip supports the curriculum content. Sometimes, we may opt for having visitors in or workshops to complement the children's learning and supports the enrichment of that curriculum area. Whilst I can understand you may be disappointed a trip may be different from previous years or not run at all, I can reassure you that what is planned in school supports your child's learning.

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Although the half term break seems a distant memory, we seem to already been whizzing through this half term.

We have lots of things planned including World Book Day and class assemblies. These will be this half term and into next half term.

Year 2 have been on their school trip already and had a great time, with Year R's trip coming up soon. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped out during these occasions.

Premier Sports have now started this week. The enrichment afternoons have started for some year groups and also the lunch clubs have also started. Details have been sent out regarding an after school club they will run which starts next week.

Just a little update regarding Mrs Webb following her accident, she is making a really strong recovery, which is really positive. She is continuing to improve day by day and she hopes she will be back after Easter. Thank you to all of the staff who have helped staff Treetops in her absence.

Mrs Coates has returned to school following her accident—welcome back Mrs Coates.

I wish you well over the coming weeks and let's hope this spring weather continues.

Parking by back gate

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking in the 'residents only' by the back gate and blocking residents parking spaces where last week a resident was unable to get their car out. We are asking you kindly to refrain from parking by the rear gate as we would like to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours. Thank you.

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 23rd February to 6th March

Whole School Attendance = **97.01%**
(National Average = 94.6%)

Best Attendance: **Dormouse class 98.83%**

Best Timekeepers: **Hedgehog & Rabbit class**

As some of you may be aware, attendance has been added in communication to parents when you email or phone your child in absent. This information keeps parents on track with their own child's attendance. As you know, attendance is a high priority for all schools across the country and it is our duty of care to address attendance and punctuality with parents.



Safeguarding

As part of our safeguarding updates within the newsletter, I like to keep you informed of any key safeguarding concerns/matters within the community.

School Wars

I have been made aware by the Safeguarding team at the Local Authority, that there is a 'trend' on social media encouraging 'School Wars'. This appears to have been started in a London Borough and seems to have appeared in a neighbouring borough.

Some accounts on social media encourage "school wars" and ask children from the 2 opposing teams (blue and red, but could be any other colour) to fight each other, film and post these fights, to get "points". We are aware that there was a case where a child got attacked by a group of 20 students from one of the "opposing" schools. Police are aware of the issue and are dealing with it within these boroughs.

Whilst it may not impact our children here, I wanted to keep you informed in case older siblings talk about it with their friends or at home.

Malicious Website

The Hampshire School Library Service have made us aware of another book title which now has the presence of a malicious website.

The books by Rick Riordan printed in 2010 and earlier have been found to have a malicious website in the book. The website, which is visible on the back cover, is blocked by the National Cyber Security Centre and poses low risk. However, if you find that you have a book by this author at home, please **do not** click on the link or forward it to anyone else but remove the page from the book, so it is not accessible for others to use.

We have checked our school library in school for any of the titles. But the books are for older children, so you may want to check your book shelves at home with older siblings.

Parent WhatsApp groups—scam warning

We have been made aware of fraud/scammers within the parent WhatsApp group. Whilst the school are not responsible for monitoring these or for the administration of these social media groups/accounts, I wanted to inform you all to be mindful of who is trying to join the groups.

Unfortunately within one group we have had a victim of fraud. The person who joined the group posed as a parent and tried to sell items. We have asked the person who reported it to inform the group's administrator. But I wanted to make other parents aware to please be careful not to share any personal information/details within the group.



World Book Day

Thank you to all the staff for planning a fun and book filled World Book Day. The school was buzzing with different reading opportunities and lots of lovely books and stories shared. As part of the day, Mrs Mitchell set up a pop up bookshop in the library, where the children could 'spend' their World Book Day vouchers. They could choose from one of the World Book Day titles which they should have brought home on Thursday. As part of this session, Mrs Mitchell spent the day in the library (her favourite thing) reading some of her most favourite children's books as part of a storytime session.

Thank you to all the parents and families with the book themed or descriptive word costumes—it was such a joy to see you all on the gate! Happy reading.

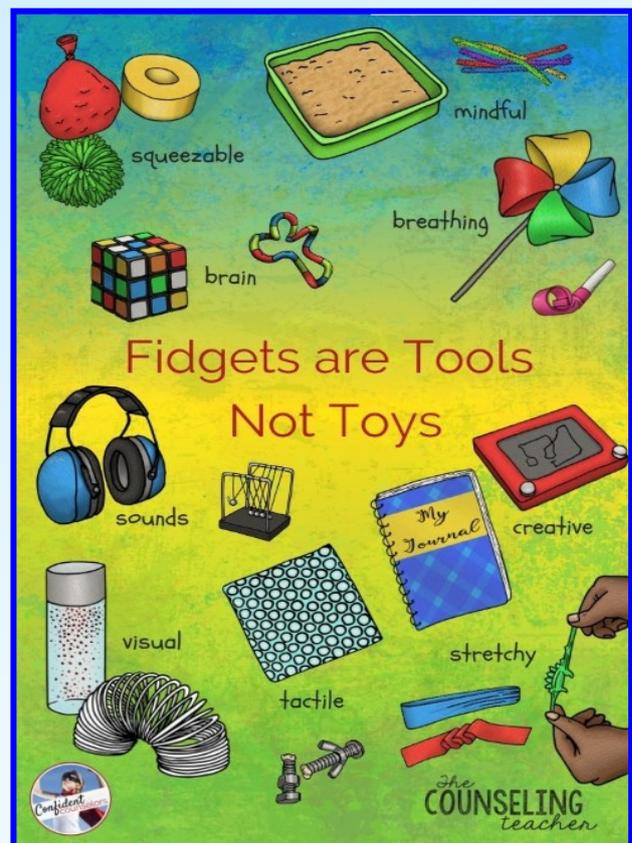


Fidgets are Tools NOT Toys

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in pupils bringing 'fidgets' into school. There has been a rise on social media of people using and promoting these for children. However, there is a very clear difference between a 'fidget toy' and a 'fidget tool'.

A 'fidget tool' is used to support a child with their concentration and can be used as an appropriate way to expel excess energy. What may be a 'fidget tool' for one child may be a toy for another.

As an Inclusion Team we discuss weekly key behaviours we are seeing and the right kind of support needed for your child. Therefore, we will carefully consider if a 'fidget tool' is needed for a child. Only fidgets allowed in school are those that have been carefully considered and trialled by the Inclusion Team at Petersgate. Any others are not permitted to be used in school. Please can we ask personal fidget tools be kept at home and this includes the use of 'chew toys' too. Thank you.



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We are pleased to be sharing My Journey's Spring into Action Toolkit 2026. Designed by the Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council, the Toolkit is filled with ideas to add fun and connection to your active journeys this spring. This links perfectly to the WOW Challenge we are undertaking in school.

We are pleased to be sharing My Journey's [Spring into Action Toolkit](https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/5251/spring-into-action-toolkit-2026) or copy and paste this link into your web browser <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/5251/spring-into-action-toolkit-2026>

This year's theme is **Time to Walk, Talk, Listen**, and included in the Toolkit are fun activities and questions to help spark conversation while you walk or wheel, either to and from school or during your leisure time.

Walking and wheeling side by side often helps conversations happen more naturally, making it easier for children and young people to share their feelings and worries. Just as important is the opportunity this gives us to listen to one another too.

