

We are a community
Loving God, Serving other and Flourishing together

NEWSLETTER

RESPECT – ASPIRE – REJOICE



As we move further into the summer term, it's been wonderful to see our school community come together in learning and Rejoicing.

On 8 May, our children took part in activities to commemorate VE Day. It was heartening to see pupils engaging with the history of this important moment in time, reflecting on the courage and resilience of those who lived through the Second World War. From class discussions to creative projects and a tea party where every year group (and the staff!) performed a song, the children showed great respect and curiosity – qualities we are proud to nurture.

We've also been busy with a range of school trips this term, giving our children the chance to learn beyond the classroom. These experiences are vital in broadening horizons and bringing learning to life. Thank you to all the staff and parents who help make these opportunities possible.

Finally, a special mention to our Year 6 pupils, who have completed their SATs last week. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, effort, and determination they have shown. Whatever the outcomes, they have worked hard and should be proud of themselves. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and enjoying the rest of their final term at primary school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Bright

Attendance

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of regular attendance and open communication when it comes to your child's time at school.

We understand that families may occasionally need to take time away, whether for illness or a planned holiday. If your child is genuinely unwell, please let us know as soon as possible so we can provide any necessary support. At the same time, we kindly ask for honesty in reporting absences. When a child is taken out of school for a holiday or family event, we appreciate knowing the real reason.

Being upfront helps us maintain accurate records and plan for your child's continued learning. It also models integrity for our children—something we value deeply.

Thank you for working with us to support both your child's education and a culture of honesty and respect across our school community.

Uniform

As we continue to foster a focused and respectful learning environment, I'd like to remind everyone of our school's uniform expectations.

Wearing the correct uniform each day helps students feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school community. It also minimizes distractions and supports a positive school culture.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in full, appropriate uniform each day.

If there are any temporary issues preventing your child from wearing the full uniform, we ask that you notify the school in advance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping maintain our high standards and setting our students up for success.

Please see the letter for full uniform expectations [**here**](#).

Unattended children

We would like to remind all families of the importance of child safety before the school day begins.

Please note that children should not be dropped off at school before 8.25am, unless they are enrolled in a supervised activity or breakfast club.

There is no staff supervision available before this time, and for safety reasons, all children should be adequately supervised.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is not left unattended. Arriving at the appropriate time helps us maintain a safe, structured environment for all students.

If early drop-off is necessary due to your schedule, please contact the school to discuss available options.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our children safe.

🔍 Lost Property – Please Check!

As we approach the end of the half term, we've noticed that our lost property collection has grown rapidly once again. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check for any missing items that may belong to your child.

To help us return belongings more easily in the future, please ensure all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Important Reminder:

Any unclaimed items remaining in lost property after Friday 23 May (the last day of half term) will be donated to the S&PA for resale.



Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school tidy and organised.



School Council

The school council have been litter picking in the school grounds each Friday lunchtime to maintain and care for our school environment. Decked out in high visibility waistcoats, rubber gloves and our fantastic new litter pickers, the school council children and other willing volunteers have collected an awesome amount of litter and it has helped encourage new wildlife to our school playground areas.

The classroom compost bins have been successfully used through the spring and summer term following suggestions from the school council that we dispose of our food waste in a responsible and ecological way. The school council reps from each class empty the food waste bins every day and some of the banana skins are added to water to make a natural fertiliser for the gardening club plants. Everyone's a winner!



Gardening Club

The intrepid and daring gardening team have planted a plethora of wonderful fruits and vegetables (very kindly sponsored by the St Mark's S & PA) and we are cultivating raspberries, carrots, broad beans, sweet peas, tomatoes, chillies, lettuces, runner beans, potatoes, strawberries, coriander, basil, cauliflower, broccoli, sunflowers, peonies, roses and rosemary!



Gardening club takes place every Thursday after school from 3 – 4pm however there are many green fingered children around school who join Mrs Scoble most lunchtimes to water, weed and squirt the strong smelling garlic – all in the name of deterring the pests.

We also have nesting seagulls above the school courtyard who have been watching our endeavours with interest. They are sitting on a nest of gull chicks who we will need to be vigilant of as our carrots are growing with hearty vigour!

Everyone is welcome in the courtyard (accompanied by an adult) and even if it is just watering or weeding the patio slabs to keep the environment clean and clear, we welcome all effort and enthusiasm!

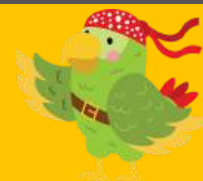


**MAY
EDITION**

News and updates



Pirate Day!



Reception had an exciting Pirate Day, filled with swashbuckling fun and adventure! The children came dressed in fantastic pirate costumes, and they all looked amazing.

The day helped spark creativity, teamwork, and storytelling, all while reinforcing key early learning goals through play.



Operation Encompass is actively implemented in Poole and across Dorset, enabling schools to support children affected by domestic abuse through early information sharing between police and educational settings.

How It Works in Dorset

Dorset Police introduced Operation Encompass in early 2021, aiming to ensure that schools are notified before the start of the next school day if a child has been involved in a domestic abuse incident. This allows schools to provide timely and appropriate support tailored to the child's needs. Operation Encompass is in operation in **every Police force**, with the aim of enabling staff to support any child experiencing domestic abuse, no matter where they live.

Local School Participation

Several schools in Dorset are part of Operation Encompass. They have a dedicated "Key Adult" (Designated Safeguarding Lead) who receives notifications and coordinates support for affected children.

For those affected by domestic abuse in Poole, local support services include:

Poole Domestic Abuse Outreach: 01202 710777

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

These services offer confidential advice and assistance to individuals experiencing or affected by domestic abuse.

Mr Bright, Miss Roberts and Mrs Cambers are the Key Adults that receive this information. If you have any queries about this, please speak to Mr Bright.

[Click here for more information about Operation Encompass](#)

[For more information about safeguarding at St Mark's, click here to visit our website](#)





Summer School Trips



Year 4 – WW2 Bunker

Visiting a World War II bunker can be a powerful and educational experience. These sites often provide a vivid glimpse into the past, showcasing the conditions soldiers lived and worked in, and offering insights into military strategy, historical events, and the human impact of war.

Year 4 were lucky enough to be invited to visit Talbot Heath School's World War 2 bunker situated in their grounds.



Year 3 – Monkey World

Year 3 recently visited Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre enriching their understanding of animals blending wildlife observation with educational insights.

The children enjoyed an instructor-led talk, got to see many different primates and enjoyed a visit to the play park. A great enjoyable and education day out for all.



Summer School Trips



Year 5 - East Dorset Museum

Year 5 visited the Museum of East Dorset in Wimborne Minster earlier this week. Housed in a Grade II* listed building dating back to the late 16th or early 17th century, the museum provides a glimpse into the region's rich history and culture.

We enjoyed learning a range of topics, from prehistoric artifacts to 20th-century items. Highlights included using a working Victorian kitchen, and a recreated schoolroom.





Visit from Katie Fitzsimmons



This week we welcomed Katie Fitzsimmons, who is Director of Education for Salisbury Diocese.

Rev. Nick joined me and our Y6 Worship Council reps and it was great to share with Katie all that we do within our school community and what makes our school so special.

"Please pass on my thanks to your team, it is clear that you are working together to enable all your community to flourish."

"Katie was really interested in our school and wanted to find out well we felt supported in our school life."



"Katie enjoyed hearing about our vision and values and how they help us each day."

Our visitor was impressed by our Y6 Reps, who explained about our vision, values and curriculum.

RESPECT – ASPIRE – REJOICE

VE 80 Celebrations at St. Mark's



Some of our Staff looking fabulous



VE 80 Celebrations at St. Mark's



Mr Bright reading the National Proclamation at 9am, with the support of School Council and Worship Council, which you can hear in full on our Instagram page.

Some of our children looking fabulous



Francis H and Leon P in RMW for fantastic independant writing about what they could see in a pond.



Ezra E and Imogen W in 2R/H for writiing instructions using inperative verbs and time conjunctions



Join us on Instagram

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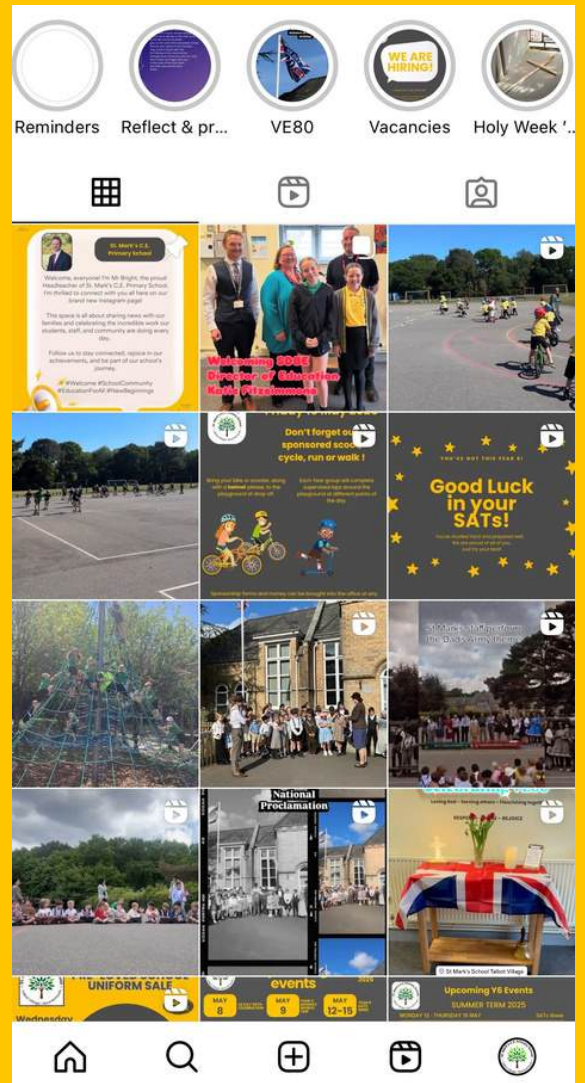


NEWS

updates



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SEND Corner

Support for Neurodivergent Children and their Families

Neurodivergent children may need support in different ways. Every child is unique, but whatever support they need there are a range of organisations that can offer advice and help. NHS Dorset have put together a helpful website with a range of information and links to organisations which may be able to support you and your child.

<https://nhsdorset.nhs.uk/neurodiversity/support/children/>

Support for children - Neurodiversity

Neurodivergent children may need support in different ways. Every child is unique, but whatever support they need there are a range of organisations that can offer advice and help. Children who are neurodivergent may be living with one or more neurodevelopmental conditions. These include autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia

nhsdorset.nhs.uk

Helping Children with their Emotions:

As children grow up, they may struggle to process big emotions, leading to frustration and angry 'outbursts'. One method we find effective in school is helping children to name their emotions. When they are upset, instead of asking them to stop crying or shouting, it can be helpful to say 'I can see you're feeling sad or angry'. It doesn't always work, but it can help children feel understood and help them to process what they are feeling, which can help them calm down more quickly.

SENDIASS

SENDIASS provides free, impartial, and confidential information, advice and support for children and young people (up to the age of 25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their parents/carers, living in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. It has helpful videos and resources which explain the pathways available for support as well as links to other information.

<https://sendiass4bcp.org/>

SENDiass4BCP - SENDiass4BCP

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S&PA News

Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone that came to the S&PA pre-loved uniform sale. We are pleased to advise we raised £158.

We always welcome any good condition uniform you no longer require to replenish our stock.



Freeze Friday

We kicked off our Summer Freeze Friday's last week with an overwhelming response. Thank you to everyone that supported us - we raised £181.80 which is fantastic!

Sponsored

Scoot \ skate \ cycle \ walk \ run!

One of our most popular events took place last week. Thanks to all.

Don't forget to return your sponsor forms and money and add Gift Aid where you are able.



**Volunteers
needed**

Summer Fair
Friday 13 June
4pm - 6:30pm

For this event to go ahead we still require your help!



S&PA News

SUMMER FETE
St. Mark's C.E

St. Mark's C.E Primary School, Talbot Village, Bournemouth BH10 4JA

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 4 - 6.30PM

STALLS **FOOD** **GAMES** **BOUNCY CASTLES**

CANDY FLOSS **TOMBOLA** **LUCKY DIP**

Live performances: Musical Theatre, W&G Steel Band

Raffle Prizes

Poole Harbour & Islands Cruise voucher for 4	2 pizzas and 2 garlic ciabattas at Pizza With Love
£30 Chez Fred voucher	A cut and blow dry and hair care hamper from Redlocks
£20 Turtle Bay voucher	A ringos voucher at Snowtrax
Breakfast for 2 at The Boathouse	Family entry to Compton Acres
A meal for two with wine at The Old Thatch	2 family day guest passes at West Hants Club
3x £10 Everest 29032 vouchers	A free race at TeamSport go karting
A family day pass at Corfe Castle	Family entry at Bournemouth Aviation Museum
Free entry into Jungle City soft play	5 dance lessons at AK Academy of Dance
A plant from Hill View Florist	A free skills workshop at Netball Stars
Free entry to Prevail	A clip 'n' climb voucher at RockReef
A family voucher for High Score Arcades	And more!



Dates for your diary



Upcoming events

SUMMER
2025

JUNE
9-11

YEAR 6
BRENSCOMBE
RESIDENTIAL

JUNE
10

YEAR 3
BNSS TRIP
3JL

JUNE
13

S&PA
SUMMER
FAIR
4-6:30pm

JUNE
17

YEAR 3
BNSS TRIP
3K/W

JUNE
19

SPORTS
DAY

JUNE
20

INSET
DAY

JUNE
24

YEAR 1
HENGISTBURY
HEAD TRIP

JULY
1

YEAR 6
PRIORY
LEAVERS'
SERVICE

JULY
2

YR-5
DISCO

JULY
3

RESERVE
SPORTS
DAY

JULY
4

YEAR 5
MARWELL
ZOO TRIP

JULY
14

ROCK-
STEADY
CONCERT

JULY
16+17

YEAR 6
SHOW
NIGHTS

JULY
18

REPORTS
TO
PARENTS

JULY
22

YEAR 5
LEAVERS'
SERVICE
AND DISCO

JULY
23

END OF
TERM FOR
PUPILS
1:15PM



JOIN US FOR OUR
4th BIRTHDAY
PARTY
Sunday 25th May
Warm up: 8.50am
Slades junior parkrun

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- > Party warm-up before you start
 - > Music in the funnel
 - > Sweets and stickers at the finish line
 - > Extra fun marshal stations to enjoy
 - > Fancy dress – wear your favourite outfit! (optional)

The Dolphin Marching Band

Spring Spectacular
Poole Park

Bank holiday Weekend
Saturday - Monday

Bouncy Castles,
Kids Rides,
Tombolas and daily
arena displays!

OPENING TIMES
10AM - 5PM



--Family Event--



YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING: 6PM TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025

Scan QR Code
to book your place



FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING ST PETER'S IN YEAR 7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRY

The evening will outline the admissions process, inform you of the legal deadline for applications and explain the ranking system. There will also be a short site tour where you will be able to view some of our outstanding facilities. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Save the date for our full Open Evening on Thursday 18 September 2025



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk

St Peter's School, St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH

ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH

CREATIVE ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL

July – August 2025 | For young artists aged 7-15



Our one-week inclusive, supportive, and vibrant Creative Arts Summer School courses allow young artists to set their imaginations free and find their creative voices. Plus, they'll make friends and have fun along the way, too!

aub.ac.uk/cass | summercourses@aub.ac.uk | 01202 363222

Led by AUB's expert tutors, your young artists will learn in an encouraging environment where there's no right or wrong way to be creative. Each year we're thrilled to welcome both new and returning youngsters to study at AUB. Any returning artists can expect new and exciting projects to get stuck into!

ART EXPLORERS (7-9YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025 | 18–22 August 2025

This vibrant course encourages young artists to experiment and explore their creativity. They'll undertake a captivating series of activities designed to unleash their imagination and increase confidence. This course runs twice in the summer.

CREATIVE ARTISTS (10-12YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025 | 18–22 August 2025

This exciting course encourages young artists to be curious, playful, and unleash their creative voice. They'll conquer a variety of artistic mediums and learn a wealth of new skills that will untap their potential talent. This course runs twice in the summer.

CREATIVE VIDEO AND VFX – SUMMER FEATURE FILM (12-15YRS)

18–22 August 2025

This high-tech course is for budding video makers to learn the techniques used by filmmakers, show runners, video artists and YouTubers. They'll become junior directors, actors, and editors to produce incredible short films.

FINE ART FESTIVAL (12-15YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025

This action-packed course allows aspiring artists to immerse themselves in the world of fine art. Along the way they'll explore both traditional and contemporary ways of making, using a range of materials.

SPECIAL FX AND CHARACTER MAKE-UP (12-15YRS)

18–22 August 2025

This highly practical and creative course is perfect for creative make-up enthusiasts that want to explore and experiment with special effects make-up and imaginative styles for performance, film, television, and theatre.

FASHION DESIGN AND STYLING (12-15YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025

This exciting hands-on course provides aspiring designers with a fun, immersive, and engaging opportunity to set their imaginations free. It's ideal for aspiring fashion designers who wish to understand and practice fashion design, styling, and take real-life concepts through to creation.

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