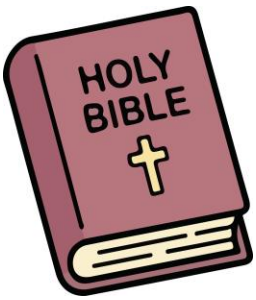
St. Peter's C.E. First School
The Square, Marchington, ST14 8LH
Fortnightly Newsletter: 23rd October 26



Our School Prayer

Dear Father God,
This is your day,
I am your child,
Show me your way.
Amen.



Help Us Spread the Word!

Do you know a family with a child who will be starting Preschool or Reception in the near future?

We would be delighted if you could help us share information about our upcoming Open Afternoon with friends, family members, neighbours, and colleagues who may be looking for a school place.

Our Open Evening (Weds 18th Nov) provides an opportunity for prospective parents and children to visit St Peter's, meet our staff, see our wonderful learning environment, and discover what makes our school community so special.

Personal recommendations from our families are one of the most valuable ways that new families learn about our school, so we are incredibly grateful for your support in helping us welcome the next generation of St Peter's pupils.

Thank you for helping us spread the word. We look forward to meeting new families and showcasing all that St Peter's has to offer.









Dates for your diary:



Date:	Event:
26th-30th October	HALF TERM
Wednesday 4th November	No recorder club
2nd-6th November	Poppy appeal – cash only (see poster at the back)
Friday 6th November	No celebration assembly
Friday 6th November	Glow Disco (see poster at the back)
Wednesday 11th November	Children going to Church for Remembrance Service (children only)
Friday 13th November	Children in Need (More information to follow)
Monday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week – PSHE Focus
Wednesday 18th November	Individual School Photos (families/siblings/ from 8:30am)
Wednesday 18th November	Reception Open Evening 3:30-4:30pm
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th November	Book Fair open to parents 3:25pm-4pm. NO CASH, payments through Scholastic website only
Tuesday 24th November	Parliament Week – School Council Speeches
Tuesday 24th November	Birch Class Royal Opera Session

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Dates for your diary:



Date:	Event:
Monday 25th November	Parliament Week – School Council Vote
Tuesday 26th November	Parliament Week - School Council Election Release
Friday 27th November	FOMS non uniform day (see poster at the back)
Friday 4th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 8th December	Morning Nativity
Wednesday 9th December	Afternoon Nativity
Thursday 10th December	Evening Nativity
Friday 11th December	Christmas Party Day! Wear a Christmas Jumper, enjoy a Christmas party lunch and a special FOMS treat! (see poster at the back)
Tuesday 15th December	Theatre Trip – The Borrowers More information to come soon
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day and a very special visitor – ho ho ho!
Wednesday 16th December	No recorders
Thursday 17th December	Christingle - 2:00pm

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Dates for your diary:



Date:	Event:
Friday 18th December	Christmas Service at Church – 2:00pm
21st December-1st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 4th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school
Thursday 21st January	Census Day – Special menu (letter to be sent)
Friday 5th February	Lunar New Year Diversity Day (letter to be sent closer to date)
15th-19th February	HALF TERM
Friday 19th March	Comic Relief – wear red
Friday 26th March	Good Friday (school closed)
29th March – 9th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 12th April	Children return to school

Please follow our Facebook page!
https://www.facebook.com/share/1QZk2DrJqZ/
We'd really appreciate you sharing our posts.
Let's get our school out there!

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NEW clubs next half term!

2nd Nov – 18 Dec



Wraparound After School Clubs	
Monday	Keep Fit & Yoga
Tuesday	Cooking & Crafts
Wednesday	Games & Sports
Thursday	Lego
Friday	Film/Free Play

Attendance

Our attendance is monitored by the Local Authority.

Every school day counts!

16th Oct	23rd Oct
Ash Cass: 95%	Ash Cass: 91.67%
Birch Class: 100%	Birch Class: 96.67%
Whole School: 98.18%	Whole School: 94.85%

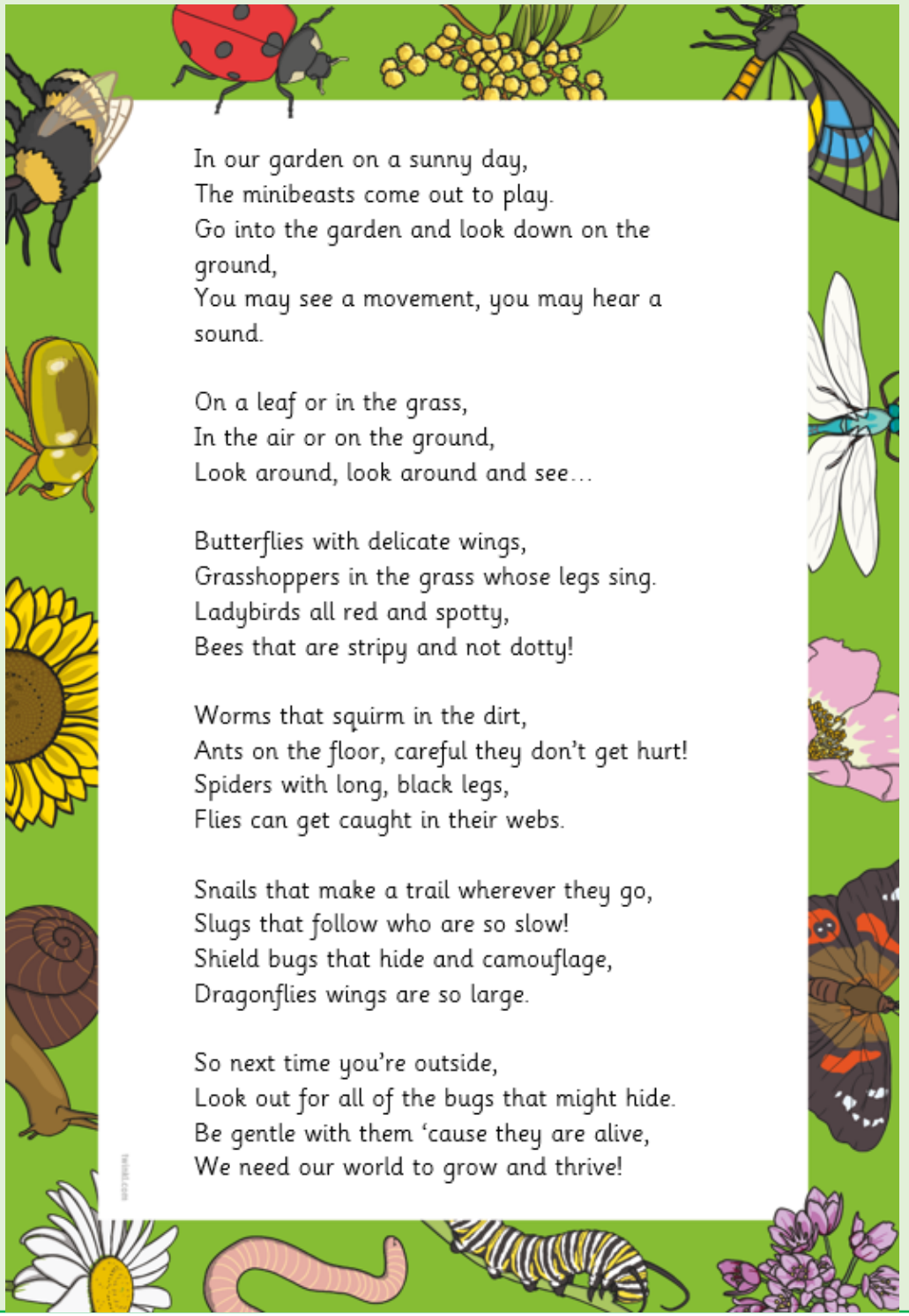
96% or above is the percentage we need to reach.



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Ash Class

We have had a great couple of weeks and been busy learning all about poetry. This week, we came up with our own class poem all about minibeasts. The children loved coming up with their own rhyming words and actions. You can read it below:



In our garden on a sunny day,
The minibeasts come out to play.
Go into the garden and look down on the ground,
You may see a movement, you may hear a sound.

On a leaf or in the grass,
In the air or on the ground,
Look around, look around and see…

Butterflies with delicate wings,
Grasshoppers in the grass whose legs sing.
Ladybirds all red and spotty,
Bees that are stripy and not dotty!

Worms that squirm in the dirt,
Ants on the floor, careful they don't get hurt!
Spiders with long, black legs,
Flies can get caught in their webs.

Snails that make a trail wherever they go,
Slugs that follow who are so slow!
Shield bugs that hide and camouflage,
Dragonflies wings are so large.

So next time you're outside,
Look out for all of the bugs that might hide.
Be gentle with them 'cause they are alive,
We need our world to grow and thrive!

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Birch Class



Birch Class had an amazing time on their visit to the National Tramway Museum. We rode an incredible vintage tram with an open-air upstairs deck, seats that always faced forwards, and a trolley that was moved at the end of the line.

Year 2 saw the entire timeline of trams from horsedrawn to electric, while Year 3 & 4 had a go at being Victorian school-children. Then a treat – a quick visit to the adventure playground.







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St Peter's CE First School

GLOW NIGHT

School Disco

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

3:25-4:30PM

Join us in after school club for an hour of music, friends, and memories!

£3.50 PER CHILD

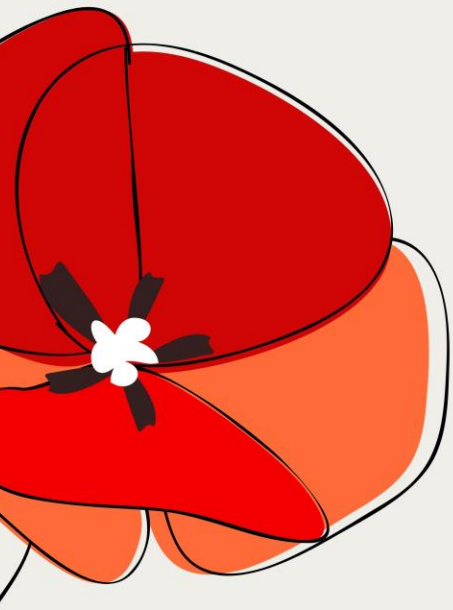
includes snack, drink and glow sticks!
(all allergies catered for)

Please book your child's place on Arbor by Wednesday 4th November.
All money raised will go towards school resources.
Children can bring their disco outfits to school to change in to.

Wednesday 11th November 2026

LEST WE FORGET

Suggested Donation
(cash only)





POPPY - 50P

PENCILS - 50P

POPPY REFLECTOR KEYCHAIN - £1

FABRIC ADJUSTABLE BRACELETS - £1

SLAPBANDS - £1.50

Available in school from 2nd - 6th November

Never forgotten.
Always remembered.
Let us give thanks.

Scholastic Book Fair Competition

TMPF TRUST
Thriving Minds. Positive Futures.

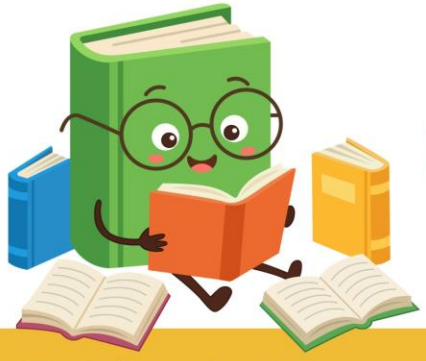
The Scholastic book fair is taking place between 23rd - 25th November. We are running a competition where your child could win a £5.00 voucher to spend at the book fair! If you would like your child to take part please see full details below:

Ash Class

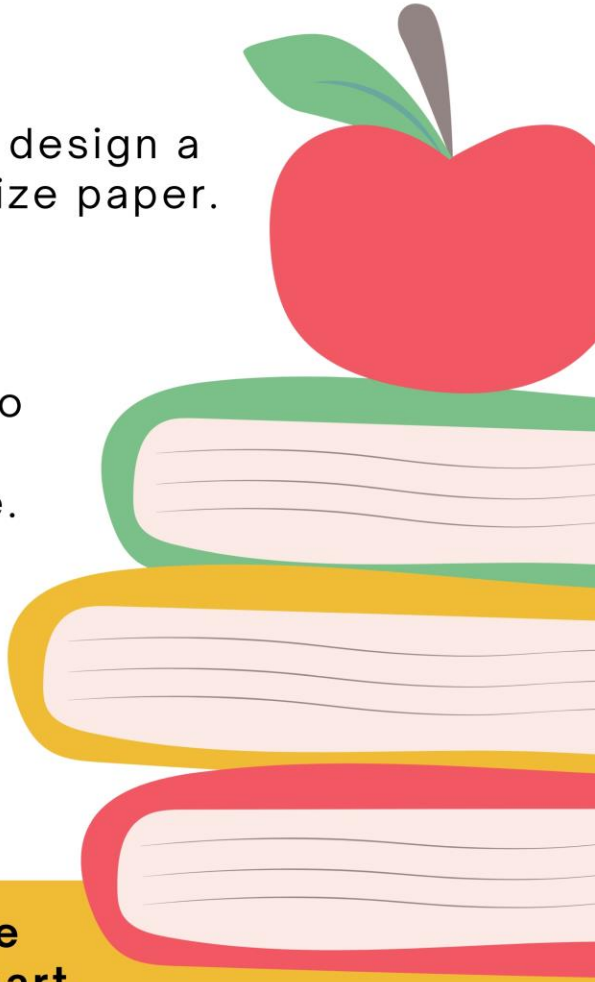
Ash class children are invited to design a book cover! No bigger than A4 size paper.

Birch Class

Birch class children are invited to write a review on their favourite book! No longer than an A4 Page.







Entries to be completed at home should your child wish to take part. Please submit your entry by 16/11/26. Winners will be chosen on 20/11/26.

FOMS

NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

RAINBOW RAFFLE

We would love donations!



Prizes to be drawn at Nativity Performances

Please help by donating items for the raffle!

Ash Class
please bring
ORANGE, RED & YELLOW

Birch Class
please bring
GREEN, BLUE & PURPLE

🎄 ✨ A CHRISTMAS TREAT ✨ 🎄

🎅 🎶 Get ready to jingle all the way! 🎶 🎅

As a special festive treat for the children this year, FOMS are delighted to have arranged for **Stoketastic Entertainment** to bring some Christmas magic to school with a fabulous **Christmas Mini Disco!** 🎄 🪩

🗓️ Friday 11th December

The children can look forward to an afternoon packed full of festive fun, Christmas games, dancing and plenty of Christmas cheer! 🎉 🎶

And that's not all… we'll even have a **special appearance from Buddy the Elf!** 🤦 🎁 Get ready for lots of giggles, magical memories and festive fun!

🎄 **For school children:** The disco will take place during normal school hours, so there's no need to book — just let the festive fun begin!

🎅 **For Preschool parents:** If your child doesn't normally attend on Fridays but would love to join in the fun, please contact the School to book them in or arrange a swap day as needed.

We can't wait to see the children dancing, laughing and getting into the Christmas spirit! ❤️ 🎄

A huge festive thank you to FOMS for making this magical treat possible! ✨

St Peter's First School

Christmas Disco

Featuring

SPECIAL ELF GUESTS

Arranged by

FOMS



Friday 11th December

1.30

in school hours

Games and Prizes

CINDERELLA

by Alex Jackson

A MADS Production

November 26th - 28th, 7pm
& November 28th, 2pm



Tickets on sale from Marchington Village Shop

from Saturday 17th October (MADS members)
from Sunday 18th October (General Public)

£12 non-members • **£10** MADS members* • **£8** under 12s

**Upon production of MADS membership card*

www.marchingtonmads.co.uk
marchingtonmads@gmail.com
07971115025

Script kindly presented in agreement with www.alexjacksonpantomimes.com

Rotary YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION 2026–27



Music is the international language. Great Britain and Ireland is home to some of the most talented young instrumentalists and vocalists in the world. Young people can share their gift of song or mastery of a musical instrument in Rotary's Young Musician competition. Our competition is open to all local young people **who are aged between 11 and 17 on 31st August 2026.**

AIMS

An opportunity for young people to showcase their musical talent and experience performing in front of a live audience.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Perform two pieces that contrast in genre and tempo (classical, jazz, folk, musicals, etc.), or two sections from a sonata or similar work.
- Your performance must last at least 8 minutes and no more than 13 minutes, giving the adjudicators time to assess different elements of your performance.
- You must provide your own accompanist or backing track.

ENTRY FORM

For Information Packs and Entry Forms Uttoxeter school students please ask your head of music or contact **kate.nash62@outlook.com**

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entry forms must be submitted by **5pm on Monday, 16 November 2026.**
Email: kate.nash62@outlook.com
Please ensure all contact details are correct. Entrants will be contacted by Kate before the competition with detailed information.

THE LOCAL HEAT

Organised by Uttoxeter Rotary
Wednesday, 2 December 2026 at 5pm
Thomas Alleynes High School

Rotary Uttoxeter

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Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2026 – 27





AIMS

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Experiment with digital or traditional methods of photography
- Show interpretation of their chosen topic through the medium of photography

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

The competition is open to ALL young people in our community. There are three age-groups:

- **Junior** – up to 10 years old*
- **Intermediate** – 11 to 13 years old*
- **Senior** – 14 to 17 years old*

**Age on 31 August 2026*

COMPETITION TASKS

- Each photograph should fit the competition theme ***"All Creatures Great and Small"***
- Entrants are asked to produce one photograph that they believe is their best work and this photograph should be submitted in digital format.
- **Each photograph MUST be accompanied with a brief sentence describing the relationship of the photograph to the theme.**
- A completed entry form is also needed.

Competition Launch date:
2nd November 2026

Competition Closing date:
5th March 2027

Uttoxeter Rotary will advise of the Presentation evening at the Town Hall (Summer 2027) to present photographs from this and other competitions for local young people.

Please submit your photograph and completed entry form to:
uttoxrotaryphotocomp@gmail.com