

# Thursday 20 November 2025 — Number 11 — Autumn Term



## PETERSFIELD PRESS

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### Headteacher Update

- Children in Need - Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need on non school uniform day last week.
- REActive Church - Year 1 and 2 had such a lovely time at REActive church when they attended for the first time on Friday. Previously, this has always been an opportunity for KS2. KS1 learnt all about welcoming everyone to the Church and the different features within our local church. They enjoyed learning about the lectern and speaking aloud from the top. They learnt about Jesus sharing bread and reenacted this at the altar. They also learnt about the font and baptisms. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed colouring their welcome crosses to show that the church is inclusive. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, Rev Felicity and Amanda for a wonderful learning experience.
- Rowan and Yew Class Assembly - Well done to Rowan and Yew class for such a well organised assembly where the pupils really clearly explained the knowledge and skills that they have already learnt this term. We enjoyed the demonstrations and seeing the work shared.
- EYFS 2026 - Thank you to everyone who joined us for the second school tour. It was a pleasure to show you round our school and answer all your questions about life at Petersfield.
- EYFS parent lunch - Thank you to the parents who joined us on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to share a lunch with our youngest children. The children really enjoyed sharing lunch with you and showing you all the rules and routines they have already learnt this term.
- Disco - thank you to the staff for organising and running the school disco as a fun fundraising event for FOPS. We really enjoyed seeing the children have so much fun.
- FOPS - thank you to everyone who came to last night's FOPS EGM. Thank you to the outgoing committee for their contribution to FOPS over the last year. Thank you

especially to the committee who have taken on FOPS this year. We very much look forward to working with you to raise funds for the school which make such a difference to Petersfield.

- Having just taken over as the new committee, FOPS have asked that if you have not already bought a gift for the FOPS non uniform day on the 28th, you donate £1 in cash on the 28th (rather than a gift).
- Last Monday, Rowan and Yew Class took part in a Christmas Workshop organised by Wimpole Hall and Kelly's Bakery. The children took part in hands-on sessions to create salt-dough gingerbread men decorations that will be put on the Christmas tree in Wimpole Hall. The children also decorated their own edible gingerbread men which they took home. The children said: "We enjoyed making the gingerbread men because we got to decorate them how we wanted and we are really proud that they will decorate the tree at Wimpole. We had a great time and it was really fun to do the activity".



## Collective Worship

This week, we reflect on some examples of where people are in need of compassion.

Thank you to Rowan and Yew class for leading their class assembly on Wednesday.

This week we will also be thinking about our partner school in Machemba and will write to them.

Next Wednesday, we will be holding our Christingle service in church. You are invited to join us at approximately 9:30am at St Andrew's Church. Children are invited to bring any coins they can to donate to the Children's Society.

## Staffing update

After several years of cheerfully greeting pupils and adults, administering first aid and lunches and dealing day to day with the many jobs that are expected of an office administrator, we wish Miss Whetlor the very best as she moves on to an exciting new opportunity. We are grateful that she will continue to work some additional hours in the coming weeks, to conclude some of the projects she is currently working on, but Miss Whetlor will no-longer be in school each day from next week.

Whilst we advertise for a new office and finance administrator, please be aware that response times may be affected. Please do speak to a member of staff at the gate, leave a phone message, or send an email should you need to contact school and we will respond as soon as possible.

## Book Fair - Thursday 20th - Tuesday 25th November

Our Book Fair starts today, Thursday 20th November. It will run from 3.25-3.45 each day until Tuesday 25th November. Entry is through the front door of school. Please remember to bring your bank card with you to pay online as, due to the lack of mobile signal in the school building, phone payments (for example through Apple pay) often do not work. Please note, we cannot accept cash and there is no card reader.



## EYFS and KS1 Performance Tickets

Our pupils and staff are really looking forward to sharing the EYFS and KS1 Performance with you this year.

This year, our performances will be on Tuesday 9th December at 1:30pm and Wednesday 10th December at 10am.

Please note, this is different to the EYFS Nativity (narrated by year 6) which occurs on the last day of term in church.

EYFS and KS1 parents should complete the form that can be accessed here [EYFS and KS1 Performances - 9th December 1:30pm and 10th December 10am – Fill in form](#) to book tickets.

The deadline for booking tickets is 9am on the 28th November.

## Grafham Water Residential Visit - year 5 & 6

A reminder that the payment and permission forms are due today and should be paid on MCAS and returned to school (paper form) by tomorrow at the latest.

## Christmas Dinner

We ask that you complete this form [Christmas Dinner - 19th December 2025 – Fill in form](#) for all pupils to confirm if you are booking a Christmas Dinner for your child or if you will be providing a packed lunch on the last day of term.

The meal choice is either turkey or Quorn fillet with all the trimmings and a chocolate rice crispy cake.

All bookings need to be made by 23rd November as the cook needs to order in the food.

Please note, we will not be able to provide any meals that are not booked and paid for in advance.

## Enter our Christmas Bauble Competition!

All pupils are invited to enter our Christmas Bauble Competition.

Entries cost £1 which should be brought to school with your bauble.

Baubles can come in any form, as long as they are safe to hang on the Christmas tree in school.

Baubles should be brought to school on the Thursday 27th or Friday 28th November. Please do not bring them into school any earlier as the Christmas tree will not be ready!

A prize will be awarded to the 2 baubles judged as the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 winner.

We look forward to the baubles decorating our Christmas tree in December. At the end of term, these will be returned to pupils to bring home for their own Christmas tree so please do ensure each creation is named discretely but clearly.

## Diary Dates

### November

20th - 25th Book Fair

26th Christingle at church – 9:30am

27th or 28th FOPS Christmas Bauble- please bring your baubles in on either Thursday 27th or Friday 28th November.

28th FOPS Dress Down day for a donation (please donate £1 - however if you have already bought a small hamper gift as previously advertised, this is still welcome)

### December

3rd Governor Meeting – FGB

5th Rocksteady Concert - tbc

9th EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 1:30pm

10th EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 10am

12th National Santa Dash – Christmas jumpers can be worn (optional)

15-17th Yew and Rowan residential visit

19th EYFS Nativity (with year 6 readers) at church – 9:30am

19th School Christmas dinner 12pm-1pm (Children can wear a Christmas jumper)

19th 3:15pm School Closed for Christmas Holidays

## Community News

**Orwell Methodist Church**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree**  
**Festival**  
**Saturday 13th December 2025**  
12:30pm until 5pm  
With cake and gift stall  
Soup and roll at lunch, tea and coffee available all day  
**Sunday 14th December 2025**  
3pm until 5:30pm  
Christmas carols and songs will be played from 4pm  
**Quiet Time 15<sup>th</sup> December 3pm-5pm**



*Please come and celebrate 25yrs of Festivals*

## Read all about it!

Thanks to our local authors Richard and Ute Maria, this term, we are again adding a chapter a week to our website as we continue the next exciting instalment of their story. You can find the next chapter on our [Reading is Fun](#) page

## YOUnted

YOUnted offers support to children and young people aged 5 to 17 with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.



1 - <https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/younited/>

## Communication

### The Office Opening Hours are:

- 8:30am - 8:45am
- 8:55am - 11am
- 1:30pm - 3:15pm

**When the school office is closed**, a phone message or email can be used for communication.

**Staff are always available at the school gate**, before and after school, should you need to pass on a quick message.

**Puffins staff** are available to speak to when children are dropped off to or collected from Puffins. Puffins staff may also answer the phone and respond to emails during Puffins opening hours, if this is possible.

**Code of Communication:** We are really proud of our staff team who are dedicated professionals and experienced in seeing the bigger picture and meeting the needs of all children. Our staff work so hard to make school the best it can be for your child. As nothing in life is ever perfect, if you have a concern or a mistake is made, please do speak to the member of staff to enable us to address the matter – making mistakes is a central part of the learning process whatever age we are. Please do take a moment to read our Code of Communication, which has been updated, as all members of our school community, including staff in their workplace and other parents, are entitled to be treated with respect and courtesy at all times.

## Love - Trust – Peace – Friendship – Creativity

