

# Thursday 4th December 2025 — Number 13 — Autumn Term



## PETERSFIELD PRESS

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### Headteacher Update

- Thank you to everyone who donated to FOPS on our dress down day.
- Wow! The bauble competition entries are fabulous! Thank you to everyone that has taken part. After judging, these will decorate our tree to the end of term when they will come home with you.
- Thank you to the local Allsorts group who joined us at the start of Advent. We enjoyed sharing carols and Christmas songs together, listening to our amazing choir and hearing some of our pupils play winter songs on different instruments. What a lovely way to start December!
- Thank you to our EDRA (Ely Diocese Regional Advisor) and Governors who spoke to children about the history, geography and music curriculum in school.
- Thank you to everyone in KS2 who represented Petersfield at the Cross Country run this week.
- Thank you so much for the kind donations of the comics for the pupils to enjoy reading.

### Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we start to sing Christmas songs as we introduce our Advent crown and welcome the local Allsorts group to sing with us. We reflect on the compassion Miriam showed for Moses in the Bible. We have been inviting everyone to think about the difference they can make to the world. We look forward to our Rocksteady concert tomorrow.

### Rocksteady

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Rocksteady concert at 2:30pm this Friday.

Please arrive at the main entrance for a prompt 2:30pm start.

Please see the information below for adults attending school events, taken from our Parent Information Pack.

#### WHAT ARE THE RULES VISITORS MUST FOLLOW WHEN ATTENDING ANY EVENT ON THE SCHOOL SITE?

We look to welcoming parents/carers to events in school. Your attendance is often a highlight for pupils and staff. When attending the school site at any time please remember:

- We will aim to run to time but the needs of our pupils come first so please ensure you arrive promptly for the start time but be prepared to wait for the pupils to all be ready.
- The school safeguarding policies apply at all times so you will be admitted for the event only. Therefore, please come prepared to wait outside for admission, whatever the weather, and be aware you may need to queue for busy events.
- Please do not wait in the entrance area – this is a fire exit and should be kept clear during events.
- If you are attending the school site, please do so to engage fully with the event you are joining us for.
- In line with our mobile phone policy, mobile phones should not be used at any time on the school site without the permission of school staff. If you would like to use your phone, please leave the school site and return when you have finished using your phone. The exception to this is when you are given permission to film your own child, only in line with our E-Safety policy.
- Ensure your devices are off or on silent so events are not disturbed.
- When on the school site, staff instructions must be followed at all times.
- The school equipment and furniture is out of bounds at all times for everybody, especially young children unless an adult invited you to use or access school equipment. This includes the Trim Trail and tyres.
- Our EYFS area is an outdoor classroom for our youngest pupils. Siblings and pupils not under staff instruction should not access this outdoor classroom at any time.
- Where younger children are permitted to attend an event, they do so on the condition that they do not detract from the event for the pupils and other visitors as these events are very special to our pupils. If young children are disturbing the event, please step outside to enable the event to continue uninterrupted. Please note, school has some preschool toys and books for emergencies.

- Please see our Visitor Behaviour Policy and Code of Communication for more information.

## Grafham Water Residential Visit - year 5 & 6

A reminder that the payment and permission forms are overdue. Please return the paper forms to school tomorrow and make the final payment on MCAS. Many thanks.

## Santa Dash - 12th December 2025

Schools across the country are coming together on **Friday 12th December 2025** to deliver a Christmas Santa Dash.

It really is all about having a bit of fun while being active.

We are inviting children to bring in Christmas jumpers and hats to take part in the Petersfield Santa Dash where children will be running round the running track.

As you may have seen, the funding for the partnership between Arthur Rank Hospice and Addenbrookes Hospital has been cut by

£829,000 annually, which will result in the closure of nine inpatient unit beds at the hospice and reduce care capacity.

If you would like to raise sponsorship for your child running on this day, donations can be made directly to [Arthur Rank](#) by clicking [here](#).

Need a Christmas jumper? Check out the FOPS Jumper Swap Shop information below!

## Christmas Dinner

Thank you to everyone who completed the form for to order Christmas Dinner on the last day of term. Booking is now closed as the cook has already ordered food ready for the last day of term. If you did not book a meal, please ensure your child has a packed lunch on the last day of term.

## Diary Dates

### December

3rd	Governor Meeting – FGB
5th	Rocksteady Concert - 2:30pm

9th	EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 1:30pm
10th	EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 10.00am
<b>10th</b>	<b>FOPS Swop Shop Jumper Sale 3:15pm on the patio (new date)</b>
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

### **January**

5th	INSET - school closed to pupils for staff training
6th	First day of the spring term
7th	Headteachers Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy 2:45pm
15th	Census - we ask that all children in Ash and Elm have a school lunch as this increases our school funding for the year
21st	Governor Meeting – Standards
27th	Governor Meeting – Foundation

### [FOPS jumper Swop Shop](#)

Wednesday 10th December 3:15pm.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER  
3:15 PATIO AREA

# Christmas Jumper Swap shop!



TOO SMALL?

WANT A CHANGE?



Donate a jumper! Take a jumper!



#### HOW IT WORKS:

Put jumpers in the blue bin inside the school gate before 10 December, or bring along on the day. Donate, swap or take what you want. There will be a bucket for cash donations. You do not need to donate a jumper or cash to get a jumper but you can if you want to.



## 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*

# Santa's Grotto



at

Orwell Pannier Market

Orwell Village Hall, Back Room

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am - 12 noon**

A wonderful festive family occasion

- Meet Father Christmas (and receive a present!)
- Gifts
- Activities and more

All in aid of a good,  
local cause

**£5** (per child)

Mother Goose



Pre-School



## XMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"  
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

**STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL**

**MON 22 DEC & TUE 30 DEC**  
**CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & FIRELIGHTING SKILLS**  
Gather around the campfire for some winter treats! The kids will be cooking pancakes, brewing hot chocolate and pine needle tea & toasting s'mores over the campfire, while being introduced to bushcraft firelighting - even having a go at creating their own small fires!

**TUE 23 DEC & WED 31 DEC**  
**CHRISTMAS NERF GAMES**  
'Tis the season of giving, so let 'em have it!! There's a sneaky imposter dressed as Santa & he's trying to spoil everyone's Christmas! Time to load up & save our stockings. Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging - playing a range of seasonal team Nerf games [due to the more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended]. PLUS Snowball making and hot chocolate & campfire treats to keep us warm and energised!

**MON 29 DEC & MON 5 JAN (INSET DAY)**  
**BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT**  
Step into the overworld... we've turned Minecraft into a reality! Work in a team & creatively problem-solve to build dens, earn reward pixels for completing challenges, play the Creeper Game & use our Crafting Table to build things from hidden resources! PLUS Hot chocolate & campfire treats to keep us warm and energised!

Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)

[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

## YOUUnited

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



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

## 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

	<p><b>Petersfield Church of England Aided Primary School</b></p> <p>God teaches us we are all equal, valued and unique</p> <p>We are a small rural school with deeply held Christian values which motivate and inspire us to provide a rich and diverse education</p> <p>"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10</p>	
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