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Team TPS Weekly

Friday 4 September 2026

Welcome from Mr Marande

Headteacher



Welcome to a new school year!

We are delighted this week to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families. They have made a great start and are beginning to learn their way around our school site.

We were very proud to give the Class of 2026 their GCSE results a few weeks ago. Their hard work and dedication paid off, with nearly 85% achieving a grade 4/C or above in English and Maths and over a third of all the grades awarded at TPS being at the 7 to 9 (A*/A) level. We wish them the very best for the future as they start at Sixth Form or college this week.

Finally, the finishing touches are being made to our new astro turf pitch and it is scheduled to reopen next week. It is a significant upgrade, with a new shock pad installed for the ability to train and play contact sports. We look forward to our students getting on there in their PE lessons shortly.

Mr Marande

Headteacher

Congratulations Class of 2026

Another Year of Outstanding Results!



TPS students have once again made outstanding progress, with close to 85% achieving a grade 4 (grade C) or above in both English and Maths! Additionally, over a third of all the grades awarded to students at TPS were at the top grade 7 to 9 level. The 2026 cohort have achieved excellent results, whilst demonstrating great resilience, commitment and determination during their time at TPS.

Two students achieved a remarkable ‘perfect 10’ of TEN grade 9 examination results! Huge congratulations to both Charlotte, who plans to study Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry at our joint Bohunt Sixth Form and Ivor, who also plans to continue his studies at Bohunt Sixth Form. Charlotte said “I’m really happy with my results and have enjoyed studying Maths and Science at TPS, which I am now going on to study at Sixth Form”. Ivor said “I'm really, really happy with my results and a huge thanks to my teachers at TPS”.



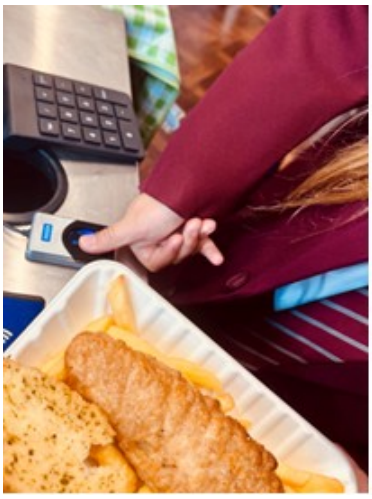


Communications & Reminders



We look forward to welcoming everyone to TPS.

There is no need to book.



Biometric (Fingerprint) Recognition Opt-In

We are very excited to announce an updated till system at TPS for all of our catering outlets - students can now use their fingerprints instead of relying on a card which will both speed up the queues and avoid the reliance on having a lunch card.

If you are a parent of a Year 7 student and you have already signed the opt-in form then there is nothing further for you to complete. However, if you are the parent of a Year 8, 9, 10 or 11 student and you give consent for your child to use fingerprint scanning please complete this very short Google form (if you do not give consent then there is no further action required):

https://forms.gle/nA8s2u2Vf2Z7Et4M8

Hopefully the following answers any questions you have but if you have any additional queries please do contact us.

Why are you using biometric recognition?

Biometric recognition converts physical characteristics into a unique digital signature that can be used to quickly and securely locate your child's cashless catering account. This helps speed up service and eliminates the requirement to remember and locate a card.

How does it work?

When the child places their finger on the scanner, the software reads key features (unique patterns on a fingerprint) and compares this against the database of registered users. When it finds a match it automatically opens their cashless catering account allowing the operator to complete the sale of their school meals.

Can these biometrics registrations be used by any other agency?

No, the software turns your child's physical characteristics into an encrypted (using AES 256) string of characters known as a template (no fingerprint image is ever stored). Even if someone were to be able to gain access to the data and break the encryption, this template does not contain enough information to reverse engineer into a usable fingerprint.

What happens when my child leaves the School?

When a student leaves school all data can be deleted very easily.

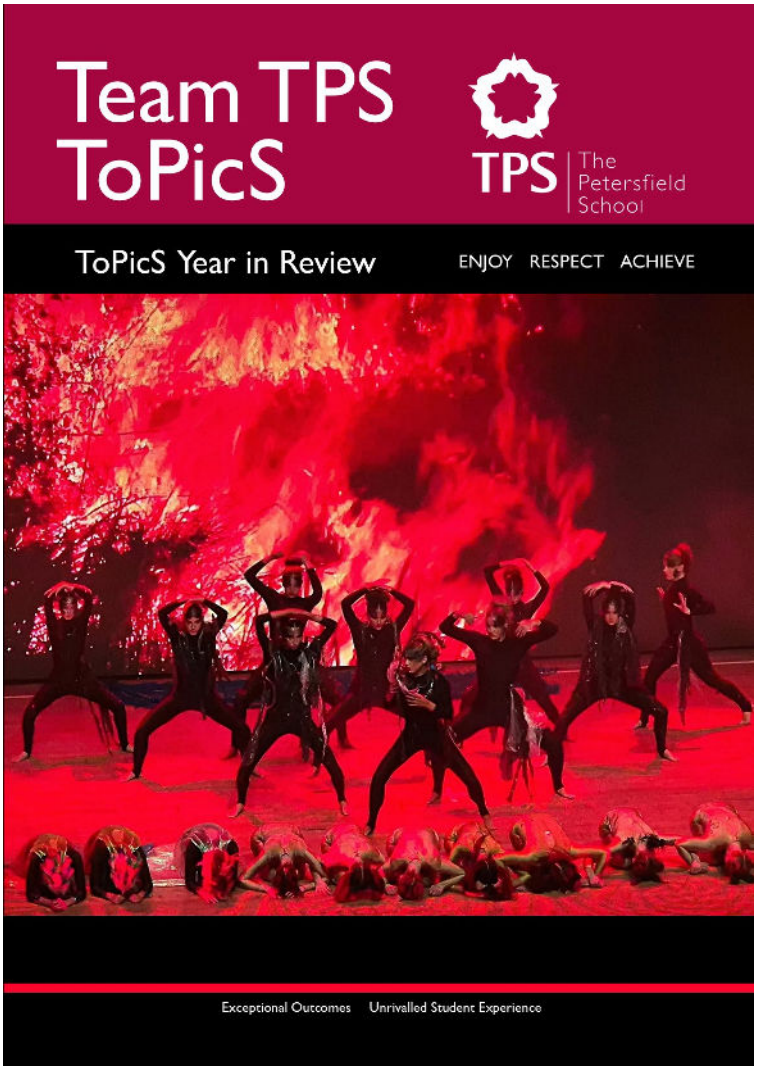
I don't wish to give permission for my child to participate with biometric recognition, can my child still purchase school meals?

Yes, lunch cards will still be available.

What if I change my mind?

If you initially opt-in for your child to use biometric recognition but later change your mind, contact us and we will remove the permission from the system which will automatically remove any biometric data associated with your child.

Team TPS ToPicS Magazine



To view the latest edition of Team TPS ToPicS Magazine 2025/26 "Year in Review" please click on the link below:

ToPicS-magazine 2025-26





For our first TPS Talks news story of the new academic year, we have been discussing the purpose of robots – whether they should be created and what should we use them for. This follows the story of the recent World Humanoid Robot Games in China where a robot called 'Lightning' smashed the 100m sprint record previously achieved by Usain Bolt 17 years ago. Some people say it is the dawn of a new era, but others argue that normal everyday tasks are much harder for robots to master.

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A guide to TPS Talks for new Year 7 parents:

Each week we read and debate a current news story so that students are more informed about the issues shaping our society. This is about more than just reading the news: it's about giving our students the opportunity to become more knowledgeable and articulate citizens. We share our TPS Talks news story via TPS Weekly to allow everyone to carry on the conversation at home and around the dinner table. Together we're preparing our students not just to pass exams but to lead, question and contribute to the world around them.



Volunteer application form

Team TPS Fundraiser for The Rosemary Foundation



Dear Team TPS

Earlier this year we experienced the devastating loss of our friend and colleague Mr Newton to cancer. He provided countless opportunities and experiences for young people at the school and he will be much missed by all who knew him.

Whilst he was poorly, Mr Newton received extensive care from the Petersfield-based charity The Rosemary Foundation, enabling him to stay at home with his family.

The Rosemary Foundation

In light of this, we wanted to raise money for this amazing charity to support the vital palliative care they provide to people in and around Petersfield. Therefore we are going to undertake a year of fundraising, with the goal of raising at least £5000 for this fantastic charity.

To kick this off, Mr Ley cycled to the top of the Col De Madeleine in the Alps during the summer holidays, taking with him a picture of Mr Newton. This was left at the top, overlooking Mont Blanc. As Mr Newton loved the mountains, this was felt to be a fitting tribute. Mr Ley also carried Mr Newton's photo to the top of five other mountains whilst he was cycling in the Alps.

Over the year TPS will undertake a number of fundraising activities so please do donate if you can:
The Petersfield School Fundraiser for The Rosemary Foundation

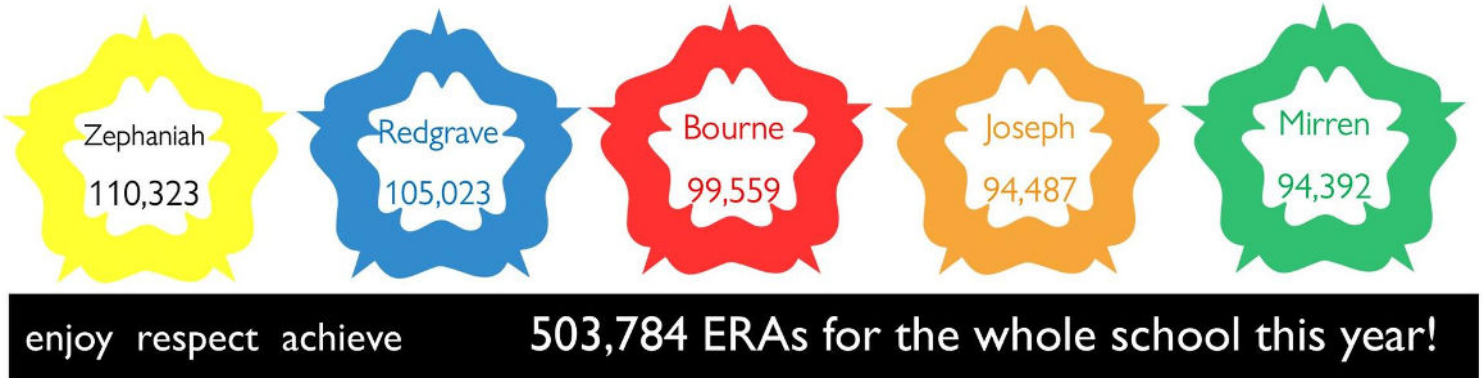
Thank you for your support





Congratulations Zephaniah ERA Champions 2025-2026!

Who will be this year's winners?



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Year 7



Welcome to the Team TPS Weekly

TPS will communicate directly with parents via School Comms and the weekly newsletter, the Team TPS Weekly, which is published every Friday. Previous editions of which can be found on the website. Students achievements and news are also regularly celebrated on our social media platforms, Facebook, Instagram and our own school website.



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Year 8



Welcome back to all of our Year 8 students and a very warm welcome to the school to those new students. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and have enjoyed spending time together.

It has been fantastic to see the students return with such positivity and enthusiasm. Year 8 is an exciting year, offering new opportunities, challenges and experiences, and we are looking forward to supporting every student as they continue to grow in confidence, resilience, independence and success.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are excited for the year ahead and all that our Year 8 students will achieve.

Mr Lown and Mrs Sutton, Year 8 Progress Team

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Year 10



Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are excited for our group to start their penultimate year.

This year, we are going to continue focusing on our three words: autonomy, accountability, and discipline. These values run alongside our 'Enjoy, Respect, and Achieve' values and will ensure that each student is equipped to tackle the challenges that this year brings.

This year will challenge our year group - but this challenge will help them grow. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students engage with the unrivalled experience - although this year will ramp up in difficulty, I am convinced that each year 10 student will rise to the gauntlet!

Mr Jennings and Mrs Taylor, Year 10 Progress Team



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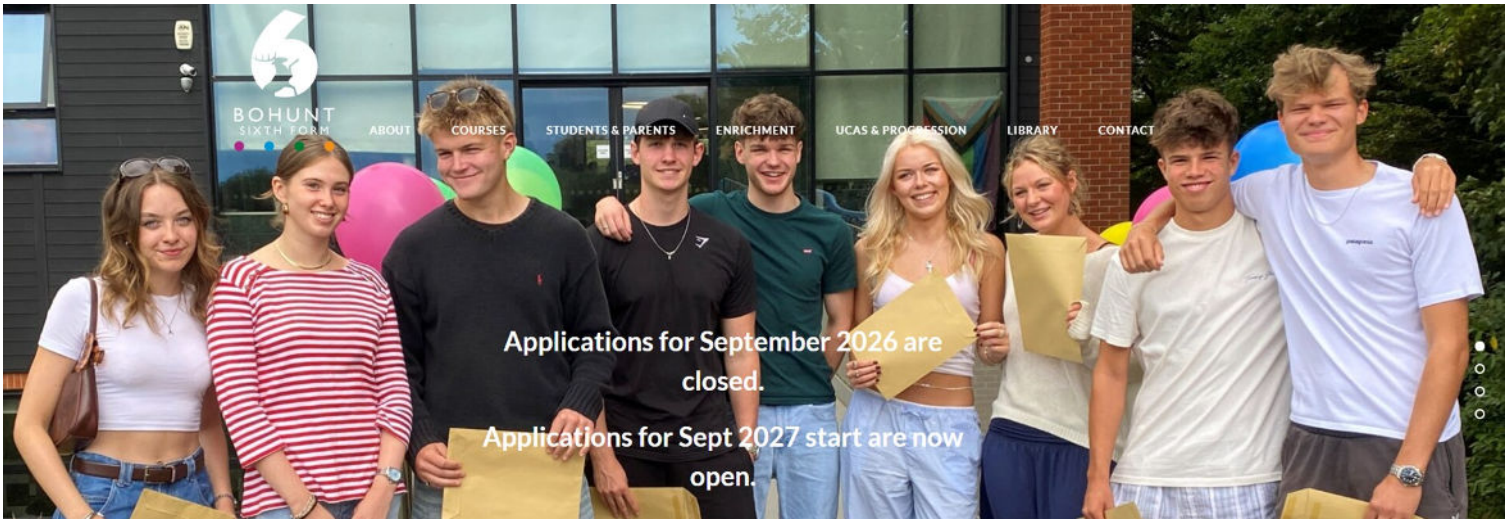
Exam Dates 2027



Exam dates for the 2027 examination series have been released and an overview of the timetable is available on the school website by clicking the following link:

https://www.petersfieldschool.com/about/results-and-exam-information/

College Open Events 2026-27



For a list of College Open Events 2026-27, please click on the link below:

2026/07/College-Open-Events.pdf

Some colleges require you to pre-book your space on the open event, so please do check on their websites first.

Careers



TPS Careers Hub– Our platform for advice and support on all things Careers and Post-16 information, plus links to exciting and inspiring opportunities. This will be updated weekly so keep checking for information to support your child in making their Post-16 plans!

CareersHub.com/careers-the-petersfield-school-

TPS - Spotlight

Well Done Joe!

TPS alumni Joe Truman won silver for Team England in the Men's Team Sprint at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term	12pm Early finish for Open Morning Prep	Friday 18 September 2026
	Open Morning	Saturday 19 September 2026
	INSET Day	Friday 25 September 2026
	Last day of Half Term	Friday 23 October 2026
	Half Term Break	26 October-03 November 2026
	INSET Day	Wednesday 25 November 2026
	Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 18 December 2026 12pm Finish

https://www.petersfieldschool.com/parents/term-dates/

Attendance



E-Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which so enthrals young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK ... and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.

1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM

Algorithms rank content by user interest: someone who regularly interacts with sports news, say, will see the latest results at the top of their feed. Likewise, if a user browses content that can cause harm, that's what will be recommended to them in future. Someone who's had a bad day and looks for posts which reflect their mood will find similar content being suggested to them more and more.

2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS

Avoiding the default feeds on social media platforms limits the amount of recommended content that's shown. Users can opt to only scroll through the accounts they follow, use restricted modes, or highlight posts that they don't want to see more of. Explore the platform safety settings to see how you can take control of what your child's phone shows them when they open the app.

3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN

Chatting about what your child's seen online keeps you aware of the content they're interacting with. Don't assume that platforms are screening out inappropriate material, or even that your child would recognise content as being harmful. Discuss who they follow, what posts they like and what comes up in their feeds: if alarm bells ring, it could be time for a more in-depth talk or to seek support.

4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT

If your child stumbles across unsuitable content on social media, there's the option to hide that post as well as indicating you'd prefer any similar material not to be suggested in future. On some platforms, you might also be able to block posts that contain specific words, which is an excellent way to start taking control of what your child sees online.

5. SET DAILY LIMITS

Phones and most apps can tell you how much they're being used. Spending too long online can mean a child misses out on other activities that are important to all-round wellbeing. You could set some family rules – for everyone to follow – around device use, such as screen time limits and tech-free spaces: involving your child in creating this agreement makes them more likely to stick to it.

6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY

Keeping a discreet eye on how your child is using social media can help ensure they're not entering potentially dangerous situations. As they grow up, of course, children need space to exercise their independence – but you can still occasionally ask to see what they're looking at. Be transparent about your own social media use and try not to sound judgemental about your child's.

7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Even for adults, it's tempting to check an email or message as soon as the alert sound pings. Push notifications encourage people to open their apps and spend time on their device, so turning them off will help your child to practise mindful use of tech. Most of us have other things that we need to focus on as a priority – and those notifications will still be there later, when we have more time.

8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER

Giving children internet-enabled devices and complete freedom to explore platforms on their own can result in exposure to hugely damaging content. You could consider making a particular area at home a designated space to use phones, tablets and so on – making it much easier to monitor what content your child is viewing and (if necessary) steer them away from any potentially harmful paths.

9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mental health professionals often highlight the importance of exercise, quality time with loved ones, a balanced diet and restful sleep for our mental wellbeing. Spending hours on social media can cause us to sacrifice other activities that our brains need to feel well – so encouraging your child to put down their phone and enjoy something that doesn't involve a screen can be immensely beneficial.

10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE

Most platforms default children's accounts to private, so only people they've accepted as friends can see their posts. This reduces the risk of bullying or unkind comments, but – just like offline life – the digital world can still make children feel as if they need to act or look a certain way to fit in. Talk to your child about peer pressure, and listen to any concerns so you can provide the support they need.

Meet Our Expert



Shazia Sarwar-Azim is executive headteacher at a specialist primary school and, as an emotional therapy coach, works with school leaders to focus on the SEND, mental health and wellbeing agenda. A passionate advocate for vulnerable learners, Shazia is a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and the author of The Rainbow Within, a book which supports children with SEMH needs.

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Sources: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-65204605
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Hot Food Menu

TPS

MAINS

FROM £2.80

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TEX-MEX	TASTE OF MOROCCO	TRADITIONAL	KOREAN	FISH & CHIP SHOP
Creamy Cajun Chicken Black Beans & Roasted Peppers	Merguez Lamb Smothered Pitta with Spicy Yoghurt	Butchers Sausages with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Crispy Korean Chicken Burger	Battered Fish Fillet **OR** Baked Sausage Roll
Cheesy Bean & Pepper Quesadilla	Harissa Feta & Squash Borek with Black Onion Seeds	Grilled Veggie Sausages with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Crispy Korean Sweet Potato Burger	Crispy Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney
Steamed White & Wholegrain Rice Roasted Corn Tortilla Chips	Grilled Vegetable Couscous Sumac Red Onion & Tomato Salad Chilli Dusted Fries	Creamy Mashed Potatoes Roasted Broccoli Yorkshire Pudding	Nori Seasoned Potato Wedges Asian Slaw Sriracha Corn on the Cob	Chips Peas Baked Beans Curry Sauce



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HOT DELI/GLOBAL EATS

FROM £2.85

- Kung Pao Vegetable Noodles
- Chilli Loaded Fries with Cheddar & Crispy Onions
- Chicken Sag Aloo
- Jamaican Jerk Pork with Rice & Beans

DESSERTS

FROM £1.55

- Belgian Waffles with Berry Sauce
- Key Lime Glazed Cake
- Autumn Pear & Berry Crumble with Custard
- Biscoff Frosted Carrot Cake
- Chocolate and Cherry Loaf Cake

W/C: 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26, 16/11/26, 07/12/26

ALLERGEN INFORMATION If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please ask the Allergen Guru or Chef Manager about the ingredients in your meal.



PASTA/JACKETS STATION AND SALAD BAR AVAILABLE EVERYDAY!



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And Finally...



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THE PETERSFIELD SCHOOL An Outstanding Academy

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We have recently uncovered a Team TPS archive of old photos and press cuttings. Over the next few months we would like to share some of these wonderful memories with you .

This week: GCSE Results Day 2002



Useful Links

WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.

MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.



As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when **25°C or above.**

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME
Including bath time safety and garden hazards.

STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS
Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.

PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE
Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".

AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE
For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY
Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference

- Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- Choose safe places to swim.
- Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit:
www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other

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