# Team TPS Weekly

TPS | The Petersfield School

## Friday 20 November 2026

## Introduced by

## Mr Keer, Deputy Head of Maths and ITT Coordinator




**I am Mr Keer, Deputy Head of Maths and the ITT Coordinator here at TPS.**

I have been teaching maths for 11 years, and throughout that time I have developed a real passion for helping students achieve the very best outcomes they can. Seeing students grow in confidence, overcome challenges, and realise what they're capable of is genuinely one of the most rewarding parts of this profession. I also take great pride in supporting trainee teachers, helping them develop the skills, resilience and ambition they need to make a positive impact in

the classroom. Teaching is a career that gives back every single day, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of it.

As you may be aware, the education sector is currently facing a national recruitment challenge. With that in mind, I've put together a **"Getting Into Teaching" Experience Morning** here at TPS on **Tuesday 24 November 9am-12pm**.

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The event is open to anyone who might be considering teaching, or even just curious about what the job is really like. Visitors will have the chance to speak with teachers, observe lessons, and learn about the different routes into the profession.




**Please scan the QR code or click on the link below to book your place**

[Getting into Teaching]

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## Communications & Reminders

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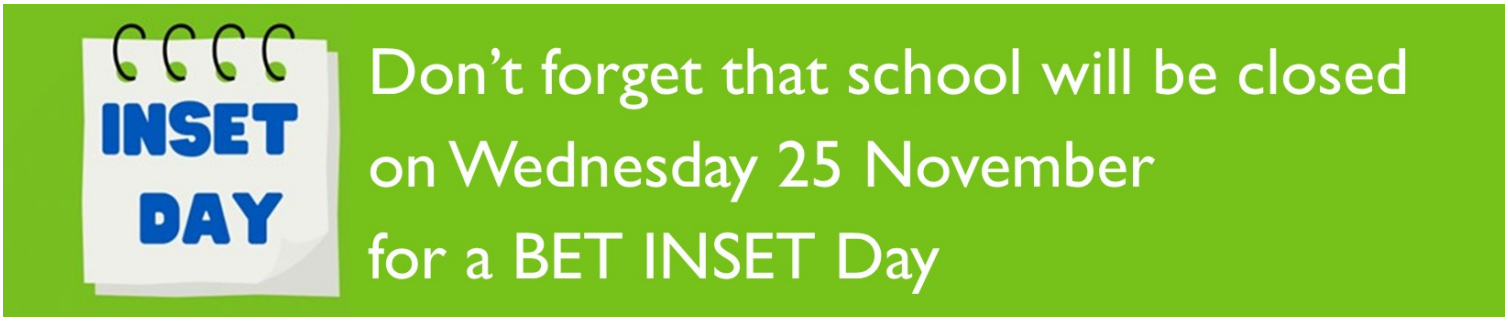


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# Christmas Lunch Tuesday 15 December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Lunch on **Tuesday 15th December**.

The cost of the lunch will be **£3.99 per student** and must be **pre-paid**. Students wishing to take part should pay for their Christmas Lunch using their usual school catering account (lunch card/fingerprint system) during the week commencing **Monday 30th November**. Please ensure that sufficient funds are available on your child's account during that week if they would like to enjoy the Christmas Lunch.

Please note that:

**No alternative lunch option will be available on Tuesday 15th December.**

Students who are entitled to **Free School Meals** will, of course, be able to receive the Christmas Lunch as part of their entitlement.

To allow all students to purchase their Christmas Lunch, the daily spending limit on catering accounts will be temporarily increased from **£7.00 to £11.00** during the week commencing **Monday 30th November**.

We look forward to celebrating the festive season together and hope as many students as possible will join us for this special lunch.




**Meat Option**
Roast Chicken with Gravy
Stuffing
Pigs in Blankets
Roasted Potatoes
Carrots and Sprouts
**Dessert**
Christmas Biscuit

**Vegan Option**
Squash and Vegetable Wellington
Cranberry Sauce
Stuffing
Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Sprouts
**Dessert**
Vegan Christmas Biscuit

# Tuesday 15 December

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

# £3.99




[Team TPS Movember]

**Year 11 student Jude R is also raising money for Movember by running 5K a day. If you would like to support him please follow the link**

**movember.com**

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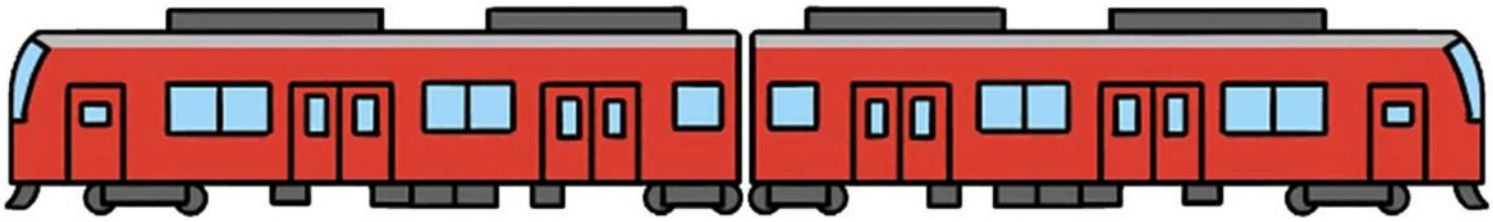
## Spring Term Rail Season Tickets



**Spring term rail season tickets for the period from 5th January to 25th March 2027 are now available on ParentPay to students who have purchased one previously.**

The deadline for payments on ParentPay is the 6th December 2026. You will need to enter your child's date of birth and the number of their valid rail photo ID card to proceed with the order.

If you have not ordered a rail season ticket from school before and you would like to order a rail season ticket then please email fcooper@petersfieldschool.com before the 2nd December with your child's name, year group and the station that they will be travelling from and we will make the option available to you.

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# IGNITE: Befriending China

Monday 23rd November 2026,
3:20pm – 4.20pm in the Main Hall

Discover the remarkable story of friendship between China and the UK during the Second World War.

Learn how volunteers from the Friends Ambulance Unit travelled to China to provide vital medical aid and supplies under incredibly difficult conditions.



The image is of the 24 Bends in Guizhou province, which could take up to a full day to travel.

Sign up QR code

You will also find out more about an essay competition sponsored by the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding and Peking University that has several generous prizes.

Ignite Live!

TPS The Petersfield School

**Please note, this talk is open to all students and all year groups**

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Elite Journey

# Host Families Wanted for UK-China Cultural Exchange Programme!

**Elite Journey is delighted to be returning to The Petersfield School (TPS) this winter as part of our ongoing UK-China Cultural Exchange Programme.**

As part of the exchange, we are once again looking for host families within the TPS community to welcome these students into their homes and provide them a warm and supportive environment during their stay.

**For more information, please click on the link below:**

Host Families

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**This week in TPS Talks, students have been discussing a news story about calls to reform the UK's age of consent laws. The debate was prompted by campaigner Mia Latter, who is advocating for a "staggered" age of consent that would place greater restrictions on relationships between adults and 16- or 17-year-olds.**

Students explored different perspectives on the issue, considering arguments that legal changes could provide stronger protection against grooming, coercion and abuses of power. They also discussed concerns that changing the law might have unintended consequences, such as making some young people less likely to seek advice or support.

The discussion encouraged students to think critically about the balance between legal protections and personal rights, while also reflecting on the importance of relationship education. Students considered how young people can be supported to recognise unhealthy behaviours, understand their rights, and know where to seek help if they feel vulnerable or unsafe.

TPS-Talks-Week-11-20.11.26.pdf

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**Pre-owned Uniform and Prom Attire Event**

TPS will be holding its first pre-owned uniform event on **Thursday 10 December, from 6pm to 8pm in the Studio**.

If you have any good-quality TPS uniform that your child has grown out of, please hand it in at Reception after half term so that it can be given a new home.

We will also have **prom dresses, suits and accessories** available for our Year 11 students.

**All items will be free of charge, and everyone is welcome.**

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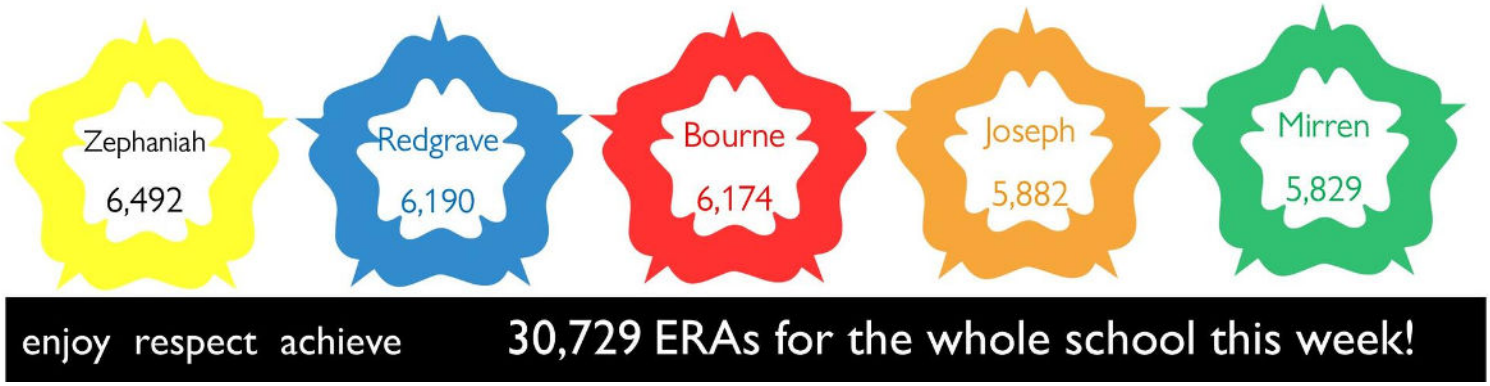
### Congratulations Zephaniah!

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## Year 7

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### Year 7 Camp




Get ready for an incredible outdoor adventure! The Year 7 Camp is packed with exciting activities, team building, and unforgettable memories at Tile Barn Outdoor Centre.

**Places Available:** 200 places, first come first served BASED ON PARENT PAY PAYMENTS RECEIVED

**PLEASE PAY THE DEPOSIT NOW OPEN ON PARENT PAY AND COMPLETE THE FORM**

Complete your **medical and consent forms:** **Year 7 Camp 2027 Medical & Consent Form – Fill out form** **(You only need to complete them once)**

Cost £215 per student

**Camp Details & Dates**

**Camp 1:** Monday 28 June – Wednesday 30 June 2027 *(A Population + half of C Population)*

**Camp 2:** Wednesday 30 June – Friday 2 July 2027 *(B Population + half of C Population)*

**Location:** Tile Barn Outdoor Centre, Brockenhurst, New Forest *(About 1 hour on a coach)*

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# Year 8




**We are excited to announce the opportunity for pupils in Year 8 to participate in the TPS Bushcraft Camp in association with Campfire Wild Adventures during ERA Week.**

The bushcraft camp will give students in Year 8 the opportunity to build on the experience of Year 7 residential camp by taking part in a variety of outdoor learning and adventure activities designed to promote independence, resilience, confidence and teamwork whilst in a fun and stimulating outdoor environment with their friends. The camp is also designed to help students develop the skills, knowledge and character to successfully participate in the Duke of Edinburgh program run in Year 9 & Year 10.

**Year 8 Camp Launch Letter**

Any questions in the meantime please email me on Mtaylor@petersfieldschool.com




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# Year 9

# Parents Evening

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**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Ready for a challenge, Year 9?

Take on your Bronze DofE and build new skills, get active, volunteer and complete an unforgettable expedition with your friends.

More details are in the launch letter below. Please come see me or Mrs Glue during school or email me at mtaylor@petersfieldschool.com if you have any questions!

Bronze-DofE launch letter

Let's get exploring!

Miss Taylor

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**Take Home, Take 5 is an opportunity for you to engage with your child's revision and offer support.**

Every Friday you will receive 5 questions and answers for English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography and History. These are questions you can use to quiz your son/daughter.
It should take you no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

**Year-10-Take-Home-Take-Five-Week-7.pdf**

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## Duke Of Edinburgh Silver Award

Total cost £490.

Parents should complete this form for their child: Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Medical and Consent Form 2026/27 – Fill out form and pay the £75 deposit on parent pay.

Students can only sign up if they have completed their Bronze Award as shown on eDofE.

Practice Expedition to the New Forest 7 - 9 May.

Qualifying Expedition to the Isle of Purbeck 17-19 June. DATE CHANGE FROM INITIAL PUBLICATION

**Volunteering Section:**

Spend **6 months** (averaging at least 1 hour per week).

**Physical & Skills Sections:**

Choose one section to do for **6 months** and the other for **3 months** (averaging at least 1 hour per week).

More information email Miss Howell (ahowell@petersfieldschool.com)




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# Year 11






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[Take Home Take 5 Week 8]

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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/

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## College Open Events 2026-27



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

**South Downs College (HSDC)**

HSDC Term Dates I Havant, South Downs & Alton College Dates

Thursday 25 February 2027 – Evening

**Chichester College**

Open Events I Chichester College

Thurs 4 March 2027 (4.30pm-7pm)

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# Careers

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**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-**

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# TPS - Spotlight

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### Geography Open Mic Night Raises Funds for The Rosemary Foundation




**Last week, we held our very first themed Open Mic Night, with a Geography-inspired evening held in memory of Mr Newton. The event raised £180 for The Rosemary Foundation, alongside additional funds generated through the sale of charity cards by Mrs Bailiff.**

Performers embraced the theme by choosing songs with geographical connections, including *Everybody Wants to Rule the World*, *Riptide* and *House of the Rising Sun*. A special highlight of the evening was a surprise performance from local singer-songwriter Fleur Ash, who returned to TPS to perform *Half the World Away*, a song she first sang here more than six years ago.

The evening concluded with a spectacular finale, bringing all of the performers together to sing *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, accompanied by the backing band, Mr Ley and the Leykes.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise, perform in, and support the event. It was a fantastic evening of music, community spirit, and fundraising.

[thepetersfieldschool-rosemaryfoundation]

## Dates for your Diary

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| **Autumn Term** | 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

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Children thrive at 95%+



## ‘It takes a village’

If you are worried about your child’s attendance, or if there are any things going on that make coming to school hard, we are here to **listen** and **help**.

## It’s never too late…

More than half of students with attendance below 90% in Year 10 who then become rarely absent in Year 11 go on to get at least 5 GCSEs.

# E-Safety




## Sports Results and News

**Monday 16th November**

Year 8 Girls Hockey Festival

**Tuesday 17th November**

Year 8 Football Havant Fed League

TPS 1-0 Havant

TPS 1-1 Warblington

Well done to our Year 8 boys this week who battled horrible wind and rain to grind out two positive results against strong opposition. The first game was decided by a good header from Joe's corner. A slender lead that TPS were able to defend well against and hold out for a 1-0 win.

In the second game there was a sense of deja vu, with Joe scoring another header from a Jack flighted corner to put TPS 1-0 up. Unfortunately on this occasion TPS couldn't hold onto the lead and as a result the game finished 1-1.

Next Thursday the boys have two friendlies against Warblington and Hayling.



**Wednesday 18th November**

Year 11 Football National Cup Round 3

TPS 1-1 The Regis School (4-2 Win for TPS on Penalties)

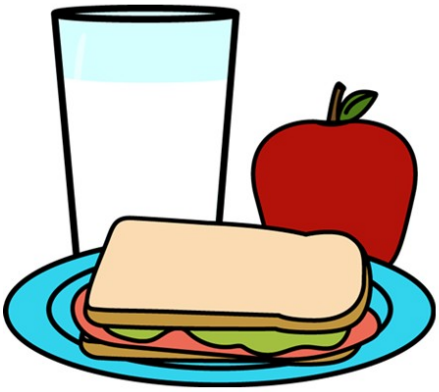
The boys have done it again! A defensive display proving ever resilient against a very challenging opponent. An early volley from a corner from Max set TPS on their way, from this point onwards, TPS had to manage the game and reduce the space on the pitch for the Regis Players to operate. The defensive display from all 14 boys was outstanding, unfortunately the last kick of the game levelled it up for The Regis School and took the tie to another dreaded penalty shootout.

Up stepped, Ben, Jack, Alfie and Adam who put their penalties away confidently. A big save from Kieran on the third penalty was enough for TPS to secure a tie with Cardinal Newman school from Brighton at home in round 4.



# Hot Food Menu

## Daily Spend Limit



Please be aware that there is a daily spend limit for students of £7 across our food outlets. For Free School Meals students this is £4 personal spend in addition to the daily Free School Meals allowance.

If you would like to increase or decrease the daily allowance for your child you can do this by emailing bohuntpetersfield@accentcatering.co.uk

# MAINS

FROM £2.80

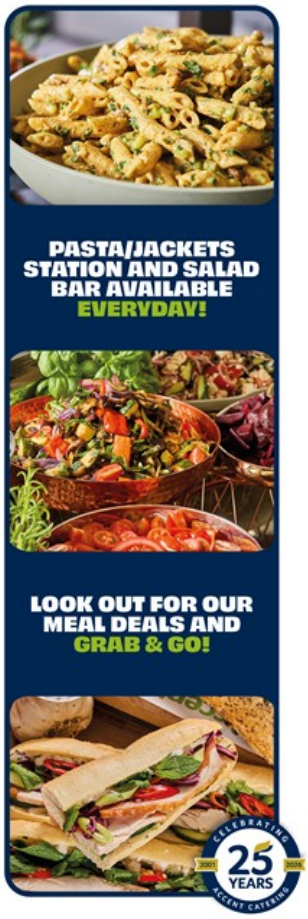
| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ORIENT EXPRESS<br>Sticky Hoi-Sin Chicken Stir-Fry<br>Sticky Hoi-Sin Eat Curious Stir-Fry<br>Soy & Ginger Noodles<br>Roasted Chinese Leaf & Cabbage<br>Prawn Crackers | TASTE OF ITALY<br>Slow Cooked Ragu Beef Lasagne<br>Mediterranean Roasted Vegetable Gnocchi<br>Chef's Salad<br>Garlic & Herb Slice<br>Herby Diced Potatoes | MOST OF ROAST<br>Roast Pork **OR** Turkey with Stuffing and Herb Gravy<br>Accent Squasage Roll<br>Skin on Roast Potatoes<br>Roasted Carrots and Parsnips<br>Yorkshire Pudding | BENGALI KATHI ROLLS<br>Kolkata Chicken Wholemeal Kathi Roll with Minty Yoghurt<br>Kolkata Paneer Wholemeal Kathi Roll with Minty Yoghurt<br>Masala Fries<br>Indian Coleslaw<br>Mini Samosa | FISH & CHIP SHOP<br>Battered Fish Fillet **OR** Jumbo Sausage<br>Vegetable Spring Roll with Sweet & Sour Sauce<br>Chips<br>Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>Curry Sauce |



| | HOT DELI/GLOBAL EATS FROM £2.85 | DESSERTS FROM £1.55 |
|---|---|---|
| MON | Cheesy Meatball Sub | Sticky Ginger Cake |
| TUE | BBQ Chicken Slider | Double Chocolate Pudding |
| WED | Fajita Nachos with Jalapenos & Sour Cream | Berry Mess Cupcakes |
| THU | Vietnamese Chicken Bun Cha | Autumn Fruit Turnover |
| FRI | | Toffee and Banana Cake |

W/C: 14/09/26, 05/10/26, 02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26

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




## And Finally...




Petersfield County Secondary School Try Persevere Succeed

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THE PETERSFIELD SCHOOL An Outstanding Academy

TPS The Petersfield School enjoy respect achieve

We uncovered a Team TPS archive of old photos and press cuttings and we would like to share some of these wonderful memories with you .

**This week: New Teaching Staff 1958**



## Useful Links

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Havant and East Hants

Havant and East Hants Mind work to promote good mental health and seek to support and empower people to lead a full life as part of their local community. To achieve this HEH Mind offers a range of services and support to individuals and groups across South and East Hampshire, with some of our services support and projects being Hampshire wide.

East-Hants-Mind-Wellbeing-Service.pdf




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During ERA Week, students in Years 7 to 10 will enjoy activities and trips that bring our **Enjoy, Respect, Achieve** values to life. These experiences support learning, wellbeing and personal development. They also help students build confidence, try something new and make lasting memories. We want every student to feel welcome and able to take part and there are spaces for every child to have at least one off school site experience.

Please read the information in this brochure and talk through the options with your child. This will help them choose the trips that interest them most.

We want every student to have the opportunity to join in, so if cost may prevent your child from taking part, please contact the relevant trip organiser or the Progress Leader for your child's year group. These conversations will be handled sensitively, and we will discuss what support may be available.

We are looking forward to an exciting and inspiring **ERA Week 27 for every student**.

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## Football Kit Appeal from Herne Junior School

**Over the last couple of years, Herne has lost a significant amount of its school football kit. The school previously had six full kits available for matches, but now only has two remaining**.

If your child has ever played for a Herne football team, please could you check at home to see whether you have any kit that could be returned or donated back to the school? Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in at Reception or brought directly to Herne Junior School.

The school is particularly missing kits in **green, blue and red**, as well as some **pink** and **orange/black** kits.

Thank you for your support in helping Herne rebuild its football kit collection for future teams.

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# CHARITY Fundraiser

in memory of

## Rob Newton



**28th NOVEMBER 2026**

**7 - 11pm**

**VENUE:**
The Studio,
The Petersfield School,
GU32 3LU

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY ONE OF THE
**TOP 5 ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTISTS IN THE WORLD**

## Arron Walker



**TICKET PRICE**
**£20**
(contact us with any dietary requirements)

**INCLUDING A JUMBO HOTDOG**



Contact Glenda on
glgreen@petersfieldschool.com
for tickets.

*Please bring cash for fundraising activities on the night.*

*Raising money for*

The Rosemary Foundation



Martin Read Foundation
supporting young composers

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG COMPOSERS AGED 14 – 17

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
**WRITE A PIECE FOR CLASSICAL GUITAR**
and hear it
**PROFESSIONALLY PERFORMED**
at a
**PUBLIC CONCERT in WINCHESTER?**

## TAKE A LOOK!

**Martin Read Foundation is inviting applications for 2027:**

**www.martinreadfoundation.org**

Selected composers will also receive
**workshops with other young composers and mentoring.**

## DEADLINE 28th December 2026

# Petersfield Children's Orchestra

PETERSFIELD CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA

# CALLING ALL YOUNG INSTRUMENTALISTS!

## Come along and give it a try!

Experience what it's like to play together in a friendly and supportive orchestra

**REHEARSALS EVERY SUNDAY**
**STARTING SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**
3.15 – 4.30PM

**HERNE FARM LEISURE CENTRE,**
PETERSFIELD, GU31 4PJ

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**
School years 2 – 11

Make music
Make friends
Be part of something special!



For more information and to sign up visit:
**www.petersfieldchildrensorchestra.org**

A full orchestra for children from Year 2 to year 11 who live in Petersfield and the surrounding area and who play an orchestral instrument (strings, woodwind, brass or percussion. Unfortunately this doesn't include Piano or Keyboard). Weekly rehearsals are on a Sunday afternoon and a term of rehearsals will be followed by an informal concert.

We accept new members anytime.

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# TPS Appeal Trust *Your support makes it happen…*




Please click the button below for more information about the TPS Appeal Trust and how you can make a donation or monthly payment.

Appeal Trust Letter

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## Thank You!

A huge thank you to the TPS Appeal Trust for their very kind donation to the TPS Model Railway Club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help support and inspire our budding railway enthusiasts.





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Donate!

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