



Over the past few months, we have been reflecting on our existing **Christian Vision** to ensure that it truly reflects our school values and practice, both current and aspirational. We are delighted to share with you our new Christian Vision which reflects our commitment to compassion and kindness, while aspiring for all to achieve their best in relation to their own starting point.

As part of a church school family that grows together in compassion and kindness, we aspire to be the best that we can be.

We flourish through the connections and relationships we nurture, guided by our Christian values.

Our uniqueness is embraced; our faith and beliefs guide us to be courageous enough to stand up for what is right; and bold enough to evoke change in our world, just as Jesus did.

Our vision is beautifully captured in the words of James 2:18: **"I will show you my faith by my actions."** This verse serves as a constant reminder that our faith is not just something we believe, but something we live out each and every day.

We are guided by our core Christian values, which underpin everything we do at St Peter's. When reviewing these, we decided to stay with our current acronym ACE: Aspire, Care, Empower. The only difference is that we have changed 'Enjoy' for 'Empower' which better encapsulates our revised vision.

Our ACE values – **Aspire, Care, Empower** – are woven into the fabric of our new vision:

- **Aspire:** Aspiring to strive for excellence in all that we do, developing curiosity and reflection, and fostering a love for learning and for living well.
- **Care:** Demonstrating compassion and kindness in our relationships, supporting one another in our triumphs and challenges.
- **Empower:** Encouraging each other to have the confidence and courage to make a difference, standing up for justice, and be advocates for change.

Nite Owls

This week we will be visited by some flighty creatures!



Children will have the opportunity to watch and fly one of these spectacular birds. There will also be a photo opportunity during the day with these being available to buy at a later date.

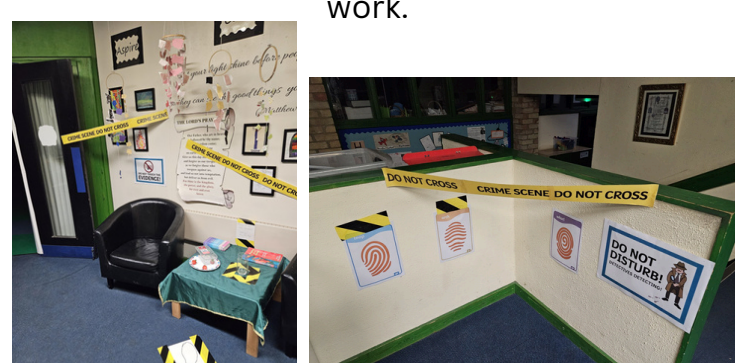


We have recently received some complaints from local residents regarding parking around the school, particularly in Myneer Park and neighbouring roads, including Church Street. These concerns include:

- Blocking driveways: Please ensure you do not block driveways when parking.
 - Parking on yellow lines: Avoid parking on yellow lines, as this is illegal and can be dangerous.
 - Parking on zigzag lines: Do not park on zigzag lines outside the school entrance, as this is a designated area for dropping off and picking up children.
 - Parking on pavements/kerbs: Parking on pavements or kerbs obstructs pedestrian access, including for children, and can cause damage to vehicles and property.
- We kindly request that you be mindful of these concerns and park responsibly and considerately around the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCIENCE DAY

On Thursday 6th February Dr Gardner organised an exciting **Science Day** for the whole school. Children were greeted by a crime scene as they walked through the door and all phases investigated evidence to try to work out which of the 12 teachers ate Miss Wilding's strawberries. Reception had to find the correct shoe to fit the **footprint**, Year 1/2 attempted to match a **fingerprint** at the crime scene with those from the teachers, Year 3/4 carried out **chromatography** on the pen ink from a letter testing all 12 of the teachers pens, and finally Year 5/6 learnt all about **DNA** and extracted it from the strawberries. There was a fantastic buzz around the school and all the children had a superb day and produced lots of brilliant work.



The jury is still out but we are hoping to find out the culprit today!

School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

February	
11th	Parents' Evening - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
12th	Nite Owls
13th	Parents' Evening - 4.00pm to 7.00pm
14th - 2.45pm	Mrs Osborne (Cherry) class assembly
17th - 21st	HALF TERM
24th	Internet Safety Day
24th	The Two Johns - internet safety session Y1-Y6
24th - 6.30pm	The Two Johns - internet safety session PARENT SESSION
24th - 28th	Mental Health Week
March	
7th	World Book Day
6th - pm	EYFS Communication & Language Workshop
18th	Y5/6 trip to Duxford
21st	Maths Day
25th	iRocks concerts - 9.30pm and 2.00pm
April	
2nd & 3rd - pm	Year 3/4 Production to parents
3rd	Parent Share - 3.30-4.30pm
4th	Easter Church Service
4th	Last day of spring term
7th-18th	EASTER BREAK
22nd	First day of summer term

REMINDER

Don't forget to come along to hear the Two Johns speak on the very important topic of **E-Safety**. The presentation will be held in school on **Monday 24th February at 6.30pm** (first day back after half term).



They are considered experts in this field and come highly recommended.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.



We have our next meeting this Tuesday (11th February) at 7.30pm in the White Hart. Everyone is welcome to join to hear about our plans for the rest of the year.

Fundraising update

We've finally counted up all of the figures (there was a lot to add up...) from the autumn term, and are delighted to announce we raised an incredible £13,757.69! Here's how we did it:

- Lego afternoon: £159.26
- Personalised Christmas cards and gifts: £570.02
- Fireworks night: £7,463.41
- School disco: £1,055.11
- Father Christmas letters: £70.10
- Wreath making: £308.00
- Christmas fayre: £1,908.01
- Chocolate tombola at Coggeshall Christmas: £842.56
- Christmas present stall: £490.41
- Merchandise sales: £100.61
- Christmas raffles: £532.23
- Easyfundraising: £257.97

This is an amazing achievement, and it is down to all of the support we have received when it comes to attending events, buying raffle tickets, purchasing Christmas gifts and so much more. It is also thanks to the many volunteers who ensure these events can go ahead. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

Where does the money go?

Every penny raised goes into the FOSP bank account, ready to be allocated to funding requests from the school. The process is simple: the school submits a request form detailing what they need, who it benefits, and the cost. Our committee then reviews and votes on each request. Here's what we have helped fund for the school so far this year:

- A pantomime performance
- CGP grammar and maths homework books
- Ukuleles and ukulele lessons
- A wooden teepee playhouse
- Write Like a Ninja books
- Hi-vis vests
- Books
- No parking signs to improve safety
- School trips

Looking ahead

This term is a quieter one but we have already had a few fundraisers including Bag2School, a film night and the spring disco. We're going to be sending a survey round to all parents soon, asking for some feedback and ideas about upcoming potential events. We want to make sure we are organising events that people want to go to, and that can raise money for the school.

With such a successful term behind us, we're excited for what's next! Keep an eye out for upcoming events, and as always, we'd love more volunteers to get involved. We often rely on the same volunteers doing the core organisation for many of our events, but would love to have more people come forward with ideas they'd like to coordinate or to help out with our calendar of events for the rest of the year.

Thank you again for your support – we couldn't do it without you!

The FOSP Team

