



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to thank you all for your incredible support during another fantastic year. We made it! The teachers and Nursery staff have been busy preparing for September: classrooms have been tidied, displays are refreshed and names are on books in readiness for excited pupils in new classes. It's now time for these staff to spend quality time with their families, switch off and recharge ready to go again.

Our wonderful support staff have also been busy completing end of term arrangements and preparing everything for September. The school and grounds are looking amazing as always. The School Office is now working reduced hours but emails and voicemails are being checked. If you need to make contact with the school over the Summer holidays, please leave a message with the School Office and don't contact teachers directly. Thank you. Please be patient as staff will be taking their holidays.

I'm fortunate to be the Headteacher of a school where children want to be, and where parents want their children to learn. Thank you for keeping your children in school and thank you to your children for their love of learning. The national average attendance rate in UK primary schools this academic year was 96%, much higher than last year. Our totals are below:

Class	Attendance %
Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	95%
Total	97%

The majority of our absences are due to illness; thanks for keeping our community safe and your children at home. However, we have had a much higher than national level of holiday absence this year. Please do your best to book holidays in our published school holidays. These can be found on the website and were sent to you in your child's end of term report.

The children have also performed exceptionally well in their end of term assessments. All year groups have outperformed the national average and as a school we continue to work over 10 standardised score points above the national average. I'm pleased to share the current performance of our whole school with you. These are mean average scores of every child in school:

- Maths - 113



- Reading - 113
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar - 110
- Science - 112

I'm incredibly proud of the children and their teachers. I hope you are too. I'm always happy to talk to parents about assessments and data, so do ask if you have any questions. But remember that what we do really well is find the talents, skills and interests of your child beyond a test.

We have added key dates to our calendar which you can see here, <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/calendar>. You can also subscribe to this calendar on your phone or device to get the latest dates and details. The most up to date events can always be found on the front page of our website. Below are some of the key dates for parents for your diaries:

- Monday 5th September - First Day of Michaelmas Term
- Thursday 8th September - Nursery Parents Event
- Monday 19th September - Michaelmas After School Clubs Start
- Monday 29th September - Pupils to Wear Winter Uniform
- Thursday 29th September - School Council and Eco Committee Elections
- Monday 17th October - R-Y6 Share Your Work
- Friday 21st October - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 1
- Monday 14th November - Year 2 Class Assembly
- Monday 21st and Tuesday & 22nd November - R-Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations
- Monday 28th November - Year 6 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 30th November - Reception Nativity
- Thursday 1st December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production
- Wednesday 7th December - Y3-Y6 Michaelmas Games Afternoon
- Wednesday 7th December - Sunnylands Nursery Christmas Songs
- Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 2 (Half Day)

There are other events, such as PTA activities, but the precise details are yet to be confirmed. The new PTA will meet in September to discuss timings and any other events they may wish to plan.

Provisionally for your diaries:

- Tuesday 6th September - PTA Welcome Coffee Morning and Cake
- Monday 10th October - PTA Lower School Harvest Supper
- Friday 21st October - PTA Halloween Disco
- Saturday 3rd December - PTA Christmas Fayre
- Friday 9th December - PTA Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit

Sadly, as always happens in July, we say goodbye to a few families. For them, this will be their last Head's Update. We wish all of the pupils leaving St Peter's, whether that be to secondary school or exciting challenges at new schools, an absolutely brilliant transition. We know you'll be great! For those moving house or relocating over the summer, good luck and keep in touch. For those families joining us this year, of which there are quite a few, welcome to our small but incredibly kind and



supportive community. I know you'll be made to feel very welcome and I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the 5th September.

*\*We will see some of you at our Holiday Club from 8th to 12th August. Don't forget to purchase this through the ParentMail shop.*

Finally, we say farewell to Mr Turner, Mr Holmes and Miss Kaitano - you will all be missed.

### **Photo Albums**

Don't forget to check out our galleries on the website from the whole year. I've also made Founders Day and Trinity 2 albums. There are lots of photos and I've still got around 1000 more to process!

- Trinity Term 2 (part 1) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/trinity2>
- Trinity Term 2 (part 2) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/trinity2part2>
- Founders Day (part 1) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday1>
- Founders Day (part 2) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday2>
- Founders Day (part 3) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday3>
- Founders Day (part 4) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday4>

It's time to grab the beach towels and sunscreen, unplug and open a book! Have a great summer everyone.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jkE8vtBS0A>

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher