



Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your incredible support throughout another outstanding year. Our dedicated teachers have been busy preparing for September: classrooms have been tidied, displays refreshed, and names placed on books, all in readiness for our excited pupils in their new classes. Now, it's time for these hardworking staff members to spend quality time with their families, switch off, and recharge for the next academic year. (Although I know many of them will be planning new topics, trips and Wow Days!)

Our wonderful support staff have also been diligently completing end-of-term arrangements and preparing everything for September. The school and grounds are looking as amazing as always. While the School Office is now operating on reduced hours, emails and voicemails are still being monitored. If you need to contact the school over the summer holidays, please leave a message with the School Office and refrain from contacting teachers directly. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

I am thrilled to report that our students have performed exceptionally well in their end-of-term assessments. All year groups have surpassed the national average, and as a school, we continue to achieve standardised scores over 10 points higher than the national average, with improvements across the board. It is with great pride that I share the current performance of our entire school with you. These are the mean average scores of every child in school (the national average is 100):

- Maths - 112
- Reading - 119
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar - 111
- Science - 116

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. (Here's a video of how to understand standardised scores - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBeVh7X0HiE>) 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 for next term:

- Monday 2nd September - First Day of Michaelmas Term
- Monday 16th September - Michaelmas After School Clubs Start
- Monday 16th September - Pupils to Wear Winter Uniform
- Thursday 26th September - School Council and Eco Committee Elections
- Monday 30th September - EYFS & Lower School Harvest Supper
- Monday 14th October - P-Y6 Share Your Work
- Friday 18th October - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 1
- Monday 18th and Tuesday & 19th November - P-Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations

- Monday 2nd December - Reception and Preschool Nativity
- Wednesday 11th December - Y3-Y6 Michaelmas Games Afternoon
- Friday 13th December - Christmas Carol Service
- Friday 13th December - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 2 (Half Day)

As July comes to a close, it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to a few families. For those reading their final Head's Update, we wish all the pupils leaving St Peter's, whether they are transitioning to secondary school or embarking on new adventures at different schools, a brilliant and smooth transition. We have every confidence that you will thrive in your new schools!

To those families moving house or relocating over the summer, we send our best wishes and hope you keep in touch. For the new families joining us this year, a warm welcome to our small but incredibly kind and supportive community. We are excited to have you with us and look forward to seeing everyone on the 2nd of September.

***\*We will see some of you at our Holiday Clubs throughout the summer. Don't forget to purchase this through the ParentMail shop. It's not too late. It's going to be a lot of fun.***

## Photo Albums

Don't forget to check out our galleries on the website from the whole year. I've also made Founders Day, Sports Day and Trinity 2 albums. There are lots of photos (I curated over 10,000 pictures from the last half term!)

- Preschool - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/preschoolt224>
- Trinity Term 2 (part 1) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/trinity224pt1>
- Trinity Term 2 (part 2) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/trinity224pt2>
- House Trips - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/housetrips24>
- PTA Big Day Out (LegoLand) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/legoland24>
- PTA Big Day Out (SeaLife) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sealife24>
- Founders Day (part 1) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday24pt1>
- Founders Day (part 2) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt2>
- Founders Day (part 3) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday24pt3>
- Founders Day (part 4) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/foundersday24pt4>
- Sports Day (part 1) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt1>
- Sports Day (part 2) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt2>
- Sports Day (part 3) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt3>
- Sports Day (part 4) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt4>
- Sports Day (part 5) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt5>
- Sports Day (part 6) - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/sportsday24pt6>

Please be mindful what you post online. I know some people put Founders Day photos on social media and left their child's name and school on the certificates. You'll notice that we always blur out children's names. If you take photos with other children in them, please don't post these online without the permission from their parents.

## Videos

For those who didn't know, we have a YouTube channel, which is where we publish videos.

[@stpetersschoolkettering6113](#) Here are some recent videos you'll enjoy:

- Upper School 'With a little help from my friends' - [https://youtu.be/GvASXTZMids?si=7DvrDT6ltkR2\\_4FF](https://youtu.be/GvASXTZMids?si=7DvrDT6ltkR2_4FF)
- Whole School 'Bright New Shiny Day' - <https://youtu.be/4rBvGxvtwTE?si=yHWc6cxPumSQ6mEG>
- Whole School 'this is me' - <https://youtu.be/dXdVJIQ6VRQ?si=hXq0V33otUT9RCzh>
- Choir 'Ribbons in the Sky' - <https://youtu.be/WA8iuw5mP4o?si=ZmGfXsWH8Vqgsggb>
- Founders Day Address (Flynn) - <https://youtu.be/inNdeG0ans8?si=RROZMnrMuJ0MpfyC>
- MADD Evening Finale - <https://youtu.be/AnKk9gNLmn4?si=F>
- [uanoWYsX2i4L7y2](https://youtu.be/anoWYsX2i4L7y2)
- MADD Evening String Group - [https://youtu.be/T0qJhgg4yPc?si=OM\\_xL-zJJXEHC4ix](https://youtu.be/T0qJhgg4yPc?si=OM_xL-zJJXEHC4ix)
- MADD Evening Year 3 Samba - [https://youtu.be/wxWJAXVIY8M?si=tsEdWSc2h3q\\_sfWV](https://youtu.be/wxWJAXVIY8M?si=tsEdWSc2h3q_sfWV)
- MADD Evening Harmonica Group - <https://youtu.be/Nt8WEkKRf6c?si=GNcAkiGwIClQnTLq>
- MADD Evening T & M Ballet - <https://youtu.be/OcUEDQVaXrs?si=X6IC31ORNFgsKb9h>
- MADD Evening Orchestra - [https://youtu.be/Tj\\_KFeVMc2s?si=WgTLQ\\_ZGemc8vuWI](https://youtu.be/Tj_KFeVMc2s?si=WgTLQ_ZGemc8vuWI)
- MADD Evening SIX - <https://youtu.be/yl7UX42uGSw?si=fH73XRD0BnbCL1ac>
- MADD Evening Choir - <https://youtu.be/-FdGhcBdwvg?si=vGuuRKR2Br0vPn4r>
- MADD Evening L & A Martial Arts - [https://youtu.be/X\\_\\_u0bKg5ZM?si=z0Jxf8kGDnsJmNgH](https://youtu.be/X__u0bKg5ZM?si=z0Jxf8kGDnsJmNgH)
- MADD Evening 'Circle of Life' - <https://youtu.be/NBGIRkOtWEs?si=ZgDI0kuB5COzjHBQ>
- Govilon Day 1 - <https://youtu.be/4lF351tKNE4?si=5ygyDui9BRNweJvH>
- Govilon Day 2 - <https://youtu.be/zx0bFqOpE7c?si=tnHzfRcF7z2suRON>
- Govilon Day 3 - <https://youtu.be/4kh5lyi9lJ0?si=C0Bfm2R39feTJmsV>
- Govilon Day 4 - <https://youtu.be/Mn3QlsjfmM?si=mONos6KLa1ZWf-oj>
- Red nose Day Jokes - <https://youtu.be/oOuM97-fibg?si=qSQm5Hfuv1c3RhnP>
- Staff End of Term Video - [https://youtu.be/FhTt6kxPJ2o?si=\\_aj30FiCNT6JoZHU](https://youtu.be/FhTt6kxPJ2o?si=_aj30FiCNT6JoZHU)

## PTA Big Day Out

What an incredible final week of term. The PTA not only, very kindly, funded a special treat for our Year 6 leavers but they paid for the whole school trip to the Birmingham Legoland Discovery Centre and the Sea Life Aquarium. It was amazing to take all the children from Reception to Year 6 on a trip, something many schools can't do. It was brilliant watching children play and learn together. I particularly enjoyed seeing our wonderful Year 6 leavers supporting the Reception class children on the journey. This is what makes St P's so special.

## Preschool Press

This week, Preschool has been taken over by Teddy Bears, Pirates and Mermaids! Working together the children prepared a lovely picnic of sandwiches and homemade shortbread biscuits during their cooking lesson. They showcased their amazing musical talents with Mrs Palmer (everyone is still singing about the Animal Tea Party!) and reenacted the story 'We're going on a bear hunt', travelling through grass, water, mud, trees and a snow storm before running away from a very large bear! Picnics

enjoyed and Teddy Bears taken home, the Pirates invaded! The children brought in maps, treasure and compasses in their Treasure boxes and everyone helped to build a special Treasure Chest using drills to screw and fasten cardboard together and then decorating with felt tip pens. During outdoor learning the children followed a treasure map past desert islands, skulls and crossbones, volcanoes and sea monsters whilst being chased by fearsome pirates (Mrs Jones and Miss Thom!) to find a chest full of treats. It has been a fabulous end to a fabulous year at Preschool.

### **September Sports Reminder**

This is a reminder that everyone from Year 1 upwards will need boots, shin pads, gum shields and blue socks for games each week in the Michaelmas term. This is a safety requirement. Year 3 boys will need to learn to tie a tie over the Summer and Year 6 girls may also wear ties when we switch to Winter Uniform in mid-September.

Have a great summer everyone, enjoy the Olympics, and keep safe. We're going home!

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher