



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a great week and are looking forward to a restful weekend. Lots of important announcements as well as some fun this week!

VAT Update

I attended a conference yesterday and the focus was on VAT on independent school parents fees. I can update you that there is no real update! Apologies. The sad news is that the government appears to be ploughing on with the policy despite the many issues that have been presented to them. It's a great headline for them. I have written to our MP repeatedly, with no response, met with the small school's alliance, been to ISA, ISC and ISBA conferences and there is real frustration across the sector. The announcement will be made in the October budget and is likely to be implemented from January. We will continue to campaign and keep you updated.

Crossing the Road

We've seen a few precarious road crossings on the Crescent (parents and children). We will remind the children on Monday in assembly about the [green cross code](#) but can all adults please set a good example. It is difficult at busy times but please take your time. We want you to arrive safely.

Reception to Year 6 Halloween Disco

Don't forget it's the Halloween disco next Friday. You don't need to buy a ticket, just turn up. It'll be a fantastic way to end the half term with singing, dancing and games. Fancy dress is OPTIONAL. In Sunnylands Hall 5.30pm-6.30pm via the Headlands Gate. We will also be opening the Cedar Hub for you! We'll put out tea and coffee, but feel free to bring a drink and snack (or order a pizza!) while the children are dancing away. This will be an opportunity for you to socialise with other parents and saves you going home. We'll make sure there's some music on for you too!

Poppy Appeal

After half term, our Year 6s will be selling poppies at the school gate. Children can purchase a poppy, reflector, wristband, snap band or zip pull from the Year 6s who'll be collecting for the Royal British Legion appeal. Items will need to be paid for with exact money as no change will be available. All donations go to charity. We're happy for children to wear a poppy on their school blazer for the month of November, and all other merchandise must be taken home.

Share Your Work - Monday after school

Share Your Work is on Monday after school for Preschool to Year 6. For those who have never experienced this, school will be open to parents and you're welcome to go to your child's classroom, with them, to see where they sit, look through their books and learn what they've been learning. The

teachers will also be in the classrooms to talk to. This is not a formal parents evening and you should only be in your own child's class. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to see the school through your child's eyes. It is not compulsory.

St Ps in the Community

We've been involved in lots of sports this week, from girls football at KBA (finishing up semi-finalists, well done) to the Park Run at Desborough (with 5 runners qualifying for County, amazing!). Year 1 visited Abington Park Toy Museum and Year 3 had a great Day at ThinkTank in Birmingham. There's still plenty of outings next week; I love seeing the photos from these events. We try to update social media daily but we will share an album from the whole term next week. Do follow us, like and share @stpetersschoolkettering

Open Morning - Wednesday 6th November

We have our Michaelmas Open Morning on the first Wednesday back. Please do tell your friends about us and if there's a family who would like to join our community do tell them to get in touch. Reception places 2025 are filling up (so are Reception 2026!) and we do have some spaces in other year groups.

Uniform Update

Hopefully you all read my uniform update last week, several of you said this was useful, especially the size guide. Almost everything is now in stock, including the new jumpers/mid-layers. These are awesome. They're ideal for the colder weather and can be worn for sports - they're thin, but warm, and strong.

Finally, next week is the finals of the St Peter's Conker Championships. Make sure your child has their best six-er, ten-er or even twelver-er freshly stringed and ready to go. It may even upset the current House Point totals. Lost property will be out on the gate next week. [Community Choir starts the first Friday after half term!](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher