



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're making the most of the glorious spring sunshine. The verb 'to apricate' means to bask in the warmth of the sun, so I highly recommend we all take a moment to do just that! (I started writing this update this morning so I hope the sunshine has continued!)

It's been a busy and exciting week at school, we've well and truly gone book mad! There's plenty to share in this update, so please do read carefully.

House Pancake Flipping Day

Our annual House Pancake Flipping Competition was an electrifying event, filled with fun, skill, and a little friendly rivalry! More than just a contest, it was an opportunity for pupils to learn about the significance of Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent while taking part in a much-loved tradition. The competition was fiercely fought, with pancakes soaring through the air at an impressive pace, the record being 145 flips in just three minutes! Whole-school events like this are what make St Peter's special, bringing energy, excitement, and teamwork to the forefront. The hall was buzzing with cheers and laughter, as each house battled for victory.

Final Results:

- Lower School: 1st Sywell, 2nd Barnwell, 3rd Brigstock, 4th Stanwick
- Upper School: 1st Sywell, 2nd Stanwick, 3rd Barnwell, 4th Brigstock
- Staff: 1st Brigstock, 2nd Barnwell, 3rd Stanwick, 4th Sywell
- Overall Champions: 🏆 Sywell!

A huge well done to everyone who took part, we can't wait to do it all again next year!

World Book Day

World Book Day at St Peter's has been a truly magical celebration of stories, imagination, and the joy of reading! It's been an incredibly busy, book-filled week, and I hope it has inspired everyone to pick up a good book this weekend or revisit an old favourite with their children. As always, our pupils made an amazing effort with their costumes, bringing beloved characters to life in the most creative ways. What stands out year after year is their genuine love of books, and I always end up discovering new titles and hidden gems thanks to their enthusiasm!

Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Our Year 5 trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester was truly out of this world! From exploring the towering Rocket Tower to stepping inside a simulated space mission, the children were completely immersed in the wonders of the universe. They had the chance to experience real astronaut training, discover the secrets of the solar system, and even handle meteorites that are older than Earth itself!

The Planetarium Show was a highlight, bringing the mysteries of deep space to life in the most spectacular way. It was a day full of curiosity, discovery, and excitement, and we have no doubt we've inspired the next generation of scientists, engineers, and astronauts! 🚀🌍✨

Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this week! Many of you have walked away with fantastic new bedtime reads, and we love seeing the excitement around books. Every purchase makes a difference, as a proportion of all sales goes directly back into expanding our school libraries. Thanks to your support, we've already been able to invest in a wonderful selection of graphic novels, contemporary titles, and books by modern authors, all chosen based on feedback from the children. Happy reading! 📚✨

Spring Open Morning - Wednesday, 26th March

Wednesday, 26th March, is our Spring Open Morning, offering a fantastic opportunity for prospective families to experience St Peter's in action on a typical school day. If you know anyone who might be interested in discovering what makes our school so special, please do encourage them to come along. It's the perfect chance to explore our classrooms, meet our staff and pupils, and see firsthand the warm, dynamic learning environment we are so proud of!

🚀 Get Ready for Science Week! 🔬

Next week is Science Week, and we have an exciting lineup of activities to spark curiosity, creativity, and a love for discovery! On Tuesday, all children will take part in a Science & STEM Day, packed with hands-on experiments, problem-solving challenges, and mind-blowing discoveries, we can't wait! Upper School pupils need to bring in:

- a clean t-shirt that they no longer wear - this will be cut up! It can be plain or patterned - it could be their old cotton house t-shirt.
- a pair of old long socks.

Then, on Thursday, we are thrilled to welcome Charlie Bostock, Science Teacher and Registrar at Uppingham School, for a special Science Assembly. But that's not all, because it's STEM Week, we will be live streaming the assembly at 10:30am, so you can join in the excitement from anywhere!

🔗 Watch live here: <https://meet.google.com/hpp-pzsu-upd>

Get ready for a week of wonder, exploration, and scientific surprises! 🌍🔬✨

We're Hiring! Late Club Leader Vacancy

Do you know someone who would be perfect for working with children? We are looking for a new Late Club Leader to join our team! This is a part-time, term-time only position, ideal for someone who is caring, energetic, and enjoys creating a fun and welcoming environment for our pupils at the end of the school day. Mrs Wildman leaves big shoes to fill, but this is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in a friendly and supportive school.

Please spread the word, tell family and friends who may be interested! For full details and how to apply, click here: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/lateclubleader>

As we wrap up another busy and brilliant week, there's plenty to look forward to!

🌙 Ramadan Mubarak to all our families observing Ramadan, we send our best wishes for this special time of reflection, gratitude, and community.

💜 Tomorrow is International Women's Day, a chance to celebrate the incredible achievements of women everywhere. Let's take a moment to recognise the inspirational women in our lives, both past and present!

🏃 Good luck to all the parents taking on the Kettering Half Marathon! We'll be cheering you on!

Enjoy the weekend, whether you're running a race, celebrating, or simply apricating in the spring sunshine! 🌞📖✨

Reception Class are off to the farm on Monday, don't forget your wellies!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: www.st-peters.org.uk/menu