



Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is in the Air! As we step into March, the school is buzzing with energy, excitement, and plenty of adventure! From science experiments and temple visits to lamb feeding and cross-country races, this week has been packed with hands-on learning, curiosity, and exploration. With Easter on the horizon, we're also looking ahead to holiday clubs, upcoming events, and all the special moments that make St Peter's such a wonderful place to be. Here's everything you need to know from another fantastic week at school! 🌸📚🌟

Next Friday is Red Nose Day

We're looking forward to celebrating Red Nose Day and invite all children to wear something red or official Red Nose Day merchandise for a small donation on the day. Red noses are more than welcome! Our School Council will be at the gate in the morning with collection buckets, so please donate generously if you can. If your child doesn't have anything specifically for Red Nose Day, there's no need to worry, they can simply wear their normal clothes or school uniform if they prefer. Throughout the day, children will be taking part in fun Red Nose Day activities in class. Our older pupils are hoping to take on a Swimmathon during their swimming lessons, while our younger children will be skipping at break time to get involved in the fun. Please note that we won't be selling Red Nose Day products in school, so if you'd like to get a red nose, Amazon and other retailers are your best bet! Let's make it a fantastic day, thank you for your support! ❤️

Period Supportive School

This week, we were delighted to welcome EmPower Health into school to support our period education and puberty discussions with our older students. As always, the children made us incredibly proud; Emily commented that they were one of the most mature groups she has ever worked with and that their questions were some of the best she's had! Alongside the student sessions, staff also took part in training to help us become even more period-supportive as a school. With some children starting their periods as early as 8 years old, and the UK average now dropping to 11, we know that open, supportive conversations are key in ensuring our pupils feel informed and confident. As part of this, we have now introduced 'Caught Short' kits in Upper School to provide discreet support for any child who needs them. Our aim is simple: to remove barriers, normalise conversations, and ensure our girls feel supported in every way possible. 💙

Teacher Interviews

This week, we held class teacher interviews for September, and once again, our children made us incredibly proud. The School Council put the candidates through their paces with some truly gruelling questions, and every candidate had the opportunity to teach lessons across the school. Without exception, they all commented on how delightful, engaged, and enthusiastic our pupils were, it was

wonderful to hear such glowing feedback. It was a rigorous and carefully considered process, and while I can't share the outcome just yet, what I can tell you is that we were spoilt for choice. Every single candidate was of an incredibly high standard, making our decision incredibly difficult. Each one of them would have been a fantastic addition to our team, which is a testament to the calibre of teachers who want to join our school. I am very excited to share the news with you in a future update; you are going to be very pleased!

Parking on the Crescent

We have received complaints from residents regarding driveways being blocked during drop-off and pick-up times. Please can we remind everyone to park considerately and ensure that driveways remain clear. Maintaining a positive relationship with our neighbours is important, and your cooperation will help ensure we continue to foster goodwill within our local community. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Science Day

This week has been all about curiosity, discovery, and hands-on learning as we celebrated British Science Week! On Tuesday, we held our much-anticipated Science Day, brilliantly organised by our Science Champion, Miss Kirkman. The day was packed with awe and wonder, as children explored the world of science through exciting, hands-on experiments. They had the chance to create non-Newtonian fluids, launch rockets using recycled materials, make giant bubbles, and so much more! The enthusiasm for STEM has continued throughout the week; Lego Club took on the challenge of designing and building space stations, and on Thursday, our assembly featured a live science demonstration, bringing scientific principles to life before our eyes. It has been a fantastic week of inspiring curiosity and showing our children that science is everywhere! 🧪🚀🌟

Trips and Fixtures

Trips and experiences are a huge part of life at St Peter's, and this week, our children have been out on some incredible adventures, bringing their learning to life in the most exciting ways! Our Reception class enjoyed a wonderful day at West Lodge Farm, where they had the chance to feed the lambs, explore the farm, and experience the magic of springtime up close. There were plenty of muddy boots and lots of smiles! Year 3 had a truly special experience today as they visited a Hindu temple for the first time. Their visit, coinciding with Holi, made the day even more vibrant and memorable. The children were in awe of the stunning temple, and it was a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hindu culture and traditions. This afternoon, our cross-country runners took on the challenge of the Burghley Park Cross Country. It was fantastic to see them competing in such a beautiful setting, especially for me, being so close to home (although, for the record, I don't actually live in Burghley

House!). A huge well done to all the children for representing St Peter's so brilliantly on their travels this week! 🌿🏆🏅

Holiday Club

As we approach the Easter holidays, we're pleased to share that we have once again teamed up with Northampton Tennis Coaching to run multi-sports clubs over the break. These sessions are always fantastic fun, and we encourage you to book directly with them if your child would like to take part. Looking further ahead, we are already planning for our Summer Holiday Club and hope to be open for at least the first four weeks of the summer holidays. Our multi-activity clubs will offer a variety of exciting activities each day, led by different members of staff. We'll be launching bookings very soon, giving you plenty of time to secure places early. Keep an eye out for further details! 🌞🏆🏅

1st Kettering Scouts

Maisy in Year 6 has asked me to share details about her fantastic Scout troop, and it sounds like an incredible opportunity for children who love adventure and learning new skills! The 1st Kettering Scouts take children from ages 4 to 14 and offer an amazing range of activities, including canoeing, hiking, diving, camping, cooking, and real-life skills for the future. If your child is interested in joining, you can get in touch directly at scouts@1stkettering.co.uk. A huge thank you to Maisy for sharing; what an exciting way to learn, grow, and explore! 🌿🔥🍌

Upcoming Events

- Year 1 Class Assembly - Monday 17th March
- Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March (non-uniform day)
- Year 3 Class Assembly - Monday 24th March
- Spring Open Morning - Wednesday 26th March
- Lent House Matches - Wednesday 26th March
- Spring Concert - Wednesday 2nd April
- Last Day of Lent Term - Wednesday 2nd April

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Two years ago I was wishing "Bonne chance à l'Angleterre dans le rugby." Last year I was hoping the luck of the Irish wasn't with Ireland on St Patrick's Day weekend. This year, I'm looking forward to England beating Wales at the Millenium Stadium! I'm also looking forward to welcoming Year 1 parents on Monday morning for the Year 1 Class Assembly.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher