



Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is in the air, and there's been a real buzz around school this week! The sun is shining, the flower beds are bursting into life, and we're still celebrating England's fantastic result on Saturday! Our Year 1s took us on a brilliant animal adventure in their assembly on Monday, and Reverend Angie led a thoughtful Lent assembly, helping us reflect on this important season. Today, the school was full of fun and laughter as we marked Red Nose Day; children dressed up (and down!), took part in activities, and raised an incredible amount for this important cause. Our older pupils took to the pool for a Swimathon, while our younger children skipped with joy throughout break time. A huge thank you for your support in making Red Nose Day such a success; we raised over £230! 🎉👏

### **Choir Performance**

This week, we had the wonderful opportunity to take a walk down to Kettering Golf Club to entertain the Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation. The room was filled with distinguished guests, including staff from the Govilon Residential Centre, representatives from Northamptonshire Tennis, members of several local schools, as well as the trustees and volunteers who make the Foundation's work possible. It was a fantastic occasion to express our gratitude for everything the Foundation does, while also giving our amazing choir the chance to showcase their impressive repertoire. The performance was truly special, and it was a privilege to be part of such a meaningful event. 🎵👏

### **NHS Pharmacy First Service**

A message from the Council: If you, your child, or a family member is feeling poorly, think Pharmacy First! Community Pharmacists offer free and confidential advice for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, and eye infection. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12+)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5+)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1-17)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1+)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1+)
- Shingles (adults aged 18+)

Think [Pharmacy First](#) for expert advice that could be quicker than seeing your GP. This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better sooner if they are unwell.

### **Kettering Clean Up**

A message from the Council:

- Kettering Spring Clean is Saturday 29th March, 10am-2pm
- Main meeting point – near the town centre clock, at the Wombles stall
- Party at the town centre clock afterwards at 2pm – bring or buy lunch and eat/have a dance!

Please consider if there are things you could do spruce up your area around the school in the run up – could you do a litter pick or plant some flowers in a nearby park?

PLEASE RSVP - let us know how you want to help here: [bit.ly/kettering-spring-clean](https://bit.ly/kettering-spring-clean)

If you can't help out, please donate! We are fundraising to put some art up around the town: [Great Kettering Spring Clean - a Community crowdfunding project in Kettering](#)




### Upcoming Events

- Year 3 Class Assembly - Monday 24th March - **this Monday!**
- Spring Open Morning - Wednesday 26th March, from 9am
- Lent House Matches - Wednesday 26th March, from 1.15pm
- Early Years Easter Event (Preschool and Reception) - Tuesday 1st April
- Spring Concert (Year 1 to Year 6) - Wednesday 2nd April, 2.30pm at Kettering Arts Centre
- Last Day of Lent Term - Wednesday 2nd April

### **Easter Egg Appeal – Supporting Kettering Children's Ward**

This Easter, we are proud to be supporting a local campaign run by the Rotary Club, collecting Easter egg donations for children at Kettering General Hospital and Kettering Home Start. Our School Council discovered this wonderful initiative and were keen for St Peter's to get involved. If your child would like to donate an Easter egg, please bring it to the School Office by 31st March.

 Please ensure all donations are taken to the School Office and not to classrooms.

This is a fantastic way for our school community to spread some Easter joy to children who may not be at home to celebrate. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!   

### **The Countdown Is On!**

With Mrs T now heavily pregnant, we're all keeping everything crossed that Baby T arrives safely in the Easter holidays! Of course, I'm reliably informed that babies don't always align their arrival with school term dates; therefore, we have plans in place to ensure that everything at school runs as normal should I need to make a swift dash to Peterborough Hospital!

We are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic team in school who will ensure everything continues smoothly:

- Mr Burgham & Mrs Ward will oversee any safeguarding concerns as our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.
- Mrs Ward is also available for all SEND enquiries.
- Mrs Butler will be the point of contact for anything academic or curriculum-related.
- Mrs Capps remains your go-to person for all things finance/invoice-related.
- The School Office will direct any questions or queries to the right person.

While I am on paternity leave, the school will be in the safe hands of Mrs Glaves, our Pastoral Lead. She will be sending out the weekly updates, meeting with parents, and ensuring that business continues as usual in my absence. The confidential safeguarding email will be forwarded to Mr Burgham, while general enquiries will go to Mrs Glaves.

My hospital bag is packed, mostly with Percy Pigs! and I am hopeful that I will get to write at least the next two weekly updates before Baby T makes an appearance. I'd also like to be at the EYFS Easter event on the 1st and the inaugural Spring Concert at the Arts Centre on the 2nd. I will be back for Trinity 1 (at some point), and in the meantime, I look forward to sharing updates with you all via Mrs Glaves. Thank you for your support. 🍼 ✨

It's been a week full of colour, celebration, and community! Alongside Red Nose Day, our Year 3 pupils took part in a vibrant Colour Run, bringing their Hinduism topic to life as they marked Holi, the festival of colour. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, embracing the joy and energy that this special celebration represents.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend, hopefully filled with a little spring colour and sunshine! 🌸 ☀️

**Please Note: change of date for Summer Sports Day due to the Kettering Swim Gala change of date is TUESDAY 17th June 2025.**

**Exciting Summer production news coming next week!**

Year 2 to Year 6 Swimathon results:

- Stanwick - 232 lengths
- Brigstock - 295 lengths
- Sywell - 317 lengths
- Barnwell - 329 lengths
- Total lengths swam at swimming this morning - 1173 length = 29,325m = 18.3miles

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

*Headteacher*

Here is next week's menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)