



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Easter break has finally arrived, and for many children, it couldn't have come at a better time after what has been a full and exciting term. I'm writing to share a round-up of key information, celebrations, and important dates to help you prepare for the Trinity Term ahead. This is also my final job before logging off for a few weeks. Please do take a moment to read the updates carefully and add key dates to your calendars.

Reports & Attendance Codes

We hope you have now received your child's interim report. A huge thank you to our wonderful teaching team who have worked incredibly hard to capture each child's progress this term. We hope you enjoy reading through the reports together over the holidays. There will be a Parents' Evening after May half term followed by a full end-of-year report in July. You may have noticed that this year we've included attendance codes in the reports to give parents more insight into their child's school attendance. Below is a guide to the codes used:

- I - Illness
- M - Medical Appointment
- L - Late
- G - Unauthorised Absence
- C - Authorised Absence
- V - Educational Visit
- P - Sporting Fixture
- / - Present

Spring Concert

What an incredible way to end the term! Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 performed in our Spring Concert at the stunning Kettering Arts Centre. The children were exceptional, and once again reminded us of their talent and courage on stage. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs P for the brilliant music direction, and to all the parents and carers who came to support. Kettering has many hidden gems, and this collaboration between St Peter's and the Arts Centre is one we hope to continue next year.

EYFS Easter Celebration

Reception and Preschool delighted us with their Easter songs, poetry, bonnet parade, and Easter egg hunt. It was such a joyful afternoon and lovely to welcome so many of you into school for the occasion.

East Egg Donations

Our School Council led the way with our Easter Egg appeal in support of Kettering Home Start and the Children's Ward at Kettering General Hospital. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we were able to donate over 110 Easter Eggs, almost double the 60 eggs kindly donated last year by the Rotary Club. A

heartfelt thank you to all families who contributed. I'm so proud that our pupils, guided by the School Council, show such passion for supporting our local community. These acts of kindness truly make a difference, and it's wonderful to see our children embracing the spirit of giving.

Trinity Term Clubs

Clubs begin in the week of Monday 29th April. Confirmations will be sent out in the first week back. Many of next term's clubs will be outdoors, with a wide variety of sports and activities planned. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll provide an indoor alternative, though this may not always match the original club content. Thank you for your understanding.

Staff News

We are excited to be planning several changes to staffing and classrooms for September. Today, I'm delighted to tell you about Miss Blakeman, who will be joining our Upper School teaching team. Miss Blakeman is currently teaching in Durham and relocating to North Northamptonshire over the summer. She holds a First Class Honours degree from Durham University, plays the guitar, is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, has Level 2 BSL, and is a team leader for the Samaritans; she is an awesome teacher too! She also has a passion for outdoor education and brings an exciting mix of creativity, curiosity, and energy. Her family attended Kimbolton School, so she knows the area well. We hope Miss Blakeman will be joining us for Founders' Day and a transition day later in the term. We will share the full class teacher list for September during the Trinity Term.

We are still looking for a Late Club Leader. If you know someone who might be interested in leading our after school care, please encourage them to get in touch.

A Fond Farewell to Miss Perkins

With a lump in our throats, we will be saying goodbye to Fiona Perkins at the end of the Trinity Term. Fiona has been an integral part of St Peter's for many years, and her warmth, dedication, and deep care for the children have left a lasting legacy, literally for generations. Fiona has given her whole heart to this community. She won't thank me for telling you, but she first walked through our gates in 1972... and the rest is history! I'll share a little more of her wonderful history at St Peter's later in the Trinity Term.

Well Done Mrs Ward!

Congratulations to Mrs Ward, who has officially passed her Postgraduate Certificate in Special Educational Needs Education as well as her Level 7 National Award for SENDCos from Bath Spa University. We are all incredibly proud of her achievement. This is a demanding course. Mrs Ward is a

fantastic example to our children of how dedication and hard work lead to outstanding results, well done!

Summer Uniform

A reminder that from **Tuesday 6th May**, all children should wear Summer Uniform. Please ensure items are clean and correctly fitting.



Key Dates for Diaries

- Tuesday 22nd April - First day of Trinity Term
- Monday 5th May - May Day Bank holiday
- Monday 12th May - Reception Class Assembly
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th May - Year 5 & 6 Residential
- Friday 23rd May - Year 2-6 House Swimming Gala
- 26th - 30th May - Half Term
- Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd June, 3.30pm-6pm - Preschool to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Consultations (*Updated since September*)
- Wednesday 11th June, 5pm-6.30pm - Music for a Summer's Evening
- Tuesday 17th June - Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (*Updated since September*)
- Wednesday 18th June - Family Cricket
- Wednesday 25th June - School Production
- Wednesday 2nd June - Trinity House Matches (Y3-Y6)
- Friday 11th July - Founders Day
- Wednesday 16th July - Last Day of Trinity Term

All key dates can be found on the school calendar on our website.

Legal Challenge Regarding VAT on Independent School Fees

The Independent Schools Council (ISC), along with families and faith schools, initiated a legal challenge in the High Court this week. The claimants argue that the VAT imposition is discriminatory and violates human rights, particularly concerning children with special educational needs (SEN) and those attending faith-based schools. While the legal proceedings are ongoing, it's important to note that legal experts suggest the chances of overturning the VAT policy are slim. Even if the court acknowledges potential human rights breaches, it may not necessitate a repeal of the policy. We understand that this situation may cause concern among our school community. Please be assured that we are closely monitoring developments and will keep you informed of any significant changes. At this stage, it appears unlikely that the legal challenge will lead to any alteration of the VAT policy. Our commitment remains to provide the highest quality education and support to our students and families during this time.



Happy Easter!

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break, with time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends. This will be my last communication for a few weeks as I begin my paternity leave (some day soon), but I know you will be in excellent hands with Mrs Glaves and our amazing team.

With warm wishes for a restful and joyful Easter,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher