



Dear Parents and Carers,

⚠ Don't forget to book your Holiday Club places.

⚠ Don't forget to buy your Oliver tickets!

As we head into another packed and exciting week at St Peter's, a quick reminder: please ensure your child comes to school with suncream applied in the morning. With several trips, outings and outdoor events coming up, we want to keep everyone safe and smiling in the summer sunshine (or at least the British version of it!).

High Court Ruling on VAT

Today the High Court ruled that the government has not acted illegally in introducing a 20% VAT on private school fees, dismissing challenges led by the ISC and families. While undoubtedly disappointing for many in the independent sector, this decision gives the government the green light to proceed, with significant commentary and analysis now circulating across the media. The Independent Schools Council has published clear summaries of the court's judgment and is actively reviewing next steps [ft.com](https://www.ft.com).

☀ Year 6 Science Trip – Bosworth Labs

Our Year 6 pupils had a thrilling experience visiting Bosworth Independent School in Northampton, where they got to use state-of-the-art science labs. From lighting Bunsen burners to exploring chemical reactions, they threw themselves into the world of practical science with curiosity and confidence. They also set off their fire alarm, oops!

🎭 LAMDA Exams

A number of our pupils took their LAMDA exams this week; and I'm delighted to report that every one of them emerged with a smile! Their poise, preparation, and love for performance really shone through. Well done to all involved!

📷 Whole School Photo Day

With top buttons fastened and hair smartly brushed, the whole school gathered on the lawn this week for our bi-annual school photograph. Year group photos were also taken. Details on how to order copies will be shared with you shortly, they promise to be treasured keepsakes!

🎵 Music for a Summer's Evening

On Wednesday, our talented musicians treated us to an enchanting evening of live music performed on our outdoor stage. The sun was shining and the stunning Sunnylands backdrop and the children's outstanding performances brought the magic! From tiny pianists whose feet didn't yet reach the floor, to seasoned performers playing multiple instruments, every child shone. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs

Palmer and our wonderful music teachers for their passion, hard work and dedication. And yes, there were plenty of musical theatre numbers to keep me very happy indeed!

Netball Masterclass

This week, our Year 5 and 6 girls were treated to a truly inspiring experience as professional netballer Hannah Joseph visited to deliver a specialist training session. Hannah plays for Loughborough Lightning in the Netball Super League, is a member of the England national team, and has won the league title an incredible three times. The girls were completely captivated by her energy, encouragement, and expertise, and it was wonderful to see them learning new skills from such a fantastic role model. Huge thanks to Uppingham School, where Hannah is Head of Netball, for helping make this special opportunity possible.

Sports Day – Tuesday, 17th June from 1pm

Weather permitting, we're excited to welcome you to Sports Day next Tuesday! Gates will open at 12:50pm and all parents are warmly invited to spectate. Please bring a chair or blanket, and perhaps an umbrella, just in case. Forecast currently looks dry 🙌

This year, all pupils from Preschool to Year 6 will be taking part. Year 2 upwards should wear their House tops. Children should come to school in their sports kit. We'll keep you updated if anything changes due to weather.

Family Cricket – Wednesday, CHANGE OF PLAN, now at school

Following feedback from parents, we've made a change of plan for next week's Family Cricket event. Many of you understandably thought it was taking place at school and immediately after clubs; so to make it easier for everyone, we're bringing it onto the school field at 4:30pm on Wednesday. Please do join us after clubs for some relaxed games of softball cricket. Whether you're playing, cheering, or just enjoying the sunshine, all are welcome!

Key Dates – Trinity Term 2

(Final calendar always available on our website.)

- Tuesday, 17th June – Sports Day
- Wednesday, 18th June – Family Cricket Evening - Now at school from 4.30pm
- Wednesday, 25th June – School Production: OLIVER! - Wicksteed Pavilion at 6pm
- Wednesday, 2nd July – Trinity House Games
- Friday, 11th July – Founders Day
- Wednesday, 16th July – Last Day of Term

Finally, a gentle reminder that this Sunday is Father's Day. Whether it's your own dad, a grandad, or a father figure, I hope you're able to celebrate the important men in your lives. Wishing all our St Peter's dads a very happy day.

Have a brilliant weekend.

Regards

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

 Next week's menu: www.st-peters.org.uk/menu