



Dear Parents and Carers,

I love this time of year. Strictly is back on, I'm putting on my boots for rugby tomorrow, and the talk of half term, Halloween and Bonfire Night means we're already on that run-up to Christmas.

It's always a wonderfully busy time in school too. Today we celebrated European Day of Languages; a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to explore and enjoy the richness of different cultures and languages. Next week we have our Outdoor Learning Morning and school photos. The EYFS Nativity date has been set and the absolute original start to Christmas will be **3rd December at 2.15pm** in the Sunnylands Hall.

Some important reminders before the headlines:

- The EYFS and Lower School Harvest Supper takes place in two weeks' time (details below).
- Please bring in your Harvest donations for Kettering Foodbank; every contribution makes a real difference.
- Reception to Year 6 Outdoor Learning morning is on Tuesday - bring in your wellies!
- Photos are Wednesday - smartest hair and uniform encouraged!
- School Nurse Coffee morning on Wednesday morning - do come along.

Individual and Class Photos – Wednesday 1st October

Next Wednesday our photographer will be in school to take individual, class, and team photos. Please make sure children come in their smartest uniform with tidy hair and polished shoes. Upper School children will also need their sports kit for team photos.

Student Elections

This week saw our much-anticipated School Council and Eco Committee elections. The hustings were fierce, with manifesto posters displayed across school. Every child from Reception to Year 6 had the chance to vote, and our Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job as poll clerks.

The results were very close and will be announced on Monday, when successful candidates will be presented with their School Council and Eco Committee badges. Congratulations to every child who created a poster, spoke in front of their peers, or simply put their ideas forward. All the ideas will be brought to the first council meeting, because at St Peter's every voice is valued.

Pastoral and Safeguarding at St Peter's

The wellbeing and safety of every child is central to all we do. Our Safeguarding Team is led by Mr Thomas (DSL), supported by Mrs Ward and Mr Day (Deputy DSLs). Mrs Glaves leads on Pastoral Care

and Mental Health. Together with our teachers and support staff, we work to ensure every child is nurtured, safe, and cared for both in and out of school.

How to Report Concerns

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concern, however small, please speak to a member of the team immediately. Concerns can also be logged via our confidential safeguarding email: STPSSafeguarding@st-peters.org.uk.

Behaviour and Conduct

We expect pupils to uphold the highest standards of respect and kindness both in person and online. Families can help by monitoring online activity and reinforcing that our school values apply everywhere; in the classroom, on the playground, and on the internet.

Travelling To and From School

Children should remember that their journey to and from school is part of their school day. Please remind them to travel safely and responsibly, staying aware near roads and public spaces, showing courtesy to others, and following basic safety measures (e.g. cycling with helmets, seatbelts in cars, walking with an adult where appropriate).

After-School Supervision

Once children have been dismissed, they are in parental (your) care. Please supervise your child as you leave the school site. If your child is playing in the grounds, they are your responsibility. Our gates open at 3.10pm, so it is vital you keep your children in sight at all times, particularly near the road.

Harvest Supper – Monday 6th October

Our EYFS and Lower School Harvest Supper takes place a week on Monday. All Preschool to Year 2 children should be in school from 5pm–6pm (unless we've been informed otherwise). There will be a Harvest meal in Sunnylands Hall for ticket-holders, followed by songs and poems from the children.

Children should wear full Winter uniform. Please bring any food donations into school so they can be displayed before delivery to Kettering Foodbank.

School Nurse Coffee Morning – Wednesday 1st October

On Wednesday morning the School Nurse Team will be hosting a drop-in coffee morning. This is a great opportunity to ask questions or get advice about:

- Allergies
- Wellbeing and emotional health
- Useful links and support for parents

- And of course... cake! 🍰

Please do support this event; your attendance helps ensure we can keep running them.

Dates for Your Diary

- **30th Oct - Outdoor Learning Morning**
- 1st Oct – Individual & Class Photographs
- 1st Oct – School Nurse Coffee Morning
- 6th Oct – Harvest Supper (EYFS & Lower School)
- 13th Oct – P-6 Share Your Work
- 17th Oct – Halloween Disco, 5.45pm
- 17th Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly
- 21st Nov – Children in Need
- 24–25th Nov – Parent–Teacher Consultations
- 1st Dec – Year 4 Class Assembly
- **3rd Dec - EYFS Nativity**
- 10th Dec – Michaelmas House Games
- 12th Dec – Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

👉 Next week's menu can be found here: www.st-peters.org.uk/menu

Girls' Hockey Match Report By Aleena B

Year 6 Girls Hockey Report vs Stoneygate and Twycross

On Wednesday, the Year 6 girls travelled to Stoneygate School to play hockey matches against both Stoneygate and Twycross. The team worked hard and represented our school with determination and spirit.

The first match was against Stoneygate. It was a close and competitive game, with both teams battling strongly in midfield. Despite some excellent defending and good passing moves, and Inara's extraordinary defending back in the goal, Stoneygate managed to score two goals. The final score was 2–0 to Stoneygate. Player of the match: Clementine.

In the second match, the team faced Twycross. This was another exciting contest, with plenty of end-to-end action. Our team showed great teamwork and never gave up, and we were rewarded with a

goal from Clementine, who finished brilliantly. However, Twycross proved to be strong opponents and went on to win 3–1. Player of the match: Amber.

Although the results did not go our way, the girls showed resilience, energy, and improvement throughout the afternoon. A special mention goes to Clementine for her excellent goal, Inara for her brilliant defending skills (including a magical double save), and definitely to the whole team for their effort and positive attitude.

Thank you Mr Day and Mr Ray for organising this for us!