



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend. If you're like me, you'll be hooked on Celebrity Traitors on BBC eagerly waiting for tonight's episode! There's lots to share this week plus some important updates and plenty of fun too!


### **Harvest Supper & Foodbank Visit**

What a wonderful evening we had on Monday welcoming our EYFS and Lower School parents to the Harvest Supper; chilli con carne followed by fruit crumble and custard (thank you to our catering team!). The children sang beautifully, and the hall was buzzing.

Our Year 6 pupils delivered all your generous donations to Kettering Foodbank, where they met the volunteers, learned how the service operates, and saw just how important your contributions are. It was an eye-opening experience and a humbling reminder of the real difference your kindness makes. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your generosity and community spirit.

### **Reception–Year 6 Halloween Disco**

Don't forget, it's the Halloween Disco next Friday! No tickets needed; just turn up and join the fun.

 5.45pm–7.00pm in Sunnylands Hall (entry via the Headlands Gate).

Fancy dress is optional, and the evening promises to be a fantastic way to round off the half term with singing, dancing and games galore.

While the children dance, parents are warmly invited to the Cedar Hub, which will be open throughout the event. We'll put out drinks, but please feel free to bring your own. It's a lovely chance to relax, socialise and avoid the drive home and back again. (We'll even have a little music for you too!) Please note, adults won't be able to enter the Hall during the disco.

### **Poppy Appeal**

After half term, our Year 6 pupils will once again lead the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

They'll be selling poppies at the school gate. Please send exact change if your child wishes to purchase an item, all proceeds go directly to charity. Children are welcome to wear their poppy on their school blazer throughout November; all other items should be taken home.

### **Share Your Work – Monday after School**

Our popular Share Your Work afternoon returns on Monday for Preschool to Year 6. This informal event invites you into your child's classroom to look through their books, see their learning environment and chat with their teacher. It's not a formal parents' evening, just a lovely opportunity to see the school

through your child's eyes. Please remain within your own child's classroom during the visit. Class Teachers will be in the classrooms until 5pm.

### **St P's in the Community**

It's been another action-packed week!

- Preschool had a fabulous Scarecrow day
- U11 Rugby and hockey fixtures at Brooke Priory
- Year 1 exploring the Abington Park Toy Museum
- Year 6 went to Kettering Foodbank
- Next week, Year 4 will be "exploding" things in the Bosworth School science labs!

We love sharing snapshots of these moments online; do follow us on social media

@stpetersschoolkettering, and look out next week for a photo album celebrating all our Michaelmas Term adventures so far.

### **Open Morning – Wednesday, 5th November**

Our Michaelmas Open Morning takes place on the first Wednesday back after half term. Please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours who may be interested in joining our wonderful community. Reception 2026 is already almost full, and interest for 2027 is growing fast! Limited spaces remain in other year groups.

### **Staff Spotlight: Welcome Miss Duberry!**

We're delighted to introduce Miss Duberry, our Gap Year Teaching Assistant, who has brought boundless energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to St Peter's since joining us in September! A local lady, Miss Duberry attended Southfield School, where she was a proud member of the Netball A Team. After finishing sixth form in June, she decided to spend a year gaining hands-on experience in education before starting her Primary Education degree at university next September, and we're very pleased to report that, despite the early mornings, we haven't put her off becoming a teacher! Before joining us, she worked at Gravity Trampoline Park, where her love of sport and working with young people really shone through. She's also wonderfully artistic and studied Sociology, Psychology and Health & Social Care at A level, a combination that shows in her caring approach with the children. Outside school, Miss Duberry is kept busy by her two lively Vizslas, Jasper and Ralph, and loves spending time with them. She's bubbly, kind, and full of energy, and it's easy to see why the children (and staff!) think she's brilliant. She was also one of the top scorers today in the House times table challenge!! We're so lucky to have you as part of the St Peter's team, Miss Duberry, thank you for all that you bring to school life!

### **Community Choir Returns Soon**

Our much-loved Community Choir returns in Michaelmas 2, open to everyone; parents, grandparents, and friends; no experience needed!

 Fridays, 8.10 – 8.40am in the School Hall

We'll be preparing for our Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul on Friday, 12th December.

Come and sing with us! It's joyful, uplifting, and yes, coffee and biscuits are provided.

### **Addendum**

- Apologies to Miss Blakeman for the spelling error in last week's update!
- Please note: Children in Need will take place on Thursday, 14th November, not the 21st.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

- 13th Oct – Share Your Work (Preschool – Year 6)
- 17th Oct – Halloween Disco, 5.45pm – 7pm
- 5th Nov – Open Morning
- 14th Nov – Children in Need
- 17th Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly
- 24th – 25th Nov – Parent 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

### **Conker Championships Final!**

Next week brings the finals of the St Peter's Conker Championships; polish up those sixers, ten-ers and twelvers! It might even tip the House Point totals before half term...

And finally, lost property will be out on the gate at the end of next week, please check for any missing items before the break. We will also put out a table of old books which you're welcome to help yourself to.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. Thank you, as always, for your support and enthusiasm; our community spirit truly shines at this time of year.

Regards

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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

**Hockey Fixture - Wednesday 8th October 2025, by Amber P**

The girls year six hockey team were thrilled to take part in a sports fixture at Oakham school on the 8th of October. We had been training hard in our games lessons and felt ready!

The bus journey vibes were electrifying. The energetic beats of Dance Monkey got everyone in the right spirits. No one can resist singing along to that song!

As we arrived there was a buzz in the air. We huddled on a pale blue bench and prepped for our first match. Mr Day gave a few words of inspiration as we secured our gumshields and sharpened our focus.

It was a tough day. Out of 6 matches we unfortunately lost 5, but the girls proudly played like champions and Lara especially demonstrated some superb skills. However, all was not lost, in the final match we showed our resilience, reversed our luck, and won against Witham Hall 1-0.

As I reflect on today's fixtures, whilst the result was not what we deserved, I want to extend my thanks to my team mates for their endless determination and to our teachers for their encouragement and support in navigating us through the challenges of the games. Better luck next time girls!