



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of what has been a wonderfully full and vibrant first half of term; seven jam-packed weeks of learning, laughter and community spirit. I'm sure we're all ready for a well-deserved two weeks to rest and recharge.

This next half of term is always my favourite: the sparkle of Strictly, the warmth of Children in Need, the reflection of Remembrance, the excitement of Bonfire Night, and, dare I say it, the gentle shimmer of you-know-what!

### **Reception to Year 6 Halloween Disco – TONIGHT!**

We're all looking forward to this evening's Halloween Disco in Sunnylands Hall, the perfect way to celebrate the end of term!

A huge thank you to everyone who's volunteered their time and energy to make tonight possible, we couldn't do it without you.

- Headlands Gate opens: 5.45pm
- Parent Party: The Cedar Hub will be open for grown-ups
- Pick-up: Please come in the Headlands gate and leave via the Crescent Gate.
- Late Club: Any children still in Late Club at 5.45pm will be taken straight through to the disco.
- No tickets are needed; just turn up, sign in, and enjoy!

### **The Great St Peter's Conker Championships**

Today saw the much-anticipated 2025 Conker Championships; a fierce yet friendly battle from Reception to Year 6. The finalists were:

 MJ and Ekjyot (Brigstock)

 Nick and Florence (Barnwell)

 Sophia and Quincey (Stanwick)

 Kassy and Louis (Sywell)

The grand final came down to Nick vs MJ and Louis vs Quincey, with Nick (Barnwell) and Louis (Sywell) triumphing to take home the Cooper Cup! The atmosphere was electric; cheers, laughter, and a true display of House spirit. What a wonderful way for our children to experience a traditional game and cheer one another on.

### **A Busy Final Week**

As always, it's been a whirlwind of activity at St Peter's! This week alone:

- Year 4 became budding scientists at Bosworth Independent School, experimenting in their state-of-the-art labs (and blowing up jelly babies!).

- Our Swim Team competed brilliantly at the Midlands Gala, with one pupil qualifying for the Nationals!
- The Girls' Tag Rugby Team represented us superbly at Kettering Rugby Club.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 ran alongside more than 1,000 pupils in the Kettering and Corby Cross Country Championships, with several qualifying for the North Northants Finals.
- The School Council held their first full meeting of the year; they're already brimming with ideas, especially for Children in Need.


This is why I love this time of year; energy, teamwork, and the unmistakable buzz of learning in action.

A quick reminder that when we return, Year 6 will be selling poppies on the gate to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. The choir will be performing at the town Remembrance Service on the first Saturday back.

### **This Term in Photos**

Over half term, we'll be uploading a collection of photos from across the term to our website galleries. Keep an eye out, it's always lovely to look back at everything we've achieved together.

### **Staff Spotlight: Welcome Back, Miss Oldham!**

We're absolutely delighted to welcome Miss Oldham back to St Peter's! Some of you may remember her from her time as a Nursery Practitioner in Sunnylands Nursery, and we couldn't be happier to have her rejoin our team. Miss Oldham holds an Honours Degree in Early Childhood and Education, has run an Ofsted-registered childcare business, and brings with her a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. A huge Disney fan (her favourite is 'Beauty and the Beast' ) , she also loves travelling, especially to Orlando and Dubai. We're thrilled she's back at St P's where she belongs.

### **New Late Club Leader – Welcome, Mrs Holton!**

After half term, we're delighted to welcome Mrs Holton as our new Late Club Leader. I know you will all give her the warm St Peter's welcome that every new member of our community receives. As she settles in and gets to know families, please remember that she won't yet recognise everyone, so if there's any uncertainty at collection, she will ask for your collection password before releasing your child. This is simply part of our safeguarding procedure and ensures every child's safety. Please make sure you and any family members or friends who collect your child know the password, and don't forget to let us know if anyone different will be collecting.

### **Choir Dates for the Diary**

Our wonderful School Choir is in huge demand next half term, with several public performances lined up:

- Saturday, 8th Nov: Remembrance Concert at St Peter & St Paul Church
- Monday 17th Nov: Seasonal Concert at Wellingborough Castle Theatre
- Wednesday, 27th Nov: NEW! Kettering Christmas Light Switch-On (Market Square)
- Sunday, 7th Dec: Lights to Remember Service, Toller Church

We're so proud of them, do come along and support them if you can!



### Dates for Your Diary

17th Oct – Halloween Disco, 5.45pm – 7pm

5th Nov – Open Morning

14th Nov – Children in Need

17th Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly

24–25th 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

As we head into half term, I want to thank you all, children, parents and staff, for your continued warmth, positivity and commitment to school life. Every classroom has been alive with learning and laughter.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful break with your families. Don't forget, our Community Choir begins on Friday, 7th November at 8.10am, everyone welcome!

Finally, as many of our families prepare to celebrate the Festival of Light, I wish you a Diwali filled with happiness, prosperity and joy.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

👉 Week One menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)