



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the autumn colours settle beautifully around St Peter's, this week has reminded us once again just how special our school community is. We've moved from moments of joyful celebration to quiet reflection, each one capturing the heart of who we are.

Remembrance at St Peter's

This week, the whole school came together to mark Remembrance Day with respect. On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils visited the Kettering War Memorial to observe Armistice Day and pay their respects; a moving moment of reflection for them in the community. Back at school, the rest of the pupils gathered on the South Lawn for a two-minute silence. The stillness and sincerity shown by our children were deeply moving. It is moments like these that strengthen our understanding of peace, courage, kindness, and unity.

Remembrance Concert – A Night to Remember

On Saturday evening, members of our school choir performed in the town's Remembrance Concert at St Peter & St Paul's Church. Alongside two other choirs, a brass band, and outstanding soloists, our children sang with such heart and maturity. Their performance received warm and enthusiastic praise from the conductor, audience, and organisers. We are incredibly proud of them.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal so generously this week. Your contributions make a real difference. (A gentle reminder: poppy merchandise should be taken home and poppy pin badges are worn throughout November only.)

Children in Need – PJ & Onesie Day!

What a joyful day we've had! Our School Council chose the theme "PJ and Onesie Day", and the school was filled with bright colours, fluffy slippers, Pudsey ears, and plenty of cheerful faces. Pupils enjoyed their normal lessons alongside Children in Need activities, challenges and games (I heard rumours of a 25 minute dance in Lower School!). Thank you so much for your donations, the School Council were delighted to collect contributions at the gate and around school, so far we've raised £160, but you can still bring in donations next week.

Eco Robots – Incredible Creativity!

Wow! The recycled robots created over half-term are absolutely fantastic. The imagination, engineering skills and creativity on display were a delight to see. Although the activity was just for fun, it sparked

genuine excitement across the school, and it was wonderful to see so many inventive entries still on display in the hall. Thank you for joining in with such enthusiasm!

World of Work Assembly – Thank You, Mrs Sembhi!

On Monday, we were thrilled to welcome the brilliantly talented Mrs Sembhi to deliver a whole-school assembly. She spoke to the children about her fascinating career journey to be a fashion designer. Pupils asked excellent questions, and many left the assembly feeling excited about the future and inspired especially at the prospect of their design maybe being made. A huge thank you to her for giving up her time.

Parking Reminder

Our neighbours have kindly asked me to pass on a few reminders to help ensure safety and courtesy around the school site:

Please avoid:

- Parking on yellow zig-zags
- Parking on blind bends
- Parking several feet from the kerb
- Parking on verges
- Parking against the flow of traffic

And please also be mindful of:

- Not blocking driveways
- Keeping verges clear
- Avoiding permit-holder-only areas

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain positive relationships with our community.

Update: Swimming

Although social media suggested otherwise, Kettering Swimming Pool remained closed today. Huge thanks go to Uppingham School for offering us exclusive use of their pool so that our Year 3–6 pupils could still swim. Their facilities are stunning, and the children had a brilliant time completing their Children in Need “Challenge 25” swim.

We are assured that Kettering pool will reopen next week, and we look forward to Years 1 and 2 returning to their normal swimming lessons.

Digital Safety Advice

Attached is a Digital Safety Guide for Parents, shared with us by one of our trusted providers. We hope you find it useful when navigating children's online activities.

Friends of St Peter's – News Coming Soon

Behind the scenes, a group of parents have been working hard on something/someone special for Christmas... We can't wait to share more next week!

Dates for Your Diary

- 17th Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly
- 24–25th Nov – Parent Consultations
- 1st Dec – Year 4 Class Assembly
- 3rd Dec – EYFS Nativity
- 5th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day (and maybe a special visitor!)
- 10th Dec – Michaelmas House Games
- 12th Dec – Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul Church

I look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents on Monday for their class assembly, and I'm also looking forward to accompanying the choir on Monday evening to the Wellingborough Castle Theatre Seasonal Concert. All Choir children attending should wear full school uniform all day and non-choir Upper School members should wear sports kit.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend. Please be careful in Storm Claudia.

Regards

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>