



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy, joyful and energetic week here at St Peter's, with our pupils shining in every corner of school life, on the sports field, on the stage, and in the classroom. It is always a privilege to see their confidence grow week by week.

★ Sporting Success

A huge congratulations to our incredible runner who competed in the District Cross Country and finished 8th in the Under 13 age group; a remarkable achievement in a hugely competitive field.

Well done also to our footballers who braved the blistering cold at Stonegate School for a tough set of matches on Wednesday. Their determination, resilience and team spirit were outstanding. Our Year 3 and 4 hockey players enjoyed a tournament at Brooke Priory on Thursday.

🎵 Seasonal Concert at the Castle Theatre

On Monday evening, our wonderful St Peter's Choir took to the stage at the Wellingborough Castle Theatre as part of the Rotary Club's Seasonal Concert. Alongside more than one hundred pupils from four other schools, our children performed with beautiful tone, confidence and composure. It was a sell-out theatre, with several hundred people in the audience; an extraordinary opportunity for our children to experience performing on a professional stage. They were outstanding and we are immensely proud of them.

Thank you to Mrs P for her exceptional work preparing the choir.

🎤 Community Choir – It's Not Too Late!

This morning's rehearsal sounded fantastic, and it is wonderful to feel the community coming together in song. If you would like to join the Community Choir, there is still time; we have two rehearsals left, plus an optional dress rehearsal.

The children absolutely love seeing you perform at the Carol Service; it is one of the magical moments of our school year.

👏 IMPORTANT – Winter Clothing and Uniform Expectations

As the temperature continues to drop, please ensure your child has:

- School hat
- School gloves
- School scarf
- School coat
- Full tracksuit (compulsory)


- Base layers or our very warm mid-layer (optional to purchase)

These items are available via ParentMail or from the School Office.

This week we have had some children arriving in shorts or skorts in negative temperatures. It is also essential that pupils wear their full tracksuit, hat, gloves and scarf on Fridays when they go swimming, so they can wrap up properly after leaving the pool. Thank you for your support.

Brake – Road Safety Week

This week is Brake's National Road Safety Week and we have been talking to the children about keeping safe near roads, using crossings, wearing visible clothing, and being aware of cars at drop-off and pick-up times.

Brake's website has some excellent family-friendly resources, including activities, videos and guidance for parents. If you would like to explore these at home, you can find them at:  www.brake.org.uk

Thank you for continuing to support safe and considerate driving around The Crescent.

“On the Buzzer” – Year 6 Quiz Competition

Two of our brilliant Year 6 teams took part in the Independent Schools “On the Buzzer” General Knowledge Competition at Uppingham School this week. They competed against:

OBH, St Hugh's, Beeston Hall, Spratton, Beechwood, Stamford Junior, Copthill, Brooke, Witham Hall.

Out of 20 teams, both of our teams came joint 13th; an absolutely solid performance in a very challenging competition with some exceptionally tricky questions. And our first ever time entering!

Well done to all involved for their quick thinking and composure under pressure.

EYFS Nativity – Wednesday 3rd December

Reception and Preschool parents and grandparents are warmly invited to the EYFS Nativity at 2.15pm in Sunnylands Hall.

Please enter via the Crescent Gate. Doors will open 15 minutes before the performance, the hall will be extremely busy.

We can't wait to welcome you for this very special celebration.

Visiting Parents in Assembly

If you have something inspiring to share, whether it's your job, your hobby, your culture, your travels, or something that could broaden our children's minds, we would be delighted to welcome you into an assembly. If you'd like to take part, please get in touch!

Getting in Touch

To help us manage the high volume of messages we receive each day, please use the correct email route:

- General enquiries: STPSOffice@st-peters.org.uk
- Safeguarding & confidential matters: STPSSafeguarding@st-peters.org.uk
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If your query can be answered by your child's Class Teacher, please contact them first, but do remember they may be teaching and unable to reply until later.

Dates for Your Diary

- 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

A reminder that Parent Consultations begin on Monday. Apologies if you didn't get the exact time you wanted, with so many families, it is a challenge to fit everyone in, but all parents do receive a full 15-minute meeting.

Christmas Lights Switch-On - Thursday 27th

Next Thursday, our school choir will be performing at the Kettering Christmas Lights Switch-On. Staff will walk the children from school to the Market Place, where families are warmly invited to join the crowd and enjoy the performance. Please collect your child from the Market Place afterwards. Choir members should wear full winter uniform, including coats, felt hats, scarves and gloves. This is a free community event, and we're very proud to be taking part once again.

And finally...

Next week our Christmas Tree arrives and the stage goes up, which means the festive season at St Peter's is officially underway! We are very excited for all that is to come.

Wishing you all a warm and restful weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu:

<https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>

Alexander's Football Match Report

We started our journey to Stoneygate Independent School for our football fixture. The people in St. Peter's football team were Quincey, Jonathon, Nathan, Louis, Harry, Zavi, me and our captain Leo Baillie. On the minibus, we felt powerful, excited, and a little bit nervous about our competition, but we were ready to power through! We played 1 game of 2 halves, splitting into two 5-a-side teams, swapping sides halfway through.

We arrived at Stoneygate school, which was very large and had a great football pitch. We were keen to get our kit on and start playing.

On the field, at the start of the first half, Harry kicked off first with a powerful pass to Leo. He sprinted with the ball through the opponents' players, trying to pass to me, but the ball was quickly blocked by the opposition.

The opposition team scored first, with their player skillfully dodging through the middle, tapping it swiftly into the bottom corner. About 5 minutes later the opposition scored again, weaving through our defenders to make the score 2:0 to Stoneygate, with 15 minutes left to play. Not feeling dis-heartened, Harry battled through their defences and passed the ball wide to me. Dribbling the ball, I ran down the outside, passing to Leo, who turned and shot top-bins. GOAL!

With minutes left to go of the first half, tackling the opposition, I got the ball and energetically passed to Leo who did a fantastic shot into the goal! 2:2!!!

They scored the final goal of the first half to make it 3:2 to Stoneygate.

Going into the second half, we felt as if we had to win this game to make it a draw. The pressure was on! Right away they took kick off, I ran in to tackle. I got the ball and ran forward with it, passed it across to Leo who shot a great goal. 3:3!!!

We scored 2 more goals in the second half, so did the opposition, bringing the final goal score to 6:6 - that meant penalties!!!

Leo took rock, paper, scissors with the opposing team's captain, we got to shoot first. All of us, but Leo (who stayed in goal) took a penalty and we all scored. 3 of the opposing team took penalties, one missed! This meant WE WON THE GAME!!!

Player of the match goes to Leo, who managed to score an impressive 5 goals!!!

Match Report By Quincey.

On Wednesday, the Year Six boys had the pleasure of playing against Stonegate Primary School. Positivity filled the bus on the way to the fixture, and that energy carried onto the pitch. The match was exciting and full of pace, with both teams displaying impressive skill, strong teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship. Every player gave their all, contributing to a competitive afternoon of football.

First Game

The opening match began with plenty of early action. Hopes were high, but after several superb saves from our outstanding goalkeeper, Stonegate eventually managed to score a well-worked team goal. This didn't discourage the ST P team, who immediately responded with pressure of their own. Their efforts paid off when a brilliant through ball from Nathan set up Zavi for a fantastic finish to equalise.

The momentum shifted repeatedly as both teams created chances, with St Peter's showing great passing and solid defensive work. After an intense contest, the final whistle blew, and the first game ended 1-1.

Second Game

The second match started with the team confident and determined. Stonegate broke through our defence with some excellent passing and scored the opening goal. After a strong clearance from Louis, Stonegate earned a corner and scored again despite another skilful attempt from our goalkeeper.

St Peter's stayed resilient, and Nathan soon struck back with an incredible long-range goal from the halfway line. Not long after, following a brilliant save from our keeper, Quincey drove the ball forward and assisted Nathan for his second goal of the game.

Stonegate responded once more, making it 3–2, but a loose pass from their defence was intercepted by Zavi, who calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net to equalise at 3–3. The exciting match concluded with a penalty shoot-out.

What a fantastic afternoon of football, full of determination and outstanding team effort!