



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we dive headfirst into Black Friday chaos and the festive season begins to sparkle, I'd like to pause and wish a very warm Happy Thanksgiving to our American families. 🦃🍁

Happy Turkey Day, Inara and Charlotte! We hope your homes were full of food, family and joy.

It's been a bitterly cold week, so please ensure children arrive each day with school hats, scarves, gloves, long trousers and a warm coat. Even if they insist they're "not cold", we promise you, they will be!

★ EYFS Nativity – Wednesday 3rd December

Parents and grandparents of Reception and Preschool children are warmly invited to our magical EYFS Nativity at 2.15pm in Sunnylands Hall. This is always a highlight of the year, and we cannot wait to begin the festive celebrations with you. The hall will be very busy and the doors will open at 2pm. Entry via the Headlands (front) gate please.

🏆 Sports at St P

It has been an action-packed week of sport across the school!

Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the KSSP Indoor Athletics at Kettering Leisure Village, a huge, buzzing event with hundreds of children from across NNC. Our pupils performed brilliantly, particularly impressive considering we are always one of the smallest schools there. A huge well done to all involved.

Our Year 5 hockey and rugby teams also braved the cold at Brooke Priory and produced some fantastic performances, determined, gritty, and full of team spirit.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 footballers welcomed Stoneygate for a home fixture. It was a superb match to watch (from the warmth of my window!), and we were proud of every player.

🎄 Light Switch-On

Our amazing choir took part in the Kettering Christmas Light Switch-On last night, a first for St Peter's! They sang beautifully, represented the school superbly, and helped bring real joy to the community. A big thank you to all the families who came to support us, and to the staff team who made the evening possible. It was very exciting.

👤 Friends of St P

We are delighted to share that the Friends of St P are now officially established and already doing fantastic work to support our school community. After the huge success of the Halloween Disco, they

have organised a special visit from Santa next week. All proceeds will go towards an end-of-year treat for the children. A number of parents have kindly stepped forward to help lead FOSP, and we are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity already being shown. Their mission is simple: to make school an even better place for your children. Please do support them wherever you can, whether by attending events, volunteering, or spreading the word. <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/friendsfstp>

🌟 Getting Festive

The Christmas tree arrived this week, the Nativity star is up, and the school is starting to look truly magical. Over the next two weeks, we have a wonderful run of festive events, culminating in our whole-school Christmas Carol Service. Every year group will attend, so please add Friday 12th December at 10.30am to your diary. We would love to see you, and friends, family, and grandparents, at St Peter & St Paul's Church for this very special occasion. 10.30am start. The children will be dismissed from church at midday.

📅 Dates for Your Diary

- 1st Dec – Year 4 Class Assembly
- 3rd Dec – EYFS Nativity (P and R)
- 5th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day (...and Santa visit)
- 9th Dec - Panto Trip (R-Y6)
- 10th Dec – Michaelmas House Games (Y3-6)
- 12th Dec – Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul Church

👗🌟 Fashion Challenge

Mrs Sembhi has officially launched her Holiday Fashion Challenge, and we can't wait to see the creativity it inspires! The full details have been uploaded to Google Classroom, and paper templates are available in school for any child who would like one. Or you can print your own. We encourage all children to take part over the holidays, it's a brilliant opportunity to get creative, design something fabulous, and have fun during the festive break!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. We're very much looking forward to welcoming Year 4 parents on Monday for their class assembly.

Have a joyful start to Advent, the countdown has officially begun! 🎄🌟

Warm regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Next week's menu:

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