



Dear Parents and Carers,

The countdown to Christmas is well underway, and St Peter's is positively glowing with festive cheer. Everywhere you turn there is magic, the sparkle of tinsel, the hum of rehearsals, the scent of pine from our Christmas tree, and excited whispers about upcoming surprises. With each passing day, the joy is building, and the whole school feels like a storybook illustration come to life. 🌲 ✨

### 🎒 **Year 4 Aztec Adventure**

On Monday, Year 4 took us all on a wonderful Aztec Adventure, guiding the school through the fascinating world of the ancient Aztec civilisation. The children showcased their learning with confidence and enthusiasm, sharing insights into Aztec culture, artwork, beliefs, and daily life. It was a vibrant, engaging celebration of their hard work, and we are incredibly proud of the knowledge and creativity they brought to the experience.

### 🔔 **Lost Property Reminder**

Please could we ask all families to double-check that the clothing you have at home belongs to your own child, and kindly return any items that have made their way to you in error. We have circulated a message listing all non-named items currently in school. To help us reunite belongings quickly in the future, please ensure all clothing and equipment are clearly named. Thank you for your support in keeping our lost property to a minimum.

### 🌟 **EYFS Nativity – A Magical Beginning to Christmas**

What a beautiful way to open our festive season! Our Preschool and Reception children delivered a truly enchanting performance of their Nativity play.

Sunnylands Hall was filled with proud parents, grandparents and family friends, all gathered to watch our youngest pupils tell the Christmas story with confidence, warmth and irresistible charm. The children sang their hearts out (one song in French!), delivered their lines with pride, and lit up the stage with their enthusiasm. Their joy was infectious.

Thank you to everyone who came along, your smiles and applause meant the world to the children. And a special thank you to the EYFS team, whose dedication, creativity and patience made this magical moment possible. It was a performance full of innocence, laughter and the true spirit of Christmas. What a wonderful beginning to the festive celebrations at St Peter's.

### 🌟 **Christmas Jumper Day & Festive Feast**

Today's Christmas Jumper Day transformed St Peter's into a joyful winter wonderland. From jingling bells to reindeer antlers, from snowmen to twinkling lights, pupils and staff embraced the festive spirit with style and sparkle. We then gathered for a full Christmas lunch, turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, pigs in blankets and all the festive favourites. There was laughter at every table and a

strong sense of togetherness as the whole school shared a meal that has become a cherished annual tradition.

The excitement is building... and the celebrations are only just beginning!

### ✨ **Santa's Visit**

A huge thank you to the Friends of St Peter's for arranging a very special surprise this afternoon. The Big Man himself stepped away from the North Pole to visit us, and the magic he brought with him was unforgettable. The children gathered by the Christmas tree for story time, festive fun and a small gift to take home. Their faces, wide-eyed, smiling, utterly full of wonder, said everything. These are the moments they will remember for years to come.

Thank you, Friends of St P's, for creating this magical experience.

### ✨ **St Peter's Is Now an AFIS Partner School**

St Peter's School is now a Partner School of AFIS™ (Association for Families of Independent Schooling). AFIS is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and representing families in the independent education sector. Their mission is to champion parental choice, promote fair representation, and widen access. Membership is completely free for all St Peter's parents, carers and alumni.

We warmly invite all families to join AFIS and take part in their short, three-question national parent poll on the impact of VAT on school fees. Membership link: [www.afis.org.uk](http://www.afis.org.uk) Poll closes 7th December.

### ✨ **Christmas Carol Service – Friday, 12th December**

You are warmly invited to our St Peter's School Christmas Carol Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Friday 12th December at 10.30am (arrival from 10am). The entire school, including Preschool, will be attending, making it our biggest and most exciting service yet with over 100 pupils in school. Please bring children to school as normal in full, smart winter uniform. They do not need to bring anything else with them. The school day finishes at the church at 12:00pm, and all pupils should be collected from there.

For orchestra:

All instruments must be in school on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th December for rehearsals both at school and at church. Instruments will remain safely in school overnight on Thursday.

Children should not bring bags or belongings with them on Friday, just themselves, ready to sing.

We cannot wait to share this beautiful celebration of music, joy and community with you.

## Dates for Your Diary

- 9th December – Whole School Panto Trip (R–Y6)
- 10th December – Michaelmas House Games (Y3–6)
- 12th December – Christmas Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul Church

Plus:

- Year 5 & 6 will be carol singing in care homes on Monday
- We will be decorating the town's Christmas tree next week
- And many more festive highlights to come...

Please note: All children should be in full school uniform on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week, including hats.

Have a fantastic weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week in Church!

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

*Headteacher*

Here is the link to next week's menu:

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