



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been at St Peter's, full of learning, laughter, and moments to be proud of. From sporting success against larger prep schools to thoughtful School Council discussions shaping upcoming events, there has been a real buzz around the school. As we move towards a busy and exciting second half of term, it's been wonderful to see our pupils embracing every opportunity with confidence and enthusiasm.

Sporting Success – Year 5 Shine

A huge well done to our Year 5 pupils, who played superbly this week at a football and netball tournament against some much larger prep schools, including Brooke Priory, Witham Hall and The Peterborough School. They represented St Peter's with real determination, teamwork and sportsmanship, we were incredibly proud of them.

School Council Updates

Our School Council had a very busy meeting this week, with lots of excellent discussion and ideas. Full minutes are always shared on Google Classrooms, but here are a few highlights that families will want to know about:

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

- Relaxed dress-up across the school (books, characters, authors or similar)
- Year 6 pupils will read to EYFS and younger pupils
- Mr Thomas will read to the rest of the school
- The Adventurous Readers competition will take place
- Reading photos and a celebration video will be shared on the day

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

- Dress up or wear red
- Red noses encouraged
- Fun Swim
- Lunchtime party with music and bubbles
- Joke competitions (with clear guidance!)
- School Council will collect donations at the gate

Class Assemblies

This week we enjoyed the final Year 6 Class Assembly, and I was genuinely wowed by their work. Watching this class grow over the last seven years has been a privilege, and their assembly showcased their creativity, confidence and maturity beautifully.

We still have four more Class Assemblies to look forward to this year, and they are always a real highlight. For parents who may not have attended before:

- Parents (and other relatives) of the class are warmly invited

- Refreshments are served in the Cedar Hub from 10am
- Please enter via the Crescent Gate or buzz between 10.00–10.30am at the Cedar Hub gate
- Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided
- Assemblies take place in the Sunnylands Hall
- These mornings usually finish by 11am

They are a wonderful opportunity to see your child share their learning and to connect with other families from the class.

I would like to apologise that some assembly dates were incorrect in a previous update. The dates on the school calendar are correct, and are listed below for clarity:

- Monday 9th February – Reception Class Assembly
- Monday 2nd March – Year 5 Class Assembly
- Monday 20th April – Year 3 Class Assembly
- Monday 18th May – Year 1 Class Assembly

Reception 2026 Places

Our Reception intake for 2026 is already in high demand, with only two spaces left. To secure a place for Reception Readiness, a deposit is required. If you know friends or family looking for Reception places for 2026 or 2027 (also filling fast), please do encourage them to contact us as soon as possible. We are always grateful when our families help spread the word about what makes St Peter's such a special place.

Key Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 2nd February – Share Your Work
- Monday 9th February – Reception Class Assembly
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term
- From 23rd February – FOSP Fancy Dress Costume Sale
- Monday 2nd March – Year 5 Class Assembly
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Friday 6th March – FOSP Family Quiz Night
- Wednesday 18th March – Lent House Matches
- Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 24th March – FOSP Easter Hunt
- Wednesday 25th March – Last Day of Lent Term

Little Cedars

Little Cedars continues to be a wonderfully welcoming group for parents and our youngest community members. From tummy time and singing to games and play, there's always plenty going on, plus refreshments and a break for adults too! We welcome anyone with a 0–2 year-old to come along and join in the fun; we'd love to see you there.

Road Safety – Please Read

Some of you may have heard that a child was knocked off their bike very close to school last week (not

a St P child). Thankfully, the child was okay; however, it was a worrying reminder for us all. Bishop Stopford and Hawthorn Road have already issued reminders to parents, and I would like to echo this for our community.

Please can I ask everyone to:

- Drive slowly around the Crescent and the Headlands
- Park sensibly and considerately
- Avoid turning in the road
- Help children exit cars on the path side
- Take extra care when crossing the road, especially between parked cars

I know it is not always our parents, many drivers use the Crescent as a cut-through, but our School Council raised this concern, and I want to show them that we have listened and are acting. If you see another parent struggling, please support them gently. I have no jurisdiction over the roads, but my heart genuinely sank when I received the message last week about the accident. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

A Note About Inspection

We are expecting a visit from school inspectors this term. While many schools feel anxious about inspection, at St Peter's we welcome the opportunity to showcase our brilliant pupils, dedicated staff, and the rich learning that happens every day.

As part of the process, parents will be invited to share feedback, and the window for doing so is usually short. When the time comes, I would love for you to tell inspectors about the many positive experiences your child has at St Peter's. If you have any constructive feedback or concerns, please do share these with me now, rather than waiting, I would always rather address things before they arrive!


When inspectors do visit, it will be a normal St Peter's week for the children, with the same lessons, clubs and trips. Last time they visited, in 2023, they truly saw the magic behind our walls and had many wonderful things to say.

I hope you all have a great weekend. The Six Nations kicks off next week, and there are some very exciting announcements coming over the next few weeks, though I can't quite share all the details just yet. Let's just say we're busy planning an extravaganza... or two! It's going to be madd.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

 Next week's menu can be found here:

 www.st-peters.org.uk/menu