



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Six Nations kicking off and the Winter Olympics underway, it feels like a weekend for sport. I'm fully prepared to become unreasonably obsessed with obscure winter sports over the next few weeks. There are also some big announcements in this week's update, so do read on.

Uppingham Orchestral Day – Sonic Supernova

On Thursday, 11 of our top musicians travelled to Uppingham School to join over 250 instrumentalists and professional musicians for an orchestral experience called 'Sonic Supernova'. They sang 'Fly Me to the Moon' and performed as part of a mass orchestra playing Holst's Planet Suite, an unforgettable musical experience.

National Storytelling Week

This week has been National Storytelling Week, and children have enjoyed lots of additional reading activities. Some of the older children visited Lower School to read to them which was lovely. The School Council requested a bedtime story for everyone, so whether for your little one, your big little one, or even for you, I've uploaded a bedtime story to all Google Classrooms. I've also launched an Adventurous Readers Challenge, due for World Book Day.

NSPCC Number Day

Today was Number Day, with extra maths activities and Times Table Rock Stars challenges across the school. A plea from me, as a former Head of Maths, please never say to your child, "I wasn't very good at maths at school". Maths is everywhere, for everyone! Games, baking, drawing, building, shopping, even Monopoly and Battleships are full of maths. Keep it real, keep it positive, and enjoy it together.

Year 1 & 2 Musical – 25th March

Year 1 and 2 will be performing a Spring Musical at Toller Hall on Wednesday, 25th March. All Year 1 and 2 parents, families and friends are warmly invited. What a joyful way to end the half term, we can't wait to share it with you.

Back by Popular Demand... MADD 2026!

 23rd April @ Lighthouse Theatre

MADD (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) returns after its hugely successful performance in 2024. Who could forget the Spanish Inquisition or the Greatest Showman finale?

From Reception to Year 6, pupils will perform in a spectacular variety extravaganza. It will be creative, joyful and unmistakably St Peter's. Do join us, you won't be disappointed. Tickets will be available on the Lighthouse Theatre's website.

Relationships & Health Education (RHE)

At St Peter's, we teach the statutory Relationships and Health Education curriculum. It's important that

parents are fully informed, so we have attached our RHE Policy, which clearly outlines what is taught in each year group.

To clarify:

- We do not teach sex education
- It is not possible to opt out of RHE, as it is statutory
- We do teach about puberty and physical changes at age-appropriate stages, which will include correct scientific vocabulary
- Parents are always informed in advance of these lessons

RHE is taught as part of PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education).

In Mrs Glaves' absence, Mr Edwins is teaching RHE to Years 2 and 3.

Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, we are always happy to discuss and share further information.

Key Dates for Your Diary

- 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 – Year 1 & 2 Musical (Toller Hall)
- Wednesday, 25th March – Last Day of Lent Term

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Reception parents on Monday for their first-ever class assembly, a big moment for both children and families.

Next week is the final (and busy!) week of half term: Birdwatch, Year 5 head to the National Space Centre, it's Safer Internet Day, there's a Year 5 & 6 Govilon Parents' Meeting on Monday night, and we finish the week towards Valentine's Day.

Best of luck to England in the Six Nations this weekend, and of course to the British Curling Team 🇬🇧.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

📅 Next week's menu can be found here:

👉 www.st-peters.org.uk/menu

🏒 Match Report – by Quincey (Y6)

The Year 6 boys went to Copthill school for a 40 minute match of hockey.

With determination and teamwork we were ready for the game. In the first half the ball switched possession which gave us many close chances; the tough defense of Copthill kept it out. After a motivational talk from Mr Day we focused and were ready to score. As we passed our way through their defense, Alexander, Harry and Zavi cleverly and strategically manoeuvred the ball in the d resulting in a goal for Alexander making 1-0. During the rest of the quarter Louis, Jonathan and Leo Bu made vital decisions meaning we didn't concede any goals. After a little break the next quarter commenced. After regaining possession, Quincey drove with the ball and crossed to Alexander which he slotted into the corner, getting the goal despite Harry's cheeky attempt to tap it in. The match continued as 2-0. Soon after Louis and Jonathan had stopped the danger but in the attempt to clear the ball, Copthill gained possession and took a shot. Leo Ba brilliantly saved the ball but unfortunately a Copthill player got the rebound. It was 2-1. But we did not let it dishearten us. Within seconds, a pass came to Quincey then he dribbled round the Copthill players and scored a goal. It was 3-1. Into the final quarter Louis made a great interception and then passed to Harry who scored to make it 4-1. Leo Bu and Jonathan made amazing blocks and so did Harry and Alexander in the midfield shield setup. Zavi was involved in every goal. After the game we had a delicious match tea and drove back to St Peter's with smiles on our faces.