



St Peter's Newsletter, Summer 1 2024-25

In This Issue

In this newsletter:

- Acting Principal's Update

What's Going on in School

- Year 6 SATs
- Peace Garden project update
- Reception Sponsored Scoot

Enrichment in School

- VE Day celebrations
- Forest School
- Year 6 Drayton Manor trip
- Reception trip to Wonderland Telford

Regular Items

- St Peter's Facebook page
- Online Safety Guidance
- Attendance
- INSET days
- School Dinners Feedback
- Absence Reporting
- Parking
- Key Dates
- Contact Us

Acting Principal's Message

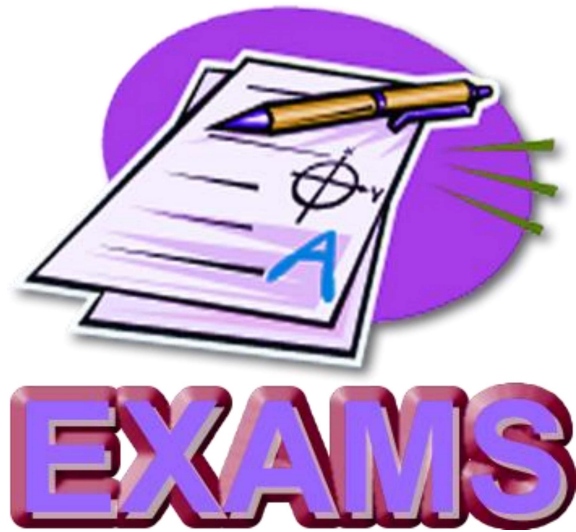
Although it has been a short half term here at St Peter's, it has certainly been a very busy one! Our Year 6's took their end of key stage SATs tests earlier this month and each and every one of the children gave their best efforts in each of the tests. We couldn't have asked for any more and all of the staff here at St Peter's are extremely proud of them.

It was great to see the whole school come together this half term as well to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day and a great day was had by both the children and staff. We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed the beautiful weather over the past few weeks and it has been lovely to see the children making the most of the school field, enjoying the break times with their friends and having fun.

It's hard to believe that the final Summer half-term is almost upon us and we are looking forward to lots of opportunities to welcome families into St Peter's - sports day, music concerts, father's day and, later in the half-term, the Year 6 leavers performance. These are the special moments that the children will remember most from their time at St Peters and we are delighted that our parents are able to join with us in making these memories.

Thank you as always for your continued support this half term. I hope that you all have an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school on Monday 2nd June.

Year 6 SATs

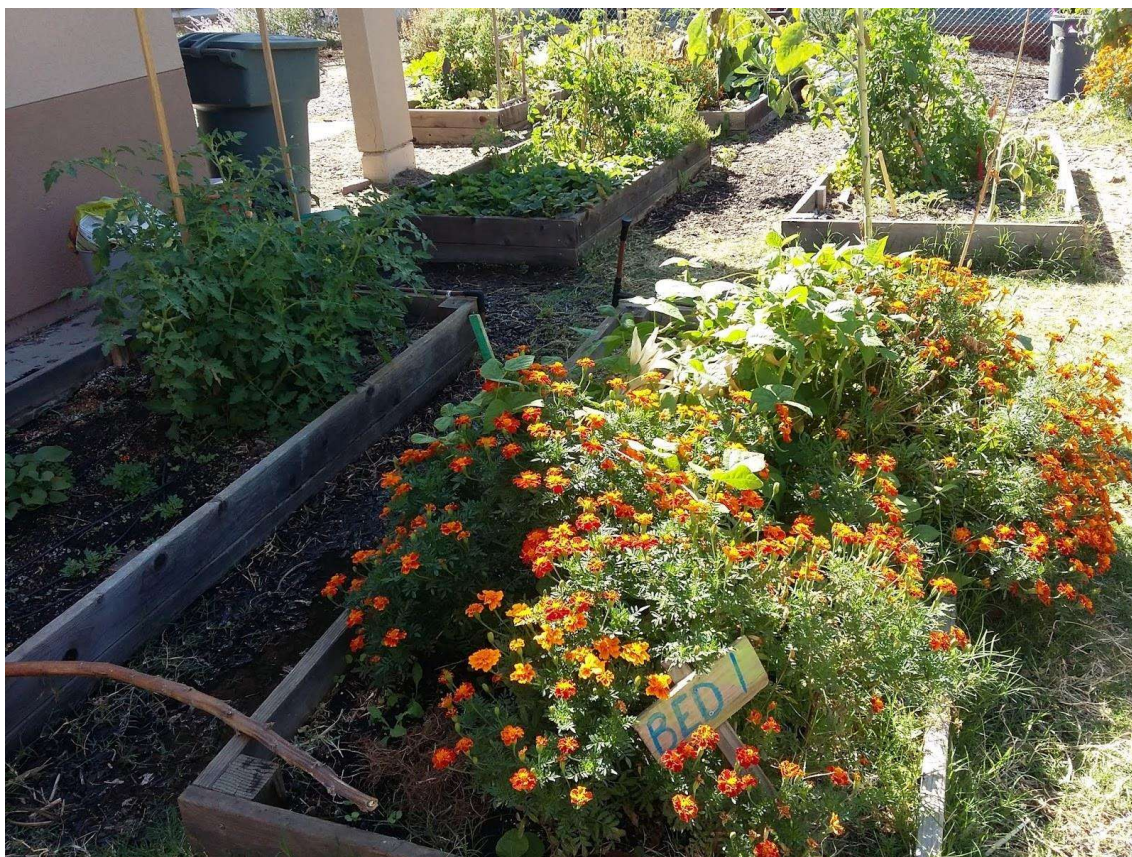


The week commencing Monday 12th May, our Year 6 children completed their SATs tests.

A huge thank you to all of our children, we are all very proud of your efforts, not only during SATs this week but also throughout the year in making sure you were ready to sit those tests.

All of our Year 6 children did amazingly well, it was so lovely to see some of them joining us for breakfast in the mornings and you absolutely earned the right to be able to celebrate together on your recent trip to Drayton Manor. We know that you all gave 100% effort in each test you sat and we couldn't have asked for any more.

Peace Garden Project update



Our Peace Garden project has continued to develop over this half term. Thanks to Miss Knight and a number of our older children who have formed an Eco-Ambassadors group, we have placed the planting boxes to form the shape of a cross and they have now been filled with the soil that was donated by JPE from the local quarry. We have also reached out to the local community and have some volunteers that are ready to come and support the children in developing the garden area further.

Each class has also worked with their teachers to decide what it is they want to plant first in their boxes. We now just need some more compost in order to be able to start the planting process. The children have written letters to local garden centres to ask for donations of soil and if you could help in any way please contact the school office and ask to speak with Miss Knight.

We were delighted at the start of the half term to receive a very kind and generous donation of a bench for our peace Garden from the Aspire supply teacher agency who we work closely with here at St Peters. It has our school vision 'One Family Under God' engraved on it which makes it an extra special addition to our project.



Reception Sponsored Scoot



🛹 Reception Sponsored Scoot – Friday 16th May 🛹

The children in Reception took part in a sponsored scoot event in order to raise money to buy resources for their Reception outdoor area. They had great fun and completed over 100 laps around the school playground raising an incredible grand total of £480! Thank you so much for all of your generous donations.





VE Day celebrations



This year marked the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, a momentous occasion that commemorates the end of World War II in Europe on May 8th, 1945. To mark the occasion at St Peters, the children were invited to dress in red, white, and blue to help us celebrate this important national anniversary.

The children learnt about the events of VE Day and its importance in British history and we all came together at lunchtime to enjoy a street party/picnic on the school field. We listened to some war time songs and some children made flags and banners to wave in celebration.

We finished the day with a special whole school assembly, ending with a rousing rendition of the national anthem.





Forest School

We have been extremely pleased to be able to offer Forest School sessions for our Reception and Key Stage 1 students again this year during the first half half of the Summer term.

As part of the Forest School experience, our children engaged in a wide range of outdoor activities including:

- Den building
- Knot practise
- Plant and animal identification
- Nature exploration and conservation
- Social and emotional skill development
- Outdoor play and risk-taking

- Building relationships and teamwork

Forest school has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to immerse themselves in nature and develop a wide range of skills and each week the children were so excited to take part and get involved. A big thank you to Mr Mason for organising this wonderful experience for our youngest children here at St Peter's.





Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip

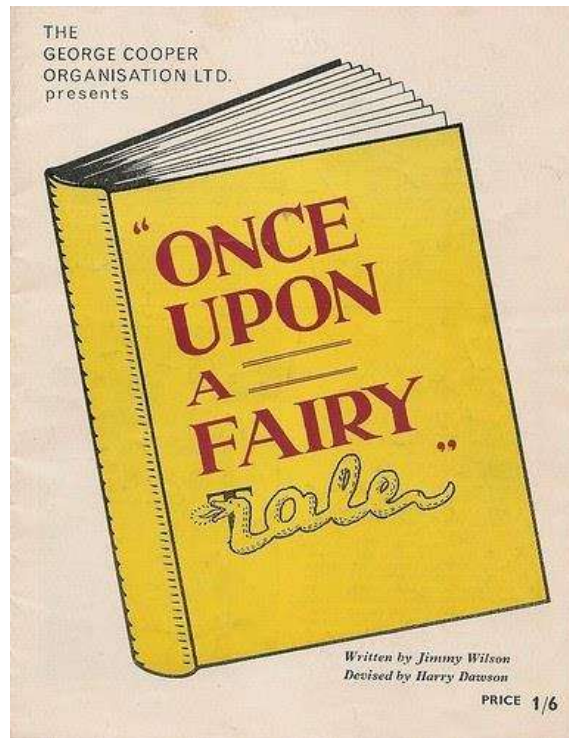


On Monday 19th May, the children in Year 6 enjoyed a fun-filled day out at Drayton Manor as a reward for the fantastic effort they put into their SATs tests. They had a wonderful time on the rides and returned to school in very wet and soggy clothes after braving Storm Force 10! It was a pleasure to see them smiling and laughing together and as always they were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour.





Reception trip to Wonderland



On Wednesday 21st May, our Reception children had a fantastic time visiting Wonderland in Telford. They were able to look into the homes of their favourite fairytale characters, demonstrate how brave they are by riding on some of the fairground rides and spent time listening to stories.

We were all incredibly proud of the fantastic behaviour shown by all of the children throughout this trip!





St Peters Facebook Page



Class Dojo will still be our main source of communication for our parents but we hope to share lots of exciting things going on in school via our Facebook page.

👍 Like and follow our page to stay connected with our amazing community, celebrate our children's successes, and see what makes St Peter's such a special place to learn and thrive.

We're more than a school — we're *One Family Under God*, growing and learning together to believe and achieve.

Please feel free to comment, like and share our posts. You will find the facebook page by following the link below.

https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Peters-C-of-E-Primary-Academy-Stonnall/61567254987870/?rdid=mmewCTQYiHp9IE63&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2F19oYcfRaxB%2F

Online Safety Guidance

Staying Safe Online – What You Need to Know

The internet is a fun place to learn, play games, and chat with friends—but it's important to stay safe! Always ask a trusted adult before going online, and never share personal information like your full name, address, school name, or phone number. If someone you don't know tries to talk to you or makes you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult straight away.

Remember: not everything you see online is true, and not everyone is who they say they are. Stick to websites and apps that your parents or teachers have approved. Be kind when chatting or playing games, and treat others the way you'd like to be treated.

If something upsets you or you're not sure what to do, don't keep it a secret—talk to an adult you trust. Staying safe online means thinking smart, being kind, and always asking for help when needed.

Attendance



At St Peters CofE Primary Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential. A key part of this is making sure students attend school regularly and on time.

Did you know?

- **Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks** adds up to over **4 full weeks of school lost in a year.**
- Over the course of primary school, this could mean your child misses **more than 6 months of learning.**
- Research shows that children with **attendance above 95%** are more likely to achieve higher academic outcomes and build strong friendships and routines.

Here's what school attendance looks like over a year:

Attendance Figures

97% and above – Less than 6 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best possible outcomes.

96% – 8 days absence in a school year. “Good attendance”. Pupils with this attendance are more likely to achieve their targets. We will contact parents/carers via letter as soon as a child’s attendance falls below 96%.

92% – 15 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing 3 weeks of school per year; it may be difficult for them to achieve their best. The school may ask for medical proof to authorise further absences.

90% – 19 days absence over the school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing approximately a month (19 days) of school per year and may fall behind academically. With this level of attendance, the Department for Education consider children to be a ‘Persistent Absentee’.

85% – 29 days absence in a school year. These pupils are missing approximately 6 weeks of school a year. It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.

80% – 75% – Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school! It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work.

Every day a child is absent is a missed opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with classmates and teachers. We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable, especially when children are unwell—but wherever possible, we ask for your support in keeping absences to a minimum.

Together, let’s make every school day count!

If you have any concerns or need support with your child’s attendance, please don’t hesitate to contact the school office. We’re here to help.

INSET Days

Schools have five in-service training (INSET) days per year. On these days, the academy will be closed to all children. Our remaining INSET days for this academic year are as follows:

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Please note that we are currently allocating our INSET days for the next academic year 2025-26 and will communicate these to you in due course.

However, we can confirm that **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 will be INSET days**, therefore the children will start back at school after the summer holiday's on Wednesday 3rd September.

For term dates, please see the Staffordshire County Council website: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/termdates.aspx>

School Dinners Feedback



If you have anything you want to share, you can contact our catering providers using the details below:

Rebecca Davies, Area Manager, Edwards and Ward

Email: rdavies@edwardsandward.co.uk¹

Absence Reporting

Gentle Reminder: If your child is unwell, please call the school office on 01543 372060 to report it. The teachers do not have access to their Class Dojo messages whilst teaching so the message may be missed if it does not go to the office.

This is also the case when someone different may be teaching the class such as supply teachers.

Parking

To keep everyone safe, please park considerately. Where possible, parking a couple of minutes walk from the school can reduce congestion and help ensure that everyone is safe. A reminder that there should be no parking or dropping off on the yellow zig-zag lines.

We have asked the PCSOs to have a regular presence to support with this so that everyone can remain safe

¹<http://www.edwardsandward.co.uk/>

Key Dates



Summer Term 2025

May 2025

Thursday 22nd - Children break up for half term 3:20p.m.

Friday 23rd – INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)

June 2025

Monday 2nd - Children Return to Academy

Monday 2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check ongoing over two weeks

Monday 9th - Year 1 Phonics Testing ongoing this week

Friday 13th - Father's Day Lunch (Reception & Year 6)

Friday 27th June - St Peter's Day

Fri 27th June - Sports Day (Reception and KS1 a.m., KS2 p.m.)

July 2025

Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th - Year 4/5/6 Residential trip to Standon Bowers

Friday 11th - End of year reports out

Monday 14th - Moving Up Morning

Tuesday 15th - Open Afternoon for Parents 2:00pm-4:30pm (TBC)

Friday 18th - Y6 Leavers assembly (a.m.)

Friday 18th - Break-Up @ 1:30pm for Summer Holiday

Mon 21st - INSET day

Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change or confirmation. If this is the case then we will ensure that we communicate any changes to you in a timely manner.

Contact Us



St. Peter's C of E Primary Academy

Main Street

Stonnall

Staffordshire

WS9 9EE

<https://www.stpetersacademystonnall.com/>

E: office@st-peters-stonnall.staffs.sch.uk²

T: 01543 372060

²<mailto:office@st-peters-stonnall.staffs.sch.uk>