



St Peter's Newsletter, Summer 2 2024-25

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What a year it has been here at St Peter's and as we reach the summer break, it really is the perfect time to reflect on all that we have achieved together.

We have experienced not one but two external visits from Ofsted and SIAMs with both of those inspections resulting in fantastic judgements and reports. Both reports truly reflect the values of 'One Family Under God' that we hold dear at St Peter's and it was so pleasing to have this recognised by all of the external inspectors that have spent time in our wonderful school.

This year has also seen our Y6 children achieve the best set of end of Key Stage 2 SATs results that certainly I have experienced in my time here at St Peters. Alongside this, the number of Reception children achieving a Good Level of Development, Key Stage 1 phonics results and Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check are all above the national average.

Of course, it isn't just results in tests that make St Peter's the fantastic school that it is. It has been a privilege this year to witness two of our children perform in a special music concert at the Birmingham Conservatoire in recognition of their achievements in their music exams. We have also had another successful residential trip to Standon Bowers for our older children, forest school for Reception and KS1 children, success in the football district finals and the continuing development of our Peace Garden reflection area. This is just a snapshot of the opportunities and experiences that our children have throughout the year and we were thrilled that this was recognised in our Ofsted report with personal development being graded as 'Outstanding'.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the colleagues at St Peter's that have worked so hard to make all of this possible. They work tirelessly for the children and show great enthusiasm, love, patience and high expectations for all of our children. I would also like to thank Mr Seex, who has played such an important role in helping St Peter's get to where we are now, and wish him all the best in the next phase of his career.

I'd also like to thank the St Peter's Fundraising team and everyone in the community for contributing to their events and helping them to raise money, which has helped to improve the school. All of this benefits our children and makes a difference to them.

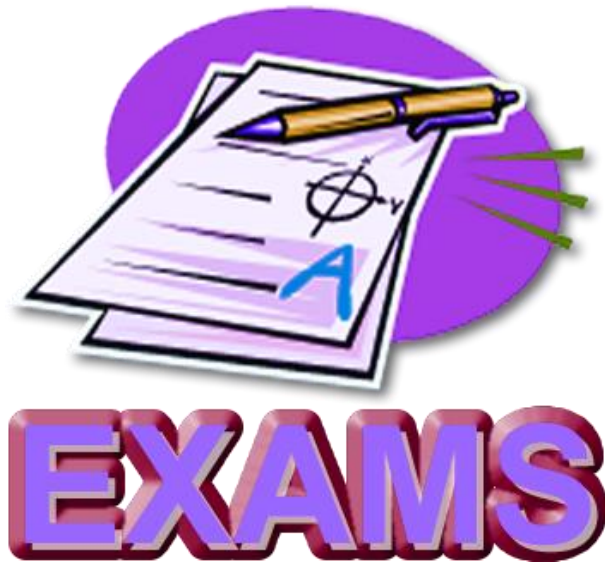
Thank you as well to our parents and carers for everything that you do to support the school. We are a family here and the partnership between home and school is one of the things that makes St Peter's such a fabulous place to be.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing children who are the true heart and soul of St Peter's. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful community and it genuinely is my absolute privilege to be able to be a part of it. Thank you for all of the support you have given to every member of staff and especially to myself both this year and throughout my time at St Peter's - it truly is appreciated.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you back in September.

Mr Castledine

Year 6 SATs



We are immensely proud of the results that our Year 6 children have achieved in this year's end of key stage 2 SAT's

Below is a summary of just how well they have done and a comparison to the national average:

Maths – 96% achieved the expected standard (National average is 74%)

Reading – 91% achieved the expected standard (National average is 75%)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – 96% achieved the expected standard (National average is 73%)

In addition to this, the local authority visited us this year to carry out a moderation of our **Y6 writing** and they agreed with our judgements. As a result, **91% of children achieved the expected standard compared to the national average of 72%.**

An absolutely incredible set of results and testament to the hard work and dedication of the children, staff and support of parents.

Peace Garden Project update



Over the past term, we've been working hard to establish the planters in our Peace Garden. Thanks to the dedication of a group of our pupils, the space is beginning to take shape as a calm, green haven for learning and reflection. Looking ahead, we hope to launch class planting projects next year, giving children the chance to explore where our food comes from and how it grows.

We are also building valuable links with the local Gardeners' Guild, who we hope will share their expertise to help deepen our pupils' understanding of planting and caring for the environment. In addition, a group of environmentally conscious children have come together to form our brand-new **Eco Council**, which will officially launch next year. Their mission is to explore ways our school can become more environmentally friendly and to lead projects that support both the Peace Garden and the wider school grounds.

Standon Bowers Residential Visit

Our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children enjoyed a 3day/2night residential visit to Standon Bowers in Stafford between 2nd-4th July.

They stayed in dormitories and took part in a range of adventurous activities including archery, bridge building, , high/low ropes climbing and orienteering.

A fantastic time was had by all of the children and as always their behaviour and politeness were a credit to the Academy. A big thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children on this trip.







Sports Day 2025

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our annual School Sports Day, which took place on June 27th. The day was filled with excitement and joy as the children participated in a variety of races. Their enthusiasm and sportsmanship were truly inspiring, embodying our Christian values through every event.

It was wonderful to see the principles of respect, teamwork, and perseverance shining brightly in each child. The atmosphere was lovely, enhanced by your presence as supportive spectators and enthusiastic picnic providers. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sense of community and the encouragement you provided throughout the day.

A special congratulations to the winning houses:

- **Reception and Key Stage 1 Winners:** Unicorn (Yellow Team)
- **Key Stage 2 Winners:** Griffin (Green Team)

Well done to all participants for their fantastic efforts and to the Unicorn and Griffin teams for their victories. Your hard work and team spirit made this Sports Day a memorable and successful event.



Trip to Cannock Chase

Children from Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 had a fantastic day at Cannock Chase! Years 2 and 3 carried out a geography survey to find out how members of the public use the area, and enjoyed working together to build dens using natural materials.

Reception followed the Stick Man trail, searched for minibeasts, created bark rubbings and joined in with den building too.

They ended the day with a lovely picnic in the sunshine.





Father's Day Lunch

We were very pleased to be able to welcome our Reception and Year 6 families to join their children for a special lunch on Friday 13th June to celebrate Father's Day.

It was lovely to see Dads, Grandads and Uncles sharing a meal with the children. It really made their day to be able to have you join them in the school hall.





St Peter's Fundraisers Summer Fair



It was a pleasure to see so many of our families attending the summer fair on Saturday 28th June. An enormous thank you to the St Peter's fundraisers (SPF) for all of their hard work in organising this event and to those parent volunteers who helped to make it such a success.

Thanks to your generosity, the SPF were able to raise an incredible total of £1000!

Music Concerts



On Tuesday 8th and Friday 11th July, the children who take part in our peripatetic music lessons put on a special concert showcasing their talents for parents.

We were treated to a selection of wonderful performances on the piano, guitar, violin and even solo-singing!

The children performing were note perfect and you could see just how proud they were and how much progress they had made in learning to play their chosen instrument.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Angus for providing the children with this opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument here at St Peter's.

Farewell Message to Year 6

Best of luck!

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our Y6 children for their hard work and efforts, not just this year but throughout their time with us at St Peter's. Your incredible SATs results have set the standard as to what is possible for all of the children at St Peter's to achieve.

We are all so proud of your achievements both academically and also in the manner in which you have supported each other and our younger children as you have moved through each year group.

Year 6 also performed an amazing leavers assembly that made us all laugh and cry. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories of your time with us, we know that you will go on to achieve great things in the future and make us, your parents and most importantly yourselves extremely proud.

Summer Safety



We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and find time to have fun as a family. Below are some top tips in staying safe during the holiday:

1. Keep children safe around water - Go swimming at properly-supervised sites
2. Follow the five S's of sun safety:
 - Sunscreen – slop on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum waterproof sunscreen every two hours
 - Sun hat – put on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears

- Sunglasses – wear wrap-around sunglasses with UV protection to shield the eyes
- Shoulders – slip on a T-shirt or UV protective suit for children and remember to keep your shoulders covered
- Shade – seek shade, particularly during the hottest time of the day between 11am and 3pm

3. Make sure your children know how to cross the road safely - Sounds very basic, but when young children are out and about with their friends, they can easily get distracted or might take risks when crossing roads. Ensure they have the skills and understanding to deal with roads and traffic safely.

4. Talk to your child about what to do if they separate from you - If your child gets separated from you in public, a police officer would be a good person for them to ask for help, but they're not always around. While you'll never exactly know who is safe and who isn't, a mum or dad with their own children is usually a good choice, they are likely to want to help and will know what to do.

5. Make a family code word - Come up with a code word which you and your children can use to reassure or warn each other in potentially dangerous situations - Pick something that is easy to remember, but unusual and impossible for anyone else to guess. This is useful for a few different situations: - When at a friend's house, if your child feels unsafe or wants to leave without seeming rude, ask them to call you and use the code word. - If, when out in public, there's a safety threat, you can use the word to warn your children to get close to you and leave quickly.

6. Staying safe online - Children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends and family online. Click on the link below for advice on staying safe on line:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-andresource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

7. Have fun and plan activities together - The summer holidays can be a great chance to spend time with friends and family. Some children may feel a bit lonely or may miss the routine they have when they are in school. Try to keep children's sleep routines the same as this will help when returning to school. Plan plenty of opportunities to go out as a family and have fun.

INSET Days - 2025/2026

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

- Monday 1st September 2025

- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

For term dates for 2025/26, please see the Staffordshire County Council website: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/termdates.aspx>

Sports Provision - Clubs

We are delighted to be able to inform you that Progressive Sports will be continuing to deliver their services (wrap around care and after school sports clubs) at St Peter's for the 2025/2026 academic year!

Before school breakfast club will be from 7:40-8:40am

After school care club will be from 3:20-5:00pm.

We're extremely happy with the impact they have made out our school and the opportunities that they have provided for our children to learn new skills, experience new sports and activities, and be more active!

Attendance



Attendance
Matters

Every student. Every day.

A reminder about the Department for Education Regulations around term-time absence that came into effect across the country from 19th August 2024. All **unauthorised** term-time

absences are now considered within a three-year period rather than in isolation. This generally refers to leave (ie holidays) during term-time.

The changes to the regulations are significant, so we feel that it is important that our parents understand them and are aware of potential consequences of taking leave in term time from the above date.

New two penalty notice limit in a three-year period

The three-year rolling period starts when the first penalty notice is issued after the 19th of August 2024:

- The first Penalty Notices for leave in term time will increase to £160 per parent, per child but can be reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.
- If a second penalty notice is issued within three years of the first penalty notice, then this will be at a fixed rate of £160 per parent per child, with no reduction for early payment.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued within the three-year period; therefore, the county council will deal with any further unauthorised leave through prosecution in the Magistrates Court. If the parent is found guilty, the potential fine is up to £1000.

Some absences we understand are unavoidable – general sickness, a long period of illness and convalescence, an ongoing medical need, a particular educational need or disability that requires a lot more planning and support. Other cases are less easy to categorise – and we want to engage with individual families, in a supportive manner, to understand and work together to improve attendance.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or require any support with this, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

[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.

Key Dates: Autumn Term



We endeavour to communicate about events in advance to give plenty of notice. Please see below for upcoming key dates for the first half of the Autumn term.

September 2025

Monday 1st and Tues 2nd Inset – Academy closed to children

Wednesday 3rd – Academy open for all children @ 8:40a.m.

Friday 19th - Jeans for Genes Day – Donations for wearing Jeans

Friday 26th – McMillan Coffee Morning Event

October 2025

Monday 13th - Black History Week

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th Parent Consultations (TBC)

Wednesday 22nd - Harvest Performance – Rec & KS1 (Times to be confirmed) Thursday 23rd
- Harvest Performance – Rec & KS1 (Times to be confirmed)

Friday 24th – Harvest Performance – KS2 (Times to be confirmed)

Friday 24th - Children break up for half term @ 3:20p.m.

Monday 27th Oct to Friday 31st October - Half term Holiday

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