



# St Peter's C of E (A) Primary School

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Welcome back to all our families. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. It has been lovely to see all of our children and families back in school. The children were excited to return and have enjoyed telling us all about what they got up to during their summer holiday break. We have also enjoyed getting to know all the new children who have joined us in Reception. They have all settled in brilliantly. Teaching staff have been busy setting up their classrooms and shared learning areas over the summer. They have planned and prepared exciting and interesting lessons and activities to engage children in their learning. One of the main priorities for this coming year is to develop the school site and the grounds. My desire as headteacher is for the site to be as good on the outside as the teaching and learning is in the classroom, and I wanted to make you all aware of this. Please come and see me if you have any ideas or wish to help in any way!

I look forward to a really great Autumn term.

Mr B

## HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024

### August 2023

Tuesday 29th—School Opens

### October

16th-20th—Half Term Break

### December

Thursday 21st December School closes for Christmas Break

### January 2024

Monday 8th—School Opens

### February

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd—Half Term Break

### March

Friday 22nd School closes for Easter Break

### April

Monday 8th School Opens

### May

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

### July

School closes Wednesday 10th July

## Spotlight on...

Teamwork

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome since I've joined St Peter's... every member of staff, the parents I've bumped into in the mornings and after school, and of course the children.

I looked around lots of schools before applying to St Peter's and the warm family-feel that drew me here really makes this school special. I'm proud to call St Peter's my school too now and look forward to

**T** TOGETHER working with Mr Bolstridge and the whole school community to build on the super work that I can see has been done here in recent years.  
**E** EVERYONE  
**A** ACHIEVES  
**M** MORE  
S Howard



## School Census Day

Thursday 5th October.

All EYFS & KS1

**Date for your diary.** Please encourage your child to have a hot dinner on this day as it really helps our funding. A menu will be sent out on Class Dojo.

## School Photographer in school Wednesday 20th September

Parents welcome from 8.00 am with pre-school siblings. Photographs are in the school hall, please walk round through the side gate and enter the hall via the door opposite the mobile.

### Scholastic Book Fair:

27th September—2nd October

All welcome to peruse the book fair after school. All monies raised supports our school library.



## ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say well done to the class with the best attendance

29/08	Zebrass	100%
4/9	Tigers Polar Bears Penguins	100%

WOW Well done four classes with 100% in the first two weeks. That's amazing... Let's keep this up. Overall attendance last year was 96.1% we would love it to be even better this year.

The DFE have high expectations for all pupils this academic year and their attendance. They have produced some very useful information please copy and paste the link in your browser and keep for further reference when your child is poorly. The DFE expectation is that every child reaches 95% attendance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (please retain this for future reference)**

### **September**

Wednesday 20th School Photographer in 8.00 pre school children welcome with siblings

Tuesday 26th Parents' Reading 'drop in' sessions for Years 1—6

Wednesday 27th—2nd October Scholastic Book Fair after school in the hall

### **October**

Thursday 5th School Census day (encourage your child to have hot meal)

Monday 9th Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 26th Pre School Open Morning Visits

### **November**

Thursday 2nd Financial Maths Lesson—Parents Drop in session 9.00-9.45

Monday 27th Parents Evening 3.30—7.00

Wednesday 29th Parents Evening 3.30—5.30

### **December**

Monday 11th Pantomime—Aladdin

### **May**

Wednesday 22nd—Friday 24th Year 5/6 trip to Kingswood

## **2024—2025**

### **September**

12th—13th Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

### **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES**

We have 2 vacancies for parent governors. Information has been sent out via parent pay. The deadline for nominations is 27.10.23 If you wish to know more about this worthwhile voluntary position, please ask at the office.

### **School Dinners**

A gentle reminder to please ensure that you have enough money on your Parent Pay account to cover the week ahead for your child's juice or dinner requirements. We lose valuable admin time chasing monies owed. If your child is arriving late into school your must order their dinner first thing with the school office, as the kitchen has no capacity for extra dinners.



### **SHINING STARS**

## ***BOOKING FORMS FOR OCTOBER WERE DUE WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER***

### **Tax- Free Childcare**

For those parents who use our Shining Stars Before & After School Club, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we're all signed up so you could save £2 for every £10 in fees paid, if you register.

As payment cannot be made via ParentPay, please advise the office if you register so that we can amend our records.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### **ADHOC BOOKINGS**

**Adhoc (last minute) bookings are for emergency use only. Please complete a booking form for the month ahead by the deadline. Adhoc impacts on admin time incurring more costs for Shining Stars.**

### **Mrs Howard's Books of the Week**

**EYFS** - Keep Smiling by Floella Benjamin; Counting In Green 10 Little Ways To Help Our Big Planet

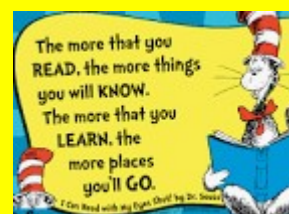
**KS1** - Get Real Mallory by Daisy Hirst; Nabil Steals a Penguin but Nishani Reed

**LKS2** - Meesh The Bad Demon by Michelle Lamb; Old Gods New Tricks Thiago de Moraes

**UKS2** - Arkspire by Jamie Littler; The Minitistry Of Unladylike Activity by Robin Stevens

**For more book recommendations and advice to support your child with reading, go to**

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)



## Year 5 and 6 at The Victory Show.

To start our new History focus off with a bang (literally!), we travelled the 10 minutes to Cosby to experience the Victory Show – one of the country's largest World War Two re-enactment events. We were ordered off the coach by some very strict officers and then given our safety briefing – basically, keep out of the way of tanks and be very careful how you hold anything! Year 5 and 6 went on their separate ways and experienced: trench warfare in the woods (very loud); getting to see the huge variety of weaponry and hold some (very heavy); get up close to a range of different vehicles (very big!) and even eat freshly cooked popcorn (very tasty!). Year 6 were lucky enough to see the arrival of a small reconnaissance airplane too. The children were brilliantly behaved and had a great day, but we were all rather tired by the end of the day – we had walked miles in the heat! Some children even went again at the weekend for the full battle experience!

Mrs Cook, Miss Mayne, Mrs Laywood, Mrs Stone and Mr Stone.

