



St Peter's C of E Primary School

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HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024

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

Dear all,

What a successful term it has been at St Peters! I have loved every minute of it, and am incredibly proud of all the children and staff and how they have consistently shown what an amazing school it is.

I would like to thank you all for your support and the support you have given your children over the last term. A school is only as successful as its relationship with parents and I feel like we have an excellent one.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Mr B

Spotlight On

WASPs... Our wonderful Parent Association, who work hard all year round, to raise funds for our school. Since this time last year, they've organised a Coronation Bake Sale, Easter Bunny Run, Year 6 leavers disco and leavers hoodies, ice pole sales, Summer Fayre, the ice cream man on the last day of term, Tigers parents' welcome packs, a Christmas cards/gifts fundraiser, a Charlie and The Chocolate Factory themed event and finally Christmas selection boxes for every child in the school. Our new members have raised over £11,000! Enough for our school library refurbishment. **Thank you so much WASPs, from the whole school community, for all of your hard work.**



WASPs are made up of a few mums who feel passionately about raising funds for all of our children, in these times of budget cuts to education. They are always looking for help.. If you are able to give an hour or two of your time regularly, or as a one off, please contact the

Thank You

For your kind donations at the Infant Nativity

The infant Nativity raised over £112.00 and The Carol Concert £74.00 for needy families (via the Salvation Army).

We are very proud of our families at St Peter's and their generosity. Thank you again.

We have a **challenge** for you all this Christmas holiday! Can you decorate a rock with one of our School Values on it, so that we can create a path outside our school?

Make your rock bright and colourful, with one of our school values on it:

compassion forgiveness friendship trust
thankfulness justice honesty peace

Christmas Homework Competition

Prizes for the most imaginative entries.

Seal your decoration with PVA glue, varnish or clear nail polish so that it lasts longer.

(If you have any spare pebbles, please bring them in and we'll get a pebble painting club going next term!)



ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say well done to the

27/11	98.89%	Zebras
4/12	98.33%	Polar Bears
11/12	98.82%	Turtles

class with the best attendance

Overall attendance this term up to 18th December 96.4%

Have a relaxed Christmas and lets keep this good attendance up in the New Year. Don't forget if your child is unwell at school we will send them home. So if you are unsure, send them in with the confidence that should they go downhill, we

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024?

The closing date for primary school applications for next Autumn (2024) is approaching. If you've a child starting primary school for the first time in Leicestershire next Autumn you need to apply by **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Visit Leicestershire County Council's [school admissions pages](#) for information about applying and to submit your application. You'll also find there the new 'how to' video about the application process, as well as the 'Your Guide to Education', which provides information about schools in Leicestershire.



Meet our Year 5/6 Football Team!

On Friday 8th December, the team took part in their first ever competition at Aylestone Park. They showed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork and represent just how fantastic St Peter's children are. Even with very little practice as a team, they came away with 3rd place! I can't wait to see what this team does in the future competitions.

A HUGE well done from me.

Miss Mayne

Infant Nativity

At the start of December we had our KS1 Nativity, where we saw a hardworking young stable boy, who seemed to go unnoticed. His friends tried to keep his spirits up, but Sam found it hard to feel important at all. However, as the crowds gathered in Bethlehem for the census and the inns filled up, some very special visitors were shown to Sam's stable. Gradually, as the miraculous events of the night unfolded, Sam started to realise his worth – with a little help from his friends!



We want to say a big thank you to everyone that came to watch our Nativity Performance, **Prickly Hay!** We hope you enjoyed the acting, singing and the dancing as much as we loved performing it to you all.

The Children in Tigers class, Zebras class and Polar Bears class, worked so hard to put on an amazing show for you all. They all learned their lines, the songs and dances and we are very proud of them all. An extra special well done to all of Year 2, who went above and beyond to make their last nativity amazing! Thank you also, to all parents and staff who helped, we appreciate it so much and couldn't have put on a spectacular performance without you. Finally, thank you so much for your donations towards the Salvation Army, at this time of year it is really important to think about those less fortunate and to give them a Christmas that everyone dreams of having.

Have a lovely Christmas all!

Pantomime

Last week the children were treated to an exciting production of Aladdin. KS1 watched it first followed by KS2, so a very busy morning for the actors. The children were entertained with lovely acting, a lovely traditional story and lots of songs that they could clap along and sing to. They loved seeing the amazing set changes and the wild camel chase, as well as seeing a few teaching staff having to dance to "baby shark" and "gang nam style". Apparently my dancing was quite good... It was great to see the children enjoy a traditional panto in school where they could watch and join in too.

REMINDER CHANGES IN ATTENDANCE FROM JAN 2024

Following the latest DFE guidance, we have to inform you that from 1st January any unauthorised absence could result in a fine.

We actively encourage you to ensure that your child is at school and all holidays are booked within school holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2024

Monday 15th Year 3 trip to the Think Tank
3.30 pm Beaumanor Residential information
Evening (current Year 2/3)


May

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

2024—2025

September

Mrs Howard's book of the month

It's not too late to send these fabulous book requests to Santa... 



Ages 4-5

Ages 6-8



Ages 7+

Ages 8+



Ages 9-11



Congratulations to our **reading stars** of the term: Jaxson Sanderson (EYFS), Freddie Ingham (Year 1), Connor Moody (Year 2), Freya and Beth Sperring (Year 3), Isabella McCluney (Year 4), Lucy Wynd (Year 5) and Alyssa Madede (Year 6).

The next edition of Lydia's book reviews! A classic this time...

My book report by Lydia Pennington The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

This book from the Narnia series is about four siblings called Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy who discover Narnia through a wardrobe. They came to the Professor's Mansion in World War two because of the Blitz. In Narnia, they begin by exploring the woods, but Edmund meets the White Witch (who calls herself 'Queen' of Narnia) first and is tempted onto her side. She had used her magic to turn the whole of Narnia into winter but *never* Christmas!

In my opinion, the most engaging part of the book is when the White Witch's magic starts to fade, Santa can get in and the description is beautiful. For example, it described now running water being heard, trees shaking off powdery snow and animals skittering and flying about joyfully singing.

My favourite character is Aslan (the Lion) because he is the true king of Narnia and would sacrifice himself for the whole of Narnia. Now *that* is what I call brave!

There was a part of the story I did not enjoy where Edmund had to walk through the Witch's courtyard full of all the statues that she can and will create with her long, thin, straight, gold wand. I also did not enjoy the bit when he came up to what he thought was a stone wolf but then it snarled at him and asked him what his doing there was. Even though it was not real and only in the book it still made me jump.

I learned some new vocabulary while reading this book. The vocabulary I learned is in this table to look at.

Hindquarters	The back legs of a quadruped (four-legged animal).
Nobler	having or showing fine personal qualities or high moral principles.
Sire	a form of address for someone of high social status, especially a king.
Craves	feel a powerful desire for something.

This book would be perfect for year five and up because some words can be quite tricky to read and there is also some death in there. Also, it could be good for people who like fantasy, fiction, clues and myth.

