



# 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

## ATTENDANCE

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

26/2	98.41%	Orangutans
4/3	99.26%	Zebras
11/3	95.71%	Penguins

Overall winners for the term are  
Zebras 96.87%!

Zebras will have a film afternoon with snacks as their reward.

Whole school is 96.4% It would be great if we could achieve 97% by the next newsletter.



Dear all,

Looking outside today as I write this, it feels like Spring! I always find January and February hard after the Festive period and look forward to these brighter nights and warmer days. It has been an incredibly busy term at school and I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown the staff and myself.

At St Peter's, we have used Spring term to embrace the opportunity to not only educate our children academically but also to instil in them our Christian Values. Easter provides a wonderful opportunity to reinforce these values and to celebrate the spirit of love and generosity that defines this season.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and I look forward to seeing you all in Summer term!

Mr B

## Spotlight On

Spotlight on: Visions and Values

This month we have been revisiting our school Visions and Values. We have reminded the children about the story of St Peter and our school motto

“In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you,” Matthew 7-12.

We now have a flowerbed outside the school filled with the lovely values pebbles that you helped the children to create for homework and each class have spent a week working on their value in class. Finally, we have worked on a whole school adaptation of The Big Frieze (the story of the Bible) and each year group has created a display board. We are proud of our Christian distinctiveness at St Peter's and hope that this work will keep our values at the forefront of everything that we do, helping to strengthen the happy, harmonious atmosphere that we are so proud of. Thank you grown ups, for playing your part.



Creation



People of God



Incarnation



Fall



Kingdom of God



Salvation



Gospel

At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

“In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you” Matthew 7-12

♥ Friendship ♥ Thankfulness ♥ Forgiveness ♥ Respect ♥ Trust ♥ Hope ♥ Compassion ♥ Justice ♥

## WASPs News

Our wonderful WASPS have had another busy month, raising an impressive £120.90 thanks to your donations via the Rags to Riches scheme. They have also been supporting our school values with their



Eggceptional Easter competition where children, staff and parents voted for other children and staff who they think show our school values every day.

Don't forget the Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June. If you would like a stall, please email waspspta@hotmail.com. Follow WASPS Facebook page to keep up-to-date with all events.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

Weds 22nd— Fri 24th

Year 5/6 trip to Kingswood

### June

Saturday 15th

WASP's School Fete

### 2024—2025

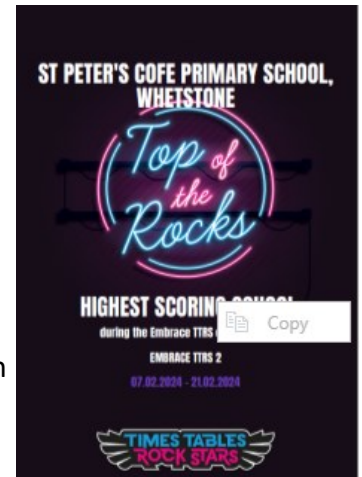
### September

12th—13th

Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

## St Peter's are Top of the Rocks!

During February, Huncote, Manorfield, St Peter's and Swinford Primary Schools took up the challenge of a Times Tables Rockstars Battle between the schools, with St Peter's topping the scoreboard with 255,166 correct answers!! St



Peter's also had 14 of the top 20 highest scoring pupils (with 416 pupils across the Academy taking part) led by Joshua W with an amazing 98,861 correct answers; silver medal went to Charlie S (20,336 answers) and fourth place to George P (14,437).

There was a very tense battle between year 4 and year 6 for top class, but despite a charge from Y6, Year 4 ended up with the honours of best class. Year 3 and 5 were also in the top 10 of all the 24 classes that took part.

There was brilliant participation from all the schools – with hopefully teachers and pupils seeing the evidence of this extra practice - and we are aiming to set up another battle in the Summer Term with all Embrace Primary schools getting involved.

## Red Nose Day

We all wore something red for Comic Relief and raised £89 for the many charities that they support. You are a wonderful, generous bunch St Peter's.



So far we have raised £90 with our **40 Acts of Kindness** for Lent competition. We will collect the bingo sheets in straight after the Easter holidays and put them into a prize draw. The winner will choose the charity that the money raised will go to. Thank you for your support with this... watch this space for more information.



## Move it March Excitement!

We had the pleasure of Sam (and Spike) presenting an assembly all about MiM. Lets continue to get St Peter's moving throughout March and beyond!



## P.E. News

From Miss Mayne

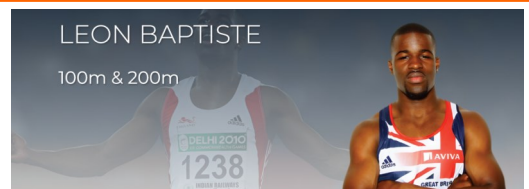
### County X Country Superstar!

Well done to the amazing, Lucy Wynd in the Orangutans Class who made it to the County X Country Championships. Not only that, she came 95 out of 301 year 5 girls!



## LEON BAPTISTE

100m & 200m



### Professional Athlete Visit!

On Tuesday 16th April, Leon Baptiste will be coming into school to deliver a motivational speech. The children will get the opportunity to watch the athlete in action and hear about their early life and career. Alongside that, they will also take part in a sporty challenge with the athlete afterwards.

**Please continue to collect sponsors for this event!**

## Reading

World Book Day was a huge success, with fun book-related activities in class, Extreme Reading and Read With Someone Special homework, children and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters, young children reading with older children, a Big Book Swap where children brought in their unwanted books from home to swap for a new book and a Guess The Teacher competition. Thanks for your support in making this a hugely successful day :-)



**Our fabulous Reading Ambassadors who helped to organise the week:**

### Guess The Grown Up

St Peter's staff have posed with their favourite books... can you guess who's who? Write the name of the adult you think it might be on the line in each box (the pictures aren't in the same order as this list!)

Mr S. (Head)	Mrs Howard (Deputy)	Mrs Smith (Office)
Mrs Bray (Office)	Mrs Herbert (EVS)	Mrs Bailey (EVS)
Miss Finlay (EVS)	Mr Stone (EVS)	Mr Lyon (EVS)
Miss Chamberlain (Y1)	Miss Patel (Y2)	Mrs Barrett (Y1 & 2)
Mrs Davies (Year 2)	Miss George (Y3)	Mrs Nicholls (Y3)
Miss Treacy (Year 4)	Miss Mayne (Y5)	Mrs Stone (Y5)
Mrs Cook (Y6)	Mrs Laywoof (Y6)	Mrs Higginson (LDA)
Mrs Bayliss (Midday Manager)		
Mrs Macdonald, Mr Dowling, Mrs Shenton (Thinking Startz)		

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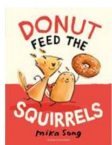
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### Mrs Howard's Books of the month

**Ages 4-5**



**Donut Feed the Squirrels**

**Author:** Mika Song

Two squirrels want donuts for breakfast – how will they get one? A delightful graphic novel with gentle humour for younger readers.



**Black Girls: A Celebration of You**

**Author:** Dominique Furukawa **Illustrator:** Erika Lynne Jones

A gloriously upbeat lyrical love letter to Black girls all over the world.

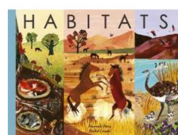


**Ages 6-8**

**Stitch Head: the graphic novel**

**Author:** Guy Bass **Illustrator:** Pete Williamson

Stitch Head is surrounded by terrible creatures, both inside and outside Castle Grotteskew. And he must protect the monsters... A terrific graphic novel full of action and atmosphere.



**Habitats**

**Author:** Hannah Pang **Illustrator:** Isobel Lundie

Explore the different layers of a variety of habitats with this beautiful non-fiction book, featuring interactive layered pages.



**Ages 9-11**

**Keedie**

**Author:** Elle McNicoll

A powerful book about a neurodivergent protagonist taking a stand against bullying and hypocrisy.



**Secrets of the Snakestone**

**Author:** Piu Dasgupta

This intriguing mystery combines experiences of Paris in the late 1800s with the myth and folklore of India. An exciting adventure with just a sprinkling of ancient magic.

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

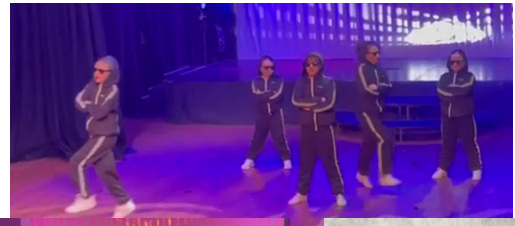
[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)



## Our talented children...



Isabella McCluney in Year 4 has received a distinction for her initial grade violin exam – no mean feat according to her violin teacher who said that such a high pass is unusual for children new to the instrument. We look forward to hearing more about your violin accomplishments in the future, Isabella.



Year 6's Violet, Daisy and Madison, at their dance festival.

Year 4's Emme and Daisy at their cheerleading competition.



Year 4's Cole's amazing art work.



Year 6 demonstrating concentration, imagination, team work and perseverance as they made mini-versions of Inuksuk - Inuit stone landmarks that are considered art and important to their culture.



Year 3's Sara Gavrilu is another violinist. This month she was awarded a certificate for performing in front of her class.



Foundation Stage creating a lovely Easter Garden in the KS1 playground as part of their Religious Education lessons.

Do you have friends, relatives or neighbours who are looking for a school place for their child? Academic Year 2024-25 was a low birth-rate year and schools' intakes are down.  
More pupils = more funding for our school = more resources for your children.

Can you help us to sell St. Peter's?

Word-of-mouth is the very best advertising... Thank you :-)



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# **RATED 'GOOD' BY OFSTED**

## **OUR STUDENTS SAY**

They like St Peter's because  
"teachers encourage you to keep  
learning."

## **ABOUT US**

We aim to inspire our children, enrich  
their academic journey and achieve  
excellence.



**Part of Embrace Multi  
Academy Trust**



**INSPIRE**



**ENRICH**



**ACHIEVE**

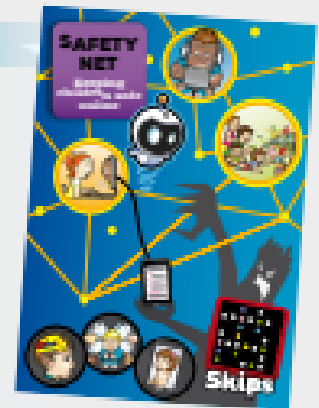
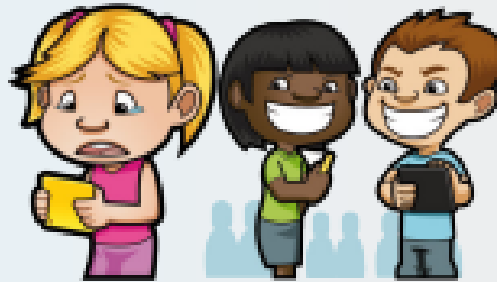


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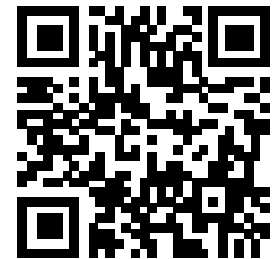
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### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

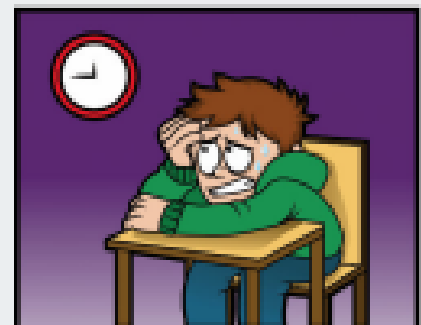
They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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# Shining Stars

## Breakfast and After School Club

Shining Stars offers breakfast and afterschool club provision for children who attend St Peters School. Club is run by Miss Meadowcroft, assisted by Mrs Shenton and Mr Dowling. We have a dedicated classroom where we encourage children to be inquisitive to the world around them through themed sessions, arts and crafts, role play, outdoor play, board games, IT and child led free play sessions.

Sessions are delivered in the morning from 7.30am to 8.45am. All attendees are provided with breakfast and infants are escorted to their classes ready for the start of the day.

Afternoon sessions have two time slots available to support parents. Both start at 3.15pm with infants being collected from their classrooms and escorted to provision. The first evening session ends at 4.45pm, with the extended session available until 6.00pm. Snack food and drink is provided in these afterschool sessions and includes (but is not limited to): Hot dogs, Pasta, Pizza, Sandwiches, etc. Places are available for all children from Reception to year 6.

### Bookings.

All bookings should be made in advance via the ParentPay app / online.

### Tax-Free Childcare.

For parents who use shining star provision, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we are 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 we can amend our records.

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

for any enquiries please contact: [shiningstars@stpeters.embracemat.org](mailto:shiningstars@stpeters.embracemat.org) or telephone 07906 078654



### March Fun @ Shining Stars

We have had a jampacked, fun-filled few weeks at club. From celebrating 40 days of kindness for Lent, making lots of different Easter Crafts, dressing up for world book day and wearing something red for Comic Relief.

The Shining stars Children have also been busy designing Monsters for a competition in association with Young Artists where their artwork could be published. Not only is there a chance for club to win a fantastic prize but the best monster madness drawing could become the book's title and front cover! We will keep you updated on how the children

*We will be finishing off the fun with an Easter egg hunt on the last Thursday of spring term.*

### ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ Stars of the Week. ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

★ Each week we recognise the successes of those who attend club. Since starting back in the spring term, the following children have received a certificate for their fantastic contribution to club or for demonstrating school values:

- ★ Oliver (3) / Oscar (2) / Louie (1) / Georgie (3) / Arthur (4) / Eliza (1) / Cole (4) / Solomon (3) / Mackenzie (1) / Lily (1) / Libby (5) / Jacob (6) / Jason (R) / Kelsie (6) / Harper (R) / Elliott (3) / Savannah (2)

★ Congratulations to you all. ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

