



St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish

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Wednesday 4th September 2024

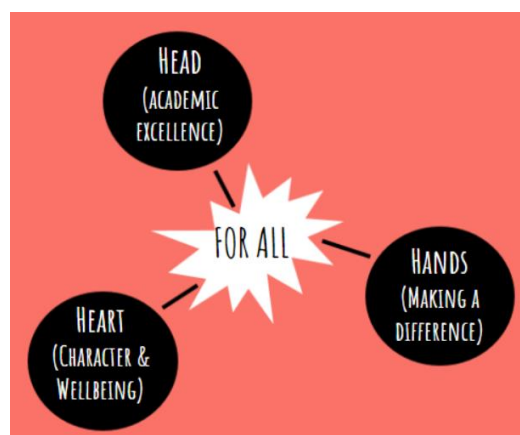
WELCOME BACK

The start of a new school year is my favourite time of the school calendar. It's a time of hope, optimism and anticipation. The beginning of a new chapter.

It's a time of fresh starts, new beginnings and endless possibilities. A time of excitement about what lies ahead and a time to dream big dreams of all that can be achieved.

Today, our corridors have, once again, been filled with the joys of life – excitement, laughter and connection. We have new classes, new pupils, new relationships and new stories and adventures to tell one another.

Over the next days, weeks and months ahead, we aim to ensure that our all of our pupils receive the broad and balanced education they need in order to flourish – regardless of background or ability. We do this by providing our pupils with an education for the head (academic excellence), heart (character & wellbeing) and hands (making a difference).



Together, I look forward to working with you over the next year and beyond to provide our pupils with the best possible education.

As ever, thank you for all of your support.

Headteacher

THANK YOU, JANE



After 23 years at St Peter's, our long-serving Catering Manager, Jane Hilton, is taking early retirement at the beginning of October. Our kitchen team has a long-established reputation for excellence and the food we provide to the pupils is held in high regards by many – this has been down to the hard work and leadership by Jane. Unlike most primary schools our kitchen is independently run, and, led by Jane, provides freshly prepared hot meals dinners to two hundred pupils per day. Jane has been a central part of the school for many years and she will be missed by the whole school community.

As a result, we are now recruiting for the position of Catering Manager. Please see below for the advert.

CATERING MANAGER WANTED

Salary: Grade 4, Points 8 – 14, £24,702 – £27,334 pro rata, pay award pending.

Work pattern: 30 hours, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Closing date: Midday on Wednesday 18th September 2024

Starting date: October 2024

Are you passionate about children eating fresh, nutritious and tasty food? Do you possess the energy and enthusiasm to excite our pupils about food so that they are eager to eat healthily? Do you believe that serving up incredible food can boost attainment, well-being and child health? If so, this could be the job for you!

Following the retirement of our long-serving catering manager, we are seeking a dynamic and inspirational individual, to lead, manage and develop our school kitchen at St Peter's Junior school.

Our kitchen team has a long-established reputation for excellence and the food we provide for pupils is held in high regard by the school community. Our kitchen is independently run and provides high quality, freshly prepared hot dinners for two hundred fantastic pupils per day.

The successful applicant will ideally be trained to level 3 Food Safety or equivalent. They must have experience of working in a kitchen environment and will be responsible for planning a balanced, nutritious menu; organising theme days; ordering; stock and budget management; lead, manage and motivate a team of kitchen staff and ensure compliance with food standards and food hygiene regulations. They will be innovative, creative and passionate, ensuring our children have the best experience of healthy eating from a young age.

St Peter's is a very popular Junior School located in the borough of Rushcliffe; 5 miles south of Nottingham and within a few miles of the Leicestershire border.

Our school offers:

- A beautiful site with spacious indoor and outdoor learning environments
- A commitment to pupils' academic achievement, welfare and wellbeing
- A supportive school community and appreciative parents
- Committed, supportive and welcoming staff
- Governors who understand the pressures on schools
- Delightful pupils with fantastic attitudes to learning
- Excellent training within a culture of continual improvement.

To apply, please download the documents found on our website using the following link:

<https://stpetersjunior.secure-primariesite.net/catering-manager/>

and return the completed application form to office@stpetersjunior.org.uk.

Please contact the school if you would like to visit or discuss the role further.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Once again, we will be supporting the Friary (a local charity that helps homeless, long-term unemployed and vulnerable adults) in their Harvest Appeal. The Friary are asking for help with harvest contributions that are relied upon to stock their shelves for the coming year. All types of food can be re-distributed. The types of food that are most needed can be seen in this picture.



All donations make a real difference to people's lives. Your support is really appreciated - please feel free to bring any donations into school, which we be kept in our hall until our Harvest Festival assembly on 9th October 2024.

SEESAW

Over the next few days, you should receive a letter asking you to join SeeSaw – an online platform that allows you to communicate with your child's class teacher. This is the main way our teachers communicate with home as well as being an ideal way to see what your child has been learning in school. Should you have any issues, please let us know.

Seesaw

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school clubs for Years 4-6 will either be starting next week (9th September) or the week beginning 16th September. Exact club dates are detailed on the information letters.

We will be letting you know in the next couple of days if your child has been successful in gaining a place or not. Please keep an eye on your text messages and emails.

We will be adding more after-school clubs to our list after half term, including those for Year 3.

YOUNG VOICES CHOIR CLUB

Starting this half-term, we are really excited to invite our Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils to join our Young Voices Singing Club. We have decided to extend our choir to allow us to be part of the nationwide singing extravaganza called Young Voices.

Young Voices is a concert that includes school choirs from around the country. The children perform in an arena in front of an audience of parents and supporters. Last year it included over 5000 choirs, along with professional performances from MC Grammar, drummer Nandi Bushell, and singer/songwriter Natalie Williams, so the children also enjoy some amazing talent and soak up the atmosphere. It is a really special and memorable event.

Children will be learning a variety of songs to sing at the concert, including tracks from Hairspray and artists including David Bowie and Katy Perry. To learn more about the event, take a look at the website: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk>

Our concert date is **Thursday 27th February 2025** at the Birmingham Resorts Arena and we are hoping that everyone in our Young Voices Singing Club will attend the event (more details nearer the time).

Years 4-6 parents should have already received an email with details of how your child can be part of this exciting club!

WANT TO LEARN THE GUITAR?

We currently have one spare place for any pupil who would like to learn how to play the guitar. These lessons will be taught by an Inspire Music teacher.

Inspire is a mutual benefit society and is the lead partner of the Nottinghamshire Music Education Hub. Inspire Music teachers are fully trained, qualified and offer much more than just standard peripatetic music tuition. With a continuous staff development programme and connections with organisations such as The Halle Orchestra, National Youth Orchestra, National Youth Choir of Great Britain, The Nottingham Royal Centre, Confetti Music College and many others, Inspire Music is ideally positioned to offer students the very best in not only music education and tuition but also advice on careers and even financial support through grants and grant agencies.

What will it cost per term?

Shared lesson: £75 per pupil per term and £18 hire of instrument per term (if required) for 20 minutes on a Wednesday afternoon with one other pupil.

Please contact Judy in the office if you are interested as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

We would really appreciate it if dinner money and payments for Casper's before and/or after school care are **made in advance**. Thank you for your help.

SCHOOL PE DAYS

Below is the PE timetable for all classes. Children will be required to come to school in their black-and-white PE kits rather than their school uniform on these days.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
All Year 3 Classes			PE	PE	
Year 4 - Mr O'Donnell & Mr Rogers		PE			PE
Year 4 - Mrs Greig	PE			PE	
All Year 5 Classes	PE		PE		
Year 6 - Miss Wilson & Miss Kalwa	PE	PE			
Year 6 - Miss Allen & Mrs Shaw		PE		PE	

If there are ever any exceptions to this, teachers will contact parents via SeeSaw.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

As always, our Catering Manager, Mrs Hilton, and her team have worked hard to ensure all meals are healthy, nutritious and delicious!

The menus for this term can be found here:

<https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/school-meals/>

Please check the dates for the correct week located at the top of each menu.



ATTENDANCE

At St Peter's we aim for every pupil to be attending at least 97% of the time. We know that high levels of attendance result in better academic achievement and greater opportunities for relationships to be fostered. Furthermore, it sets the expectations for secondary school and future employment. If your child is unwell please inform the office as soon as possible on the first day of absence and each day after until they return to school. We authorise absences when we feel reasons are legitimate or if medical or appointment evidence is provided. However, if we feel absences are too frequent or the reason given is not satisfactory, we will not authorise them. Holidays taken within the school terms will not be authorised; this is following the guidance from Nottinghamshire County Council.

If attendance is...	That means they are missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that is...
90%	1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1.5 years
80%	1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks a year	Over 2.5 years

School starts promptly at 9.00am, with a bell for Year 3 and 4 sounding at 8.58am to signify that it is time to line up. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are asked to enter school at 8.50am and go straight to their classroom where they are set a 'Do Now' task by their teacher. Punctuality allows children to be ready for the day ahead and ensures that they do not miss out on any learning.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance, we are keen to offer support and would invite you to contact either our Deputy Head, Mrs Roberts, or our Nurture Lead, Mrs Allcock, who will be happy to support.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR WANTED

To start as soon as possible – £11.59 per hour

We are seeking a caring, friendly and enthusiastic person to join our team of midday supervisors. The successful candidate will assist with the supervision of the children during their lunchtime break, caring for their health, safety and welfare in the dining hall and outside in our extensive grounds.

The ideal candidate must enjoy working with children and as part of a team and be willing to undergo any training as necessary.

Hours of work are Monday to Friday, from 11.55am to 13.20pm. This is a permanent, term time only post either part time or full time.

An application form and further details for these posts are available from Judy Noble at office@stpetersjunior.org.uk

INSET DAYS

Our inset days have been confirmed for this academic year. They will be as follows:

- ❖ 2nd June 2025
- ❖ 28th July 2025
- ❖ 29th July 2025



General term dates can be found on our school website: <https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/term-dates/>

SOUTH WOLDS TRANSPORT UPDATE

Over the summer, we received an update from NCC regarding their policy on school transport for pupils from Ruddington who may attend South Wolds Academy in future years:

“Due to exceptional and unique circumstances and following discussions with County Councillors Reg Adair and Matt Barney, the Transport and Education Local Authority are making an out of policy decision to award free travel to those Ruddington families who have made travel applications to The South Wolds Academy for the next academic year (2024/2025). This is irrespective of whether the family [listed] Rushcliffe Spencer Academy or South Wolds Academy as their first preference at 24/25 Primary to Secondary Admissions. The LA (Transport and Education) have also jointly agreed to continue this arrangement for those pupils commencing their secondary education in 2025/2026 due to families making their choice on schools in Autumn 2024.

It is anticipated that Rushcliffe Spencer’s site expansion will be completed in 2025/26 and therefore, for the Academic Year 2026/2027 and beyond, travel applications will be assessed against the provisions made in the Home to School Transport Policy. From this point, pupils will only be awarded travel assistance if they are attending the nearest available or nearest available catchment school to their home address. At Primary to Secondary Transfer (PST) this will be based on whether a family could have secured a place at their nearest school even if they did not preference this school. For your information, the Home to School Transport states that where two or more schools have a coterminous or overlapping catchment area, the nearest of the schools to a family’s home address will be regarded as the designated catchment school for transport eligibility purposes. In respect to Ruddington families, pupils will only be awarded free travel to South Wolds Academy if this is the nearest catchment school OR they would not have secured a place at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy.

Those receiving the free entitlement will continue to receive it until the end of year 11 (unless their circumstances change, i.e. change of home address or school). Parents of Year 7 pupils (September 2024) that have applied for travel assistance will be issued a free travel pass. Any further applications received will be processed taking into account the decision that has been made.”

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Start of Autumn Term – Site open to pupils.
Monday 9 th September 2024	Woodland Activities Club Starts
Tuesday 10 th September 2024	Young Voices Choir and Gardening Clubs Start
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	Guitar Tuition Starts
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	FOS AGM 6.30pm in school
Thursday 12 th September 2024	Drumming Tuition Starts
Friday 13 th September 2024	Keyboard Tuition Starts
Saturday 14 th September 2024	Boys' Football Tournament at St Peter's
Monday 16 th September 2024	Individual School Photographs
Monday 16 th September 2024	Tag Rugby Club Starts
Tuesday 17 th September 2024	Hockey Club Starts
Wednesday 18 th September 2024	Drumba and Art & Crafts Clubs Start
Thursday 19 th September 2024	South Wolds Open Evening 5.30-8.00pm
Thursday 19 th September 2024	Girls' and Boys' Football Clubs Start
Saturday 21 st September 2024	Girls' Football Tournament at St Peter's
Monday 23 rd September 2024	Y3 Fieldwork Walk to Ruddington
Monday 30 th September – Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	Year 6 Class Bread Baking
Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	Year 3 Black History Month Project Day
Week Commencing Monday 7 th October 2024	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	Harvest Festival
Thursday 10 th October 2024	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11 th October 2024	FOS Bake Sale 3:30pm
Week Commencing Monday 14 th October 2024	Recycling Week
Friday 18 th October 2024	Last Day of Half-Term
Monday 21 st October – Friday 1 st November 2024	Half-Term Holiday – SITE CLOSED
Monday 4 th November 2024	Start of 2nd Autumn Term – Site open to pupils.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Friends of St Peter's Junior School Ruddington

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

FREE drinks and nibbles!

6.30pm

In the
staffroom

SEPTEMBER

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