



St Peter's C of E Junior School

A place for all to flourish



Wednesday 2nd September 2026

WELCOME BACK

Dear families

There is something truly special about the start of a new school year. After the quieter weeks of summer, it is a real joy to see our school community together again – classrooms filled with conversation, corridors full of energy and children ready to begin the next stage of their journey.

The first few days always bring a mixture of emotions. There is excitement about new teachers, new classrooms and new opportunities, alongside the inevitable nerves that come with change. As a parent of two school-aged children, I know those feelings well. My own two boys are back at school tomorrow – one going into Year 4 and my oldest beginning Secondary school - so I will soon be experiencing that familiar first-day combination of pride, excitement and a few butterflies myself!

A very special welcome goes to all of our new Year 3 children and their families. We are thrilled that you have chosen to become part of the St Peter's community. We hope that, already, you have begun to feel at home and we look forward to getting to know you and your children as the year unfolds.

Walking around school today, it has been wonderful to see children settling into their new routines, reconnecting with friends and embracing the opportunities that a new year brings. There is a real sense of excitement about what we can achieve together.

Our commitment to developing the **Head, Heart and Hands** of every child continues to guide us: nurturing their minds, supporting their wellbeing and encouraging them to use what they learn to contribute positively to the world around them.

There is so much to look forward to in the year ahead, and we are incredibly excited about the journey we will share together. Perhaps most exciting of all, during this academic year,

we will see our vision for a brand-new St Peter's school begin to take shape, as construction gets underway and the foundations for an exciting new chapter in our school's history are laid.

As always, the partnership between school and home is incredibly important, and we look forward to working closely with you to help every child flourish.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and trust in our school. It is a privilege to work alongside you, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year together.

Michael Bradley
Headteacher

HEALTHY SNACKS REMINDER

A healthy snack can make a real difference to children's energy, concentration and readiness to learn throughout the school day.

We would really appreciate your support in choosing healthy and nutritious snacks for your child to bring into school for break time. Fresh fruit, vegetables and other healthy options are all great choices and help children stay energised and ready to learn.

We ask that sweets, chocolate and crisps are kept at home, as they don't provide the sustained energy children need during the school day.

Thank you for helping us encourage healthy habits and making positive choices for our children.

Your support is very much appreciated!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

Attendance above 97%	Above 97%. Less than 6 days absence a year: Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can leading to best possible start in their secondary education.
Attendance of 95%	95%. Less than 10 days absence in a year: Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades and will be well prepared for starting secondary education
Attendance of 90%	90%. 19 days absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and may fall behind in Maths and Literacy. It will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
Attendance of 85%	85%. 29 days absence in a year: These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school a year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.
Attendance at 80% or below	80%. Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school. It will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance could be issued with a Penalty Notice.

Last year, our whole school attendance was 96.2% which was fantastic but this year we are aiming to reach 97%!

UNIFORM REMINDERS

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All pupils are expected to wear full uniform. As per the school uniform policy:

- Jogging bottoms are fine as part of a PE kit but should not be worn on non-PE days to replace trousers or skirts.
- Plain black/grey/navy hoodies are fine as part of a PE kit but should not be worn on non-PE days to replace jumpers/fleeces/sweatshirts.
- Earrings can be worn if they are plain studs although these need to be removed for PE (no other jewellery is allowed).
- Nail varnish or other makeup is not to be worn.
- Any hair which is below shoulder length should be tied back
- Plain black trainers are acceptable but these must be plain in colour and design (no designer logos).
- On non-PE days, a red fleece or grey sweatshirt/jumper should be worn.

PE KITS

We will be continuing to ask pupils to come to school wearing their PE kits on their designated days. This should include:

- Plain white Tee shirt
- Black shorts/leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black or grey tracksuit top or your school sweatshirt/fleece
- Outdoor trainers (no branding)

- Hair should be tied back with practical hair accessories
- No branded football kits or logos on clothing
- No earrings or other jewellery

FOREST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

This term, we are excited to be introducing regular Forest School sessions for our classes. Each class will have the opportunity to spend a morning learning and exploring outdoors as part of their Forest School experience. These sessions provide children with the chance to develop confidence, independence and teamwork while enjoying hands-on learning in the natural environment.

As Forest School takes place outdoors in all but the most extreme weather conditions, please ensure your child comes to school with warm, waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies on their Forest School morning. There is no expectation for the children to wear uniform on these days. Children may get muddy, so please send your child in old clothing that is suitable for outdoor exploration!

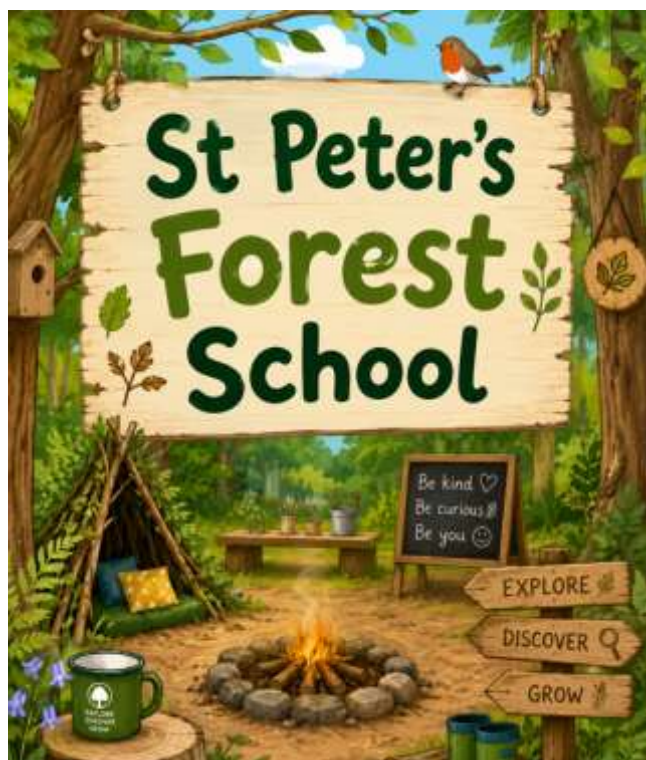
Please see the timetable below for your child's Autumn Term Forest School session dates.

Autumn 1

10/9	17/9	24/9	1/10	8/10	15/10
4LDV	4CD	4MY	5WS	5MJ	5NM

Autumn 2

5/11	12/11	19/11	29/11	3/12	10/12
3FN	3MA	3DA	6MLK	6RP	6KJ





🎃 📢 RUDDINGTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL— WE'VE EXTENDED IT! 📢 🎃

We know the summer has been a busy one for everyone, so we're delighted to announce that the Ruddington Scarecrow Festival has been extended! 🙌

That means there's still plenty of time to get creative and start working on your scarecrow masterpiece. 🧑🎃 🧑🎃

🍁 The main scarecrow trail will take place over October Half Term, giving everyone the chance to get involved and enjoy the trail around Ruddington.

🧠 Get creating now! The sooner you submit your entry, the sooner your scarecrow can be added to the trail — and you'll get a head start on collecting those all-important votes! 📁

📄 Entry: just £5
square.link/u/CqfDCQoZ

🏆 Could you win a £50 voucher to spend at a Ruddington business of your choice?

👉 Get your entry submitted ASAP and start building your scarecrow!



✿ We Need You! ✿

A new school year means a fresh start — and our fundraising calendar is currently a blank canvas! Over the summer, many of our wonderful committee members have moved on as their children have started senior school. A huge **thank you** to everyone who has given their time, energy and enthusiasm over the years — we couldn't have done it without you!

Now we're looking for a **new committee** to step forward and help shape the year ahead.

The calendar is completely open, so this is your chance to bring fresh ideas, try something new and fill the year with **exciting fundraising events and fun for our school community**. Whether you'd like to take on a committee role, help organise an event, share ideas or simply lend a hand when you can, there's a place for everyone.

You don't need previous committee experience — just enthusiasm, ideas and a willingness to get involved!

 Come along to our AGM

Wednesday 9th September

6:30pm

Ada Lovelace Building, School

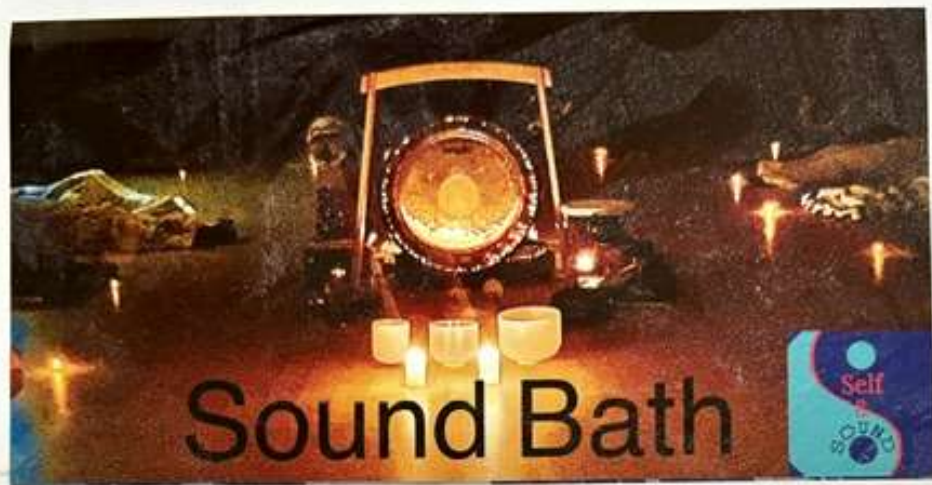
Come along, meet the team, hear what's happening, and find out how you can get involved.

The calendar is blank. Let's fill it with something brilliant! ✿

We'd love to see you there.

SOUND BATH SESSIONS AT ST PETER'S

Starting Wednesday 23rd September 2026 7.00-8.00pm here at St Peter's Junior School. Then every 3rd Wednesday of the month.



What's A Sound Bath?

It's a way of relaxing, calming and de-stressing as you bathe in the harmonics produced by a gong and other resonant musical instruments. Make 1 hour in your week total 'me' time. Tune into Positive Vibes and Float on Frequencies.

What Do I Have To Do?

Just lie or sit comfortably and warmly wrapped. Then you will be washed and massaged by **sound and vibration** scientifically proven to; relieve anxiety, stress and depression, help insomnia, access mindfulness and meditation, balance energy and facilitate deep relaxation. The session will have lasted an hour but most people feel the time flies by.

To Join Or Find Out More Contact Sam

Text/WA Tel - 07966373973 OR email - 2bselvesavvy@gmail.com

Visit - <https://www.beselvesavvy.com/selfandsound>

Fee for a 1 hour Sound Bath £15 pp.

**To find out times and venues near YOU contact Sam
and/or PTO**

Sound Bath sessions are looking to take place at the end of September. More information will follow in new term. Here is the QR code for the organiser's Facebook:



BACK TO SCHOOL BURNOUT

Be ready to rock the
new school year!

Build faster hands,
stronger technique, and
better timing with Burnout
and take your drumming
to the next level. **YEAR 3
AND ABOVE ONLY!**

**6 week drumming
masterclass starting 9th
September from 6pm**

**Focuses on improving
endurance, technique,
cognition and dexterity.**

**Limited number of spots
on a first come, first
served basis so book now
to secure your space!**

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DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Wednesday 2 nd September	Start of First Autumn Term – site open to pupils
Thursday 17 th September	South Wolds Open Evening
Thursday 1 st October	Individual Pupil Photos
Week commencing 5 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 9 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 16 th October	Last Day of First Autumn Term
Monday 19 th to Friday 30 th October	HALF-TERM BREAK – site closed to pupils
Monday 2 nd November	Start of Second Autumn Term – site open to pupils
Wednesday 4 th November	Campfire Stories
Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th November	Year 6 Viking Workshops
Thursday 19 th November	Year 5 Space Centre Visit
Wednesday 25 th November	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 6 International Day
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th December	Year 4 Play Performances
Friday 11 th December	FOS Christmas Fair – NON-UNIFORM DAY
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Campfires
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 3 Pantomime Visit
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Second Autumn Term
Monday 21 st December 2026 to Friday 1 st January 2027	CHRISTMAS BREAK – site closed to pupils