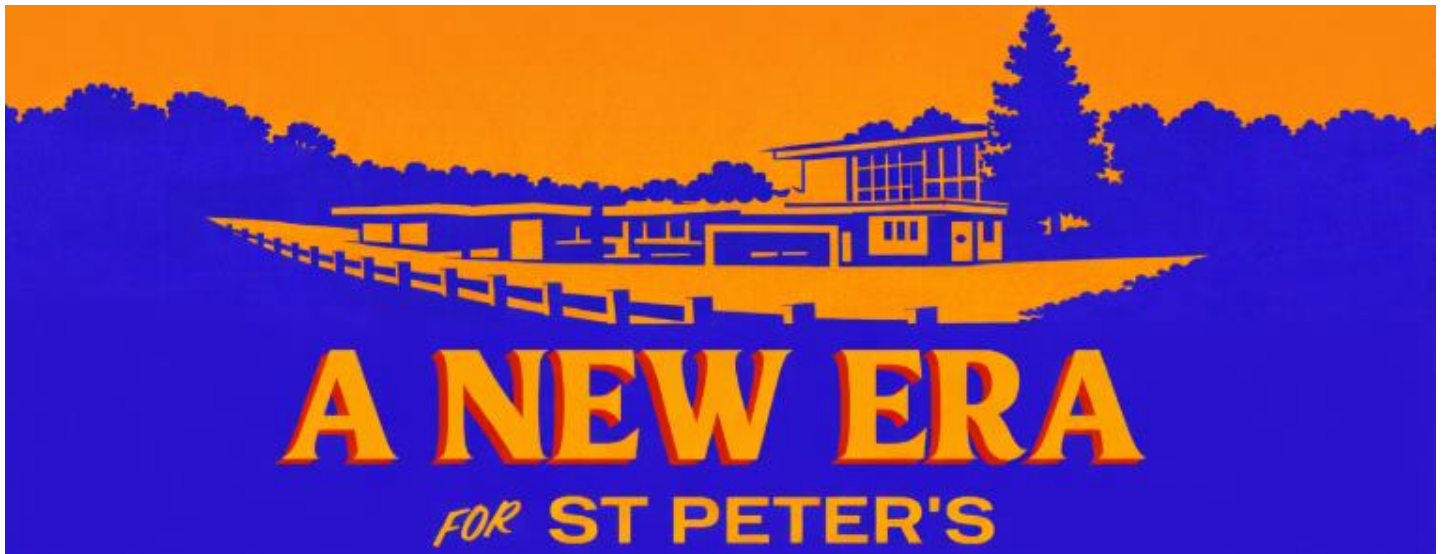




St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish



Wednesday 22nd April 2026

SCHOOL REBUILD

We are pleased to announce that St Peter's School will be rebuilt!

Last week, we spoke with our local MP, James Naish, who has shared a letter from the Secretary of State for Education (below). We are delighted that James was able to confirm to us that:

- The Government has identified St Peter's as a priority project and so won't need to compete for funding alongside other schools as part of this year's school rebuilding application process.
- Instead, the Department for Education will begin working with Nottinghamshire County Council over the next few weeks to complete due diligence and begin the rebuild project.
- This is great news for our community and goes a long way in ensuring that our new, state-of-the-art school will be rebuilt for September 2028!



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Department for Education

The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP
Secretary of State for Education

James Naish MP
Sent by email to: james.naish.mp@parliament.uk

14 April 2026

Dear James,

School Rebuilding Programme – St Peter's CofE Junior School (URN: 122767)

Thank you for raising the condition issues at St Peter's CofE Junior School with me earlier in the year. I know you have been working closely with ministers, officials, and the school to identify a long-term solution.

I am now pleased to confirm that, following careful consideration, the school has been provisionally prioritised for the School Rebuilding Programme based on the urgent and severe rebuilding need. This will greatly improve the learning environment at this school for years to come.

The School Rebuilding Programme aims to tackle buildings in the poorest condition to create safe and modern buildings where young people can gain the knowledge and skills they need to excel.

New buildings will harness modern technologies to be net-zero carbon in operation, supporting our commitments to sustainability. As well as benefitting the education of hundreds of thousands of children, these building projects will also benefit the construction sector by providing opportunities across the industry, including for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Nottinghamshire County Council, as the responsible body, has been informed of St Peter's CofE Junior School's provisional inclusion in the programme, subject to due diligence checks. We will carry out further assessments to determine the sequencing for delivery of the project. We will communicate next steps to the responsible body shortly.

At the June 2025 spending review, the government committed to expanding the School Rebuilding Programme to include a further 250 places. The programme remains open for nominations until midday Thursday 23 April. Responsible bodies have been invited to nominate schools and sixth form colleges that meet the criteria. Further details regarding timelines, nomination guidance, and a link to the nomination portal can be found on GOV.UK. We will select 250 schools to join the programme by early 2027. Places will be prioritised for the worst condition schools and sixth-form colleges in areas where places are needed now and in the future.

Yours,
Bridget

The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP
Secretary of State for Education

YEAR 5 HATHERSAGE VISIT

We may have a new building, but some traditions at St Peter's will never change!

This week marks the start of our much-loved Year 5 Hathersage residential—a special milestone in the life of our school.

Here's who's going:

- Mon 20th Apr–Wed 22nd Apr: 5 Nelson Mandela with Mr Bailey, Mr Bradley, Mrs Burrows and Mr Knox
- Wed 22nd Apr–Fri 24th Apr: 5 Mae Jemison with Miss Baird-Murray, Mrs Houghton, Mrs Matthews and Mr Sinclair
- Wed 29th Apr–Fri 1st May: 5 William Shakespeare with Mr Gingell, Mrs Adlington and Mrs Burrows

During their time away, pupils will take part in a range of exciting outdoor activities, including:

- Stream dipping
- Hiking
- Toasting marshmallows around the campfire
- Orienteering

We wish all of our Year 5 pupils an unforgettable experience—full of challenge, teamwork and great memories!



SCHOOL KITCHEN REOPENING

Our school kitchen is officially back open!

We're incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and talented catering team here at St Peter's.

After a short time preparing the new space and getting to grips with the brand-new equipment, the team are now fully up and running—and what a start it's been! So far, the menu has featured sweet and sour chicken with rice and spring rolls, pasta with meatballs and garlic bread, and a beef roast dinner.

A huge thank you to our amazing catering team for all their hard work in getting everything ready so quickly. The kitchen is truly back at the heart of our school!

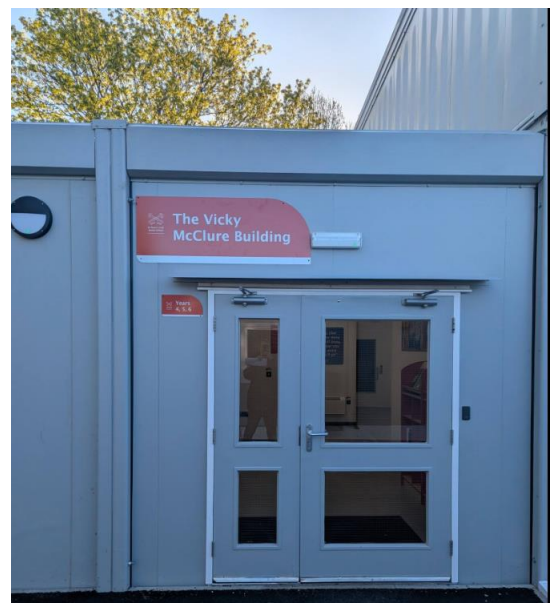


BUILDING NAMES

After a community-wide vote, we can confirm the names of our new buildings are...

-  The Vicky McClure Building
-  The Viv Anderson Building
-  The Ada Lovelace Building
-  The Mary Earps Building

Thank you to everyone who voted!



CAREERS DAY

After its tremendous success last year, St Peter's is again set to host a careers event next half-term, and we would love to hear from you!

We would like to inspire the children to widen their understanding of potential career paths and highlight opportunities that they may wish to follow as they grow up. There are no requirements - just a willingness to spend time with some children and talk about what you do!

We are looking for parents and wider family members who would be prepared to come in to school to do a short class presentation about their job. The date of the event will be Friday 10th July 2026.

If you would be willing to support us in school, please can you contact choughton@stpetersjunior.org.uk for more information. I look forward to hearing from you!



MUSICAL SUCCESS

We would like to wish a huge congratulations to one of our Year 6 pupils, who recently participated in the Derby Arts Festival.

This pupil won third place in the Piano Solo (Grades 4–5) competition.

A fantastic achievement! We look forward to hearing about more of her future musical accomplishments.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Thursday, we got 'back on the road' with some football. Sadly, the Rushcliffe Schools Year 6 tournaments we hosted at St Peter's twice a year are not possible, so an alternative was arranged at Platt Lane in Keyworth, presenting a great opportunity for some of our lucky footballers to showcase their skills against other schools in the area.

Our combined Y5/6 team did extremely well, winning 3 out of their 4 matches with some surging moves forward, slicing through the opposition, whilst our defenders pulled off some heroic stops to avoid almost certain goals. We lost one game, by only one goal, to an outstanding Radcliffe-on-Trent team, who were the group winners.

The trophy was eventually lifted by a very in-form Greythorn Primary school. Well done to our girls and we wish our boys well for next week's tournament.



ROAD SAFETY

If your child walks to school unaccompanied by an adult, we'd really appreciate if you could give them a refresher on road safety. Their class teachers will also be speaking to them on the subject.



We have had some concerning reports of children running dangerously across main roads in Ruddington, and wish to ensure their safety as much as possible.

FOOTBALLS AND BASKETBALLS

DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Casper's wraparound care club is in desperate need of footballs, basketballs, tennis balls and similar, for the children to play with on the playground and field.

If you happen to have any at home that are no longer being used, please bring them to our school office.

They would be greatly appreciated and put to good use!



DYNAMOS CRICKET

Dynamos is back at Ruddington CC (Elms Park) this summer and booking is now open!

The club will run every Thursday night, starting 14th May 2026. 6.30-7.30pm.

Dynamos Cricket is suitable for children aged 8-11 years old.

Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability.

Dynamos courses will help grow children's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

Book here: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/c427d564-c5a3-4410-8801-226518934096?venue=ruddington>

Please see also: Healthy Family Team newsletter attached to this newsletter email.



Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent and Carer Involvement Group

Do you want to make a difference to Children and Young People's Health Services?

Why not join our Parent and Carer Involvement Group?



Share your feedback and real life experience of services.



TUESDAY

Our online meetings at 1pm - 2pm are:

- 6th January 2026
- 3rd February 2026
- 3rd March 2026
- 7th April 2026
- 5th May 2026
- 2nd June 2026
- 7th July 2026
- 4th August 2026
- 1st September 2026
- 6th October 2026
- 3rd November 2026
- 1st December 2026

For more information or to register, please scan the QR code or use the link below. Under current opportunities, click 'Adult Involvement Opportunities (18+)' to find the project details:

SCAN ME



www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/iev-involvement-partner-opportunities

FOS – BOOK AND BAKE SALE

You bring the bakes – we'll bring the books!

Browse hundreds of pre-loved school books looking for a new home. Perfect for junior school-aged readers.

- Where: St Peter's Rooms
- When: 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Bake donations by 10:00am

Pupils can win awards for their baking, but we warmly welcome contributions from the whole community.

- Jellycat raffle drawn at 12:30pm

Open to everyone – come along and support!



FOS RAFFLE

Do you have a Jellycat fan in your house?

We know we certainly do!

After the success of our Croissant Jellycat raffle, we're excited to launch another one... and this time you could win the beautiful Malachy Dragon Jellycat.

- Tickets: £2 each
- Multiple entries welcome!

Must be able to collect from Ruddington if you win

Last date to enter: 9th May at 12:30pm

Winner announced: 9th May at our Book & Bakes event in St Peter's Rooms

Grab your tickets on the link below 

<https://square.link/u/qT89zMZd>



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY – SAVE THE DATE



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 20 th April to Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 5 Hathersage – 5NM (Mr Bailey)
Wednesday 22 nd April to Friday 24 th April	Year 5 Hathersage – 5MJ (Miss Baird-Murray)
Wednesday 22 nd April	Cricket Club Starts – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 22 nd April	Rockley Music Drumming restarts
Wednesday 22 nd April	Inspire Guitar Music restarts
Thursday 23 rd April	Athletics Club Starts – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 23 rd April	Boys Football tournament Keyworth
Monday 27 th April	Tennis Club Starts – Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 28 th April	Rounders Club Starts – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 29 th April to Friday 1 st May	Year 5 Hathersage – 5WS (Mr Gingell)
Monday 4 th May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Assessments

Friday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Tuesday 9 th June to Thursday 11 th June	Year 4 Camp out
Thursday 11 th June	Class photographs
Wednesday 17 th and Thursday 18 th June	Sports Days
Friday 19 th June	International Day of Languages
Wednesday 24 th June and Thursday 25 th June	South Wolds Academy Transition Days
Monday 29 th June	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Monday 29 th June	Year 2 Parents Information Evening 6.00pm
Tuesday 30 th June	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Wednesday 1 st July	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Potted Sports
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 2 and Rushcliffe Spencer Academy Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th July	James Peacock Year 6 Presentation Evening at St Peter's Rooms
Thursday 9 th July	Meet your new teacher morning
Friday 10 th July	Careers Day
Saturday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party (organised by parents)
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 play dress rehearsal
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 show afternoon and evening
Monday 20 th to Thursday 23 rd July	Year 6 Whitby residential
Friday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers lunch
Monday 27 th July	INSET day