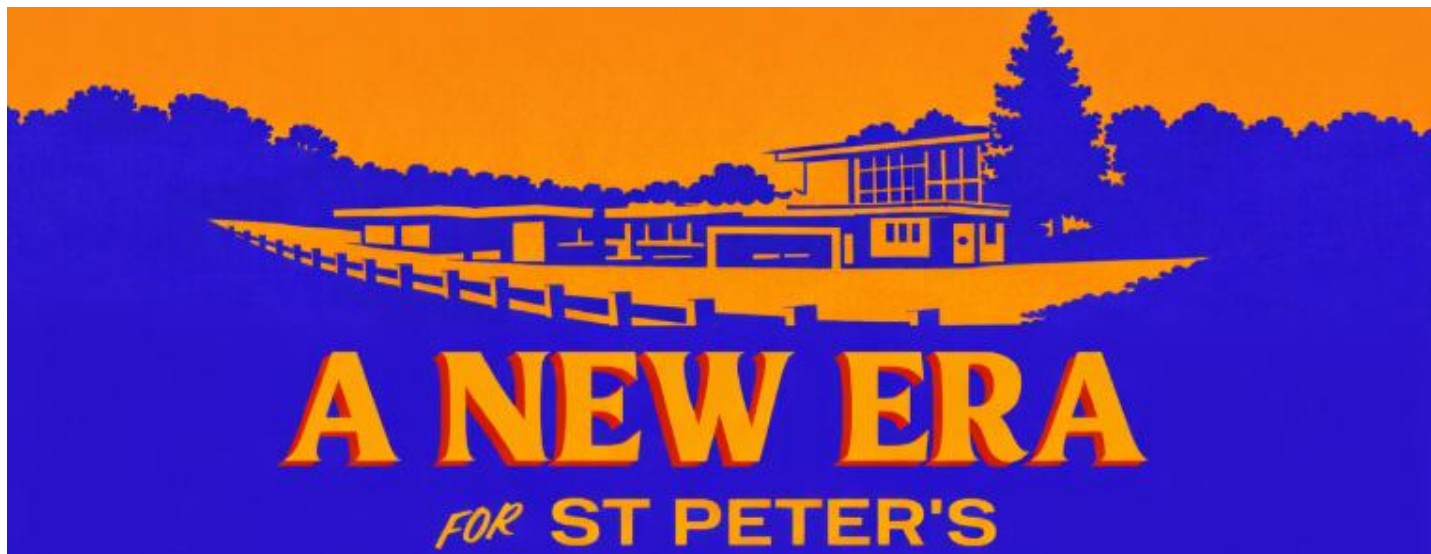




St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish



Wednesday 15th April 2026

WELCOME BACK HOME

In December, life and learning at St Peter's changed over-night.

One day, our school was filled with laughter, learning, and the comforting rhythm of everyday life. The next, our doors were closed, and everything familiar was gone. It felt as though the heart of our community had been suddenly taken from us.

And yet—even in that moment of uncertainty—we held onto something deeper. We stuck together as one community.

Because St Peter's has never simply been bricks and mortar. It is about the people, the shared values and the sense of belonging. It is love. And love does not disappear when walls fall away.

So we carried on. We refused to be defined by this setback.

Across four different schools, in places that were never meant to be "home," our children showed a courage beyond their years. They walked into unfamiliar classrooms with bravery. They adapted, they persevered, and they continued to shine. Our staff gave everything—heart, energy, and unwavering care—to ensure that every child still felt safe, valued, and known.

And you—our parents—you trusted us. You supported us. You lifted us when the days felt heavy. In moments when it would have been easier to lose faith, you chose to stand beside us.

Together, we kept the flame of St Peter's alive.

There were days that tested us. Days when the distance felt too great, when the loss felt too real. But even then, something extraordinary was happening. Beneath it all, quietly and powerfully, our community was growing stronger—bound not by a building, but by something far greater.

And from that strength, something amazing emerged.

Our Learning Village.

Not just built with materials, but with determination. Not just created with urgency, but with care, compassion, and love. Every part of it stands as a testament to what can happen when people refuse to give up on one another and, instead, stand shoulder to shoulder.

And then... yesterday.

A day I don't think any of us will ever forget.

To see our children return—to watch them walk back onto their school site, to hear their laughter echo once more, to witness them running, smiling, reconnecting—was overwhelming in the most profound way. There were moments when you could feel, deep in your chest, that something precious had been restored.

Because this wasn't just a return to a place.

It was a return to belonging. A return to community. A return to home.

The pride. The joy. The togetherness—it now fills every corner of our Learning Village. And it feels even more powerful because of everything we have been through to get here.

To our parents, I say this with all my heart: thank you.

Thank you for trusting us with your children when everything felt uncertain. Thank you for your kindness, your messages, your encouragement. Thank you for standing beside us, even when the path ahead was unclear.

Your support has meant more to me than you will ever truly know. It has carried us, strengthened us, and reminded us why this community is so very special.

I feel incredibly fortunate—humbled, even—to lead a school in such an extraordinary village.

Welcome back home.

Michael
Headteacher



LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Last month, our Pupil Parliament, along with the local MP (James Naish), visited Downing Street and delivered a letter to the Prime Minister about funding for our new school building.

The Prime Minister has now replied and, at his request, we are sharing the letter with our pupils.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 April 2026

Dear James,

Thank you for getting in touch, and sharing a letter from pupils of St Peter's C of E Primary School.

I appreciate the time that the pupils took to write this letter. It is always great to see young people keen to make a difference to the world around them, and they are clearly passionate about getting the best education possible for themselves and their peers.

I know this issue is incredibly important to your community, and I am grateful for your continued work to make sure it gets resolved. This Government wants all school buildings to be safe and every child to have a classroom where they feel settled. I understand you have been in touch with colleagues in both the Department for Education and the Treasury, and I have asked them to respond to your letter in further detail.

Thank you, once again, for writing. I would be grateful if you could share this response, along with my very best wishes, with the pupils.

All best wishes,

RT HON SIR KEIR STARMER KCB KC MP

Mr James Naish MP

WIDER-OPPORTUNITIES CLUBS

We are pleased to report that some of our wider-opportunities clubs will be back up and running over the next couple of weeks.

These clubs will be run by our sports coach, Mr Jalland, and will take place after school:

- Mondays – Tennis Club – Years 5 and 6
- Tuesdays – Rounders Club – Years 3 and 4
- Wednesdays – Cricket Club – Years 5 and 6
- Thursdays – Athletics Club – Years 3 and 4

Children are only permitted to attend a wider-opportunities club by invitation only. Please check your email inboxes for information on how to request a place for your children.

Please respond via the online forms asap as the initial deadline for responses is tomorrow.

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
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
Friday 17 th July	JP Foundation Presentation Evening at the church
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

