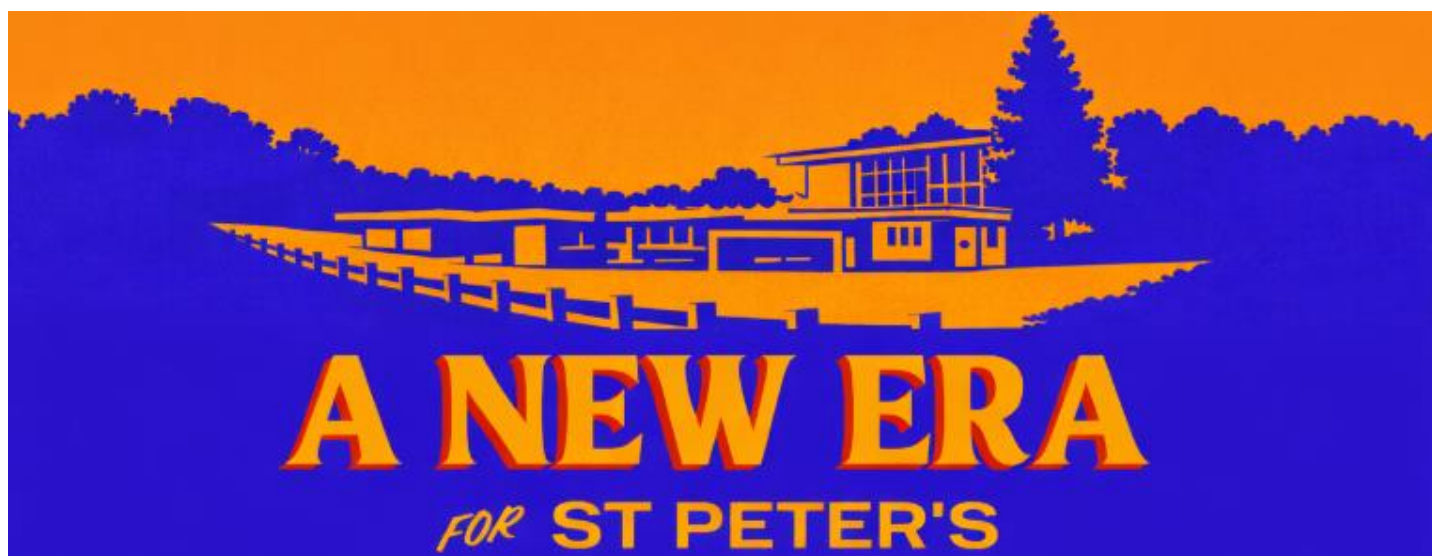




St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish



Wednesday 11th March 2026

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



We were so proud of the amazing Year 4 pupils who starred on BBC East Midlands Today on Monday. If you missed it, you can see the video on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CBckavXYZ/>

To coincide with this, the BBC also published a news story on their website which you can read below...

'Light at the end of tunnel' after school closure

There is "light at the end of the tunnel" for parents and pupils of a primary school in Nottinghamshire after its sudden closure.

St Peter's C of E Junior School in Ruddington was forced to close in December after safety concerns were identified at the site, and pupils were sent to neighbouring schools.

Building work on a new, temporary "learning village" on the school grounds began in January and is expected to be open to pupils after the Easter holiday.

Pupils and parents say they are looking forward to returning to normality and seeing familiar faces again.

For eight-year-old Fern, the sudden change meant her usual short walk to school, became a bus journey to East Leake, a neighbouring village.

"When my mum and my dad told me about the school shutting and we would have to go to a new school, I was really upset. I was crying just because I love St Peter's so much because it's one of my happy places."

However, Fern said she was well-supported by teachers and welcomed the news that she can return to her primary school within weeks.

"I'm really happy and excited because my favourite thing is just being back at St Peter's and just all of us together," she said.

Fern's mother, Lucy said the closure was a "big shock" but added the community "pulled through".

Parents helped to raise money for equipment and toys for the pupils after they were uprooted.

"It's been hard because she's not just a stone's throw away anymore. It's been tough but there's light at the end of the tunnel."

She added she looked forward to getting back to "normal" and seeing "familiar faces".

Jesse Gray Primary School, in West Bridgford, was one of the schools which offered a helping hand to St Peter's, by taking on 95 of its pupils.

Head teacher of Jesse Gray, Chris Belton, said while the arrangement was "kind of chaotic" initially, the schools became "fully integrated".



Mr Belton, Headteacher of Jesse Gray Primary

St Peter's pupils have joined in with their adoptive school's assemblies, a school trip and its school disco.

"We're delighted to help out a fellow school," Belton said. He added: "We've tried to treat it as a bit of adventure for the children really. "The can-do attitude of St Peter's staff is really commendable. It would be nice to have the space back but you know what I think we'll miss them, we have made some new friends."

St Peter's head teacher Michael Bradley previously called the disruption to his school "the most difficult period of my career".

But with the new school site in touching distance, he said he was looking forward to "coming back home".



"We're still going to have a hall, a dining room, a kitchen, a computer suite, 12 classrooms, a dedicated space for nurture and SEN. So we're really excited and we think our children will really be able to flourish in there, just like they did in the old school building."

Nottinghamshire County Council said the long-term plan would be to demolish the current building and rebuild the school.

Wayne Bexton, director of economy, environment and assets at the county council, said: "The response from colleagues and the community to the closure of St Peter's has been remarkable. We are now on the verge of returning to a new purpose-built learning village just 12 weeks since the school was closed."

NAME OUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS



We recently asked the local community to nominate inspirational figures who have made a real difference, so that we could name our new buildings in their honour and inspire a new generation of leaders.

We received over 130 nominations, which have now been shortlisted. The panel decided to go along with a Nottingham theme:

- Ada Lovelace - the world's first 'computer programmer'
- Vicky McClure - actress and founder of the dementia choir
- DH Lawrence - novelist and writer
- Viv Anderson - first black footballer to represent England in a full international
- George Green - mathematician and physicist
- Mary Earps - Lioness and professional footballer
- Sheku Kanneh-Mason - the 2016 BBC Young Musician of the Year
- Torvill and Dean - legendary British ice dancers
- Emily Campbell - most successful British weightlifter of modern times
- Sir Jesse Boot - founder of Boots the chemist
- Ellie Downie - the first gymnast to win a major all-around title for Great Britain
- Sir Peter Mansfield - Nobel Prize-winning physicist at the University of Nottingham

You can submit your votes here: [Name our new school buildings – Fill out form](#)



SKATING SUCCESS



We're so pleased to share the success of one of our amazing Year 6 pupils and her team at the Nottingham Synchronised Skating Academy, who competed in British Championships on Monday.

The team won their category against other teams from all over Britain and are now British Champions! Wow!

A huge congratulations to them on their incredible accomplishment. We wish them continued success in the future.

ARBOR

Arbor is our new Management Information System. If you are the primary parent/guardian of a child at St Peter's, please ensure that you have activated your Arbor account with us.

How to log-in:

Please use this link to activate your Arbor account:

<https://st-peters-cofe-junior-school.uk.arbor.education/?/home-ui/index>

Your username should be the email address that you have already provided to the school as your contact email address.

Select that you are a first-time user (if you have a child at another school who is also using the Arbor app, we recommend using same password as you have for this account, and your email address should match with the above).

Once you have done this set up, you might have to log out and back in again to get it refreshed.

We also recommend downloading the Arbor Parent App from your app store, for ease of use.

We will soon be using the in-app messaging service on Arbor to communicate with parents, so it is important that everyone activates their accounts. Arbor will also become the platform by which you can make payments for items including Casper's, meals, trips, wider-opportunities clubs and uniform.

How to Order School Uniform:

You are now able to order school uniform via the Arbor Parent App. To do this, please follow these steps:

1. Log in to your app and select the child that you wish to order for.
2. On your child's home page, scroll down to the 'Accounts' section. There should be options to order fleeces, polo shirts and sweatshirts.
3. Select which uniform item you wish to order first.
4. Select 'Top up account' and type in the required amount of money for the quantity of items you wish to order.
 - Fleeces cost £13.00 each.
 - Polos cost £8.00 each.
 - Sweatshirts cost £9.00 each.
5. In the 'Narrative' box, please specify which sizes you wish to order. Each uniform item comes in sizes: 7-8 years, 9-10 years, or 11-13 years. Please contact admin.office@stpetersjunior.org.uk if you require special sizes to be ordered.
6. If you would like to order more than one **type** of uniform item (fleece/polo/sweatshirt), select 'Add to basket'. You can then repeat the above process for each type of item you wish to order. When finished, go to your basket via the 'Quick actions' page and complete the checkout process.

If you only require the one type of uniform, select 'Pay now' and complete the checkout process.

7. The school office will check for orders regularly and will aim to pass items over to teachers/children as soon as possible.



FOS MEETING

🍷 So much has been happening since our last Friends of School meeting!

We've had a fantastic school disco, a TV appearance, a FOS breakfast, and lots of other exciting goings-on. And now... we're on the countdown to moving into the temporary school in just one month!

This is a crucial time to get involved, have your say, and help shape the next chapter for our school.

📅 Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2026

🕒 Time: 7:30pm

📍 Location: Riverfall Financial

Come along, get involved, and be part of something exciting!





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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 5 Southwell Minster
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	FOS Meeting
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Year 3 Creswell Craggs
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Visit to Parliament
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 4 Lincoln Castle
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Break – Site Closed to Pupils
Monday 13 th April 2026	INSET Day – Site Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	First Day of Term
Monday 20 th April to Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 5 Hathersage – 5NM (Mr Bailey)
Wednesday 22 nd April to Friday 24 th April 2026	Year 5 Hathersage – 5MJ (Miss Baird-Murray)
Wednesday 29 th April to Friday 1 st May 2026	Year 5 Hathersage – 5WS (Mr Gingell)
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Monday 29 th June 2026	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Saturday 11 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Party