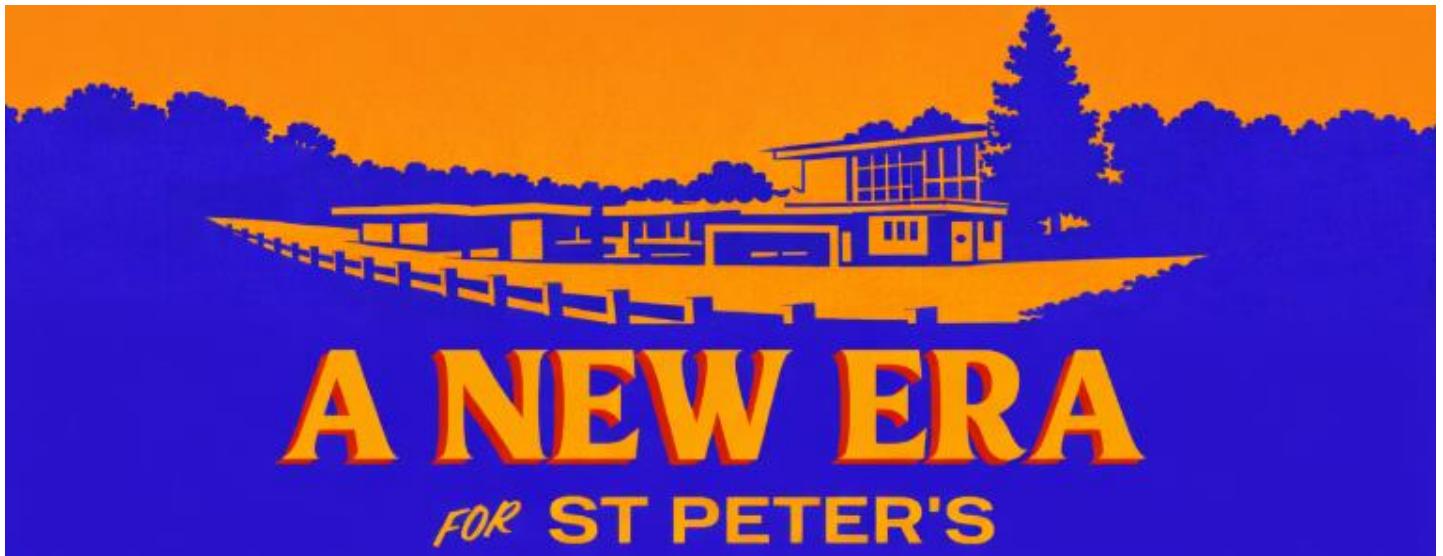




St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish



Wednesday 25th February 2026

LEARNING VILLAGE UPDATE

Last week, a significant milestone was reached when the first modular unit for our Learning Village arrived on site.

In just one week, that single unit turned into the first of our four buildings. Very soon, that building will transform into a school.

The photo below shows the largest block in our new learning village – the future home of Years 4, 5 and 6. Nine classrooms. Nine spaces where our pupils will, together, learn in, grow in and flourish in once again.



This week, three more buildings begin to take shape.

It is remarkable to think that just over two months ago, we were all still in our old school building.

Since then, the progress made in the construction of our learning village has been remarkable. Even the rain, which has fallen every single day, hasn't slowed the work down.

What I continue to find even more impressive is the reaction and mindset shown the whole school community - pupils, parents and staff.

For me, these buildings are more than steel and structure.

These buildings tell a story; a story of a school community that has refused to be defined by setback.

They tell a story of a school community, that in one of our most difficult moments, chose grit, determination and togetherness.

And so today, as these buildings begin to rise, so do we.

Module by module – St Peter's is coming home.

ADDITIONAL INSET DAY

If work continues to go to plan, our learning village will be officially handed over to us at some point in the Easter holidays.

In order to ensure our new buildings are ready for pupils and staff to return to, we will, unfortunately, need **an additional INSET day on Monday 13th April 2026**. This means pupils will return to the St Peter's site on Tuesday 14th April.

YEAR 5 HATHERSAGE DATES

Due to a conflict with other school events, there has been a slight change to our Year 5 Hathersage dates. The residential visits will now run as follows:

- Group 1: Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd April 2026
- Group 2: Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th April 2026
- Group 3: Wednesday 29th April – Friday 1st May 2026

We do not yet know which Year 5 class will go on which date. More information will be sent out to parents soon.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

It's that time of year again... World Book Day!

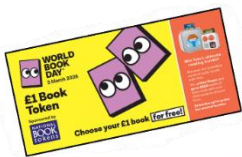
Our schools across all our sites will be marking the occasion in slightly different ways, with children across our sites enjoying the opportunity to be immersed in stories and book related events!

BOOK CHARACTER FANCY DRESS

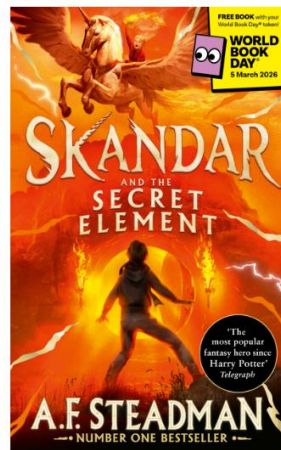
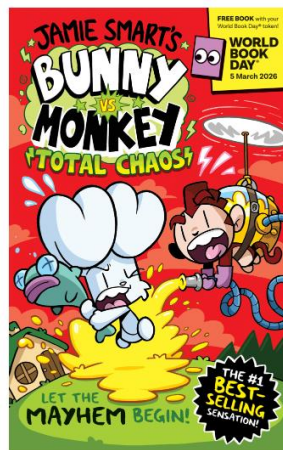
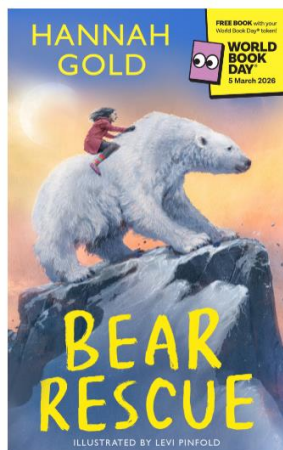
Children across all our sites are invited to come to school on **Thursday 5th March** in non-uniform. A £1 contribution can be paid on Arbor for donations towards new books for our new learning village!

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book – the more creative the better! If they would prefer, comfortable clothes or pyjamas are also welcome.

There will be opportunities throughout the day to enjoy a class story!



£1 BOOK TOKENS



School will be sending you children home with their £1 book token. Remember that these can either be used to purchase the £1 books that have been published this year to celebrate World Book Day. Alternatively, these vouchers can be used in bookshops to take £1 off the price of a book of your choice.

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LOOM BAND SUCCESS

Some light-hearted news from Casper's Breakfast Club. Last term, some of our lovely, very determined pupils spent a lot of time trying to make the longest loom band they could.

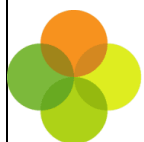
The project spanned two months and even survived a building closure.

Over the last half-term break, the children finally got together to measure it - it was 150m! Wow!

Congratulations to everyone involved for their effort and perseverance. Good job!



ARBOR



Arbor

Many thanks to everyone who has already signed up to Arbor and for bearing with us during this awkward transition period.

Currently, St Peter's families can use Arbor to pay for school dinners, receive communications from school, check data and request changes, and make and pay for Casper's bookings. Emails will continue to be used alongside the parent app messages.

We are still using ParentPay at the moment for **school day-trips for Spring 2 and residential visits ONLY**. Please make sure that you have paid for your visits on **ParentPay as soon as possible this term before ParentPay is closed**.

We will be moving any outstanding payments for Whitby over to Arbor for the summer term. You can still pay your instalments on ParentPay in the meantime. We will let you know when this is closed.

If you have any difficulties at all please contact us – we are at James Peacock on 0115 9743303 or Millside on 01332 341296.

In the near future, we will also be adding uniform purchasing options to Arbor, and will keep you informed on this.

If you need anything in the meantime, please email the office at: admin.office@stpetersjunior.org.uk.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education. It aims to support the wellbeing of children aged between 5 and 16 years, focusing on physical and mental wellbeing by providing a variety of activities during school holidays.

Local activity providers run face-to-face sessions that are fully-funded for children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals. A meal is included in each session.

If this is something that interests you, please take a look at the document attached to this newsletter email for further information.

**Holiday Activities
and Food**



1. Log in to the Arbor Parent App.
2. Select the relevant school/account option for your child.

Prior to making Casper's bookings, you will need to add payment credit to your child's Arbor account (unless you have established with us that you will be using childcare vouchers). This can be done through the 'Accounts' section of your Arbor Parent App homepage.

3. Once credit has been added, go back to the homepage, scroll down to the 'Activities' section and select **Child's Name: Clubs**.
4. There will be a heading that states that your child can be registered for certain clubs. Select either **Casper's After School Club (2025)** or **Casper's Breakfast Club (2025)**.
5. On the next screen, select 'Register [Child's Name] for this club'.
6. On the next screen, under 'Choose Membership option', select the 'Tap to pick' drop down menu and then the desired membership for After School or Breakfast Club.
7. On the next screen, under the 'Select Membership Periods' heading, select 'Tap to pick'. This should take you to a list of dates.
8. Check the relevant dates for which you would like to book your child into the club and then press 'Apply'.

Please note: the school office will need to know if a Casper's booking has been made after 3pm on the day prior to the booking. For example, if it is 1pm on a given day and you realise that your child needs to be booked into after-school club for that same day, the office will need to be informed so that we can ensure that your child is added to the register and accompanied to Casper's safely by staff. You can contact the school office at: admin.office@stpetersjunior.org.uk.

Let us know if you experience any difficulties with this.

FOS PUPIL DISCO

You're Invited to the School Disco!

Get ready for an evening of music, games and fun!

 When: Friday 6th March 2026
 Time: 6:00–8:00pm
 Where: St Peter's Church, Ruddington, NG11 6HA

 Price: £4 per child.
Includes squash, games and a DJ.

 Tuck Shop: Maximum spend £5.

Important Information:

 Tickets are NOT available on ParentPay.

Please purchase tickets via the link below or QR code on the poster.

 <https://square.link/u/3iiVxyK2>

When booking, please include your child's full name.

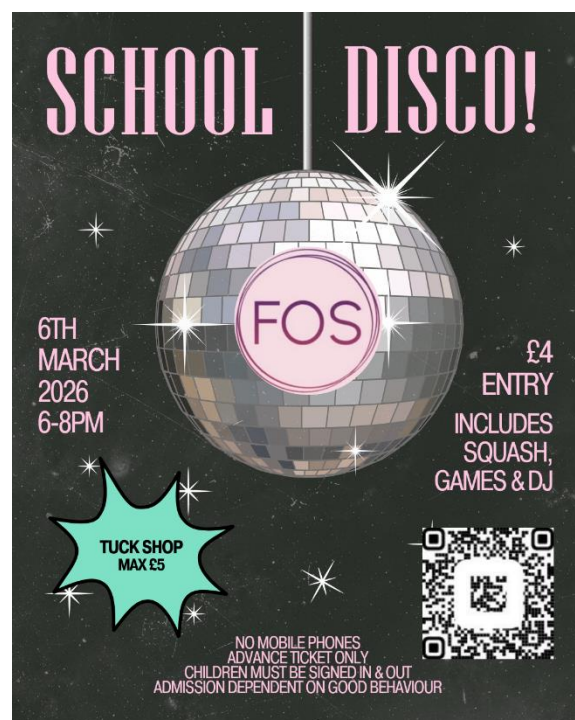
 Advance tickets ONLY.

 Tickets must be purchased by Thursday 5th March 2026.

 Children must be signed in and out.

 Admission is based on good behaviour.

 No phones allowed.



We're looking forward to a great night of fun and dancing!  

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 23 rd – Thursday 26 th February 2026	Parents' Evening Week
Tuesday 24 th February	Start of Second Spring Term
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March 2026	FOS Pupil Disco
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 5 Southwell Minster
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 – one class
Wednesday 22 nd April to Friday 24 th April 2026	Year 5 Hathersage – one class
Wednesday 29 th April to Friday 1 st May 2026	Year 5 Hathersage – one class
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