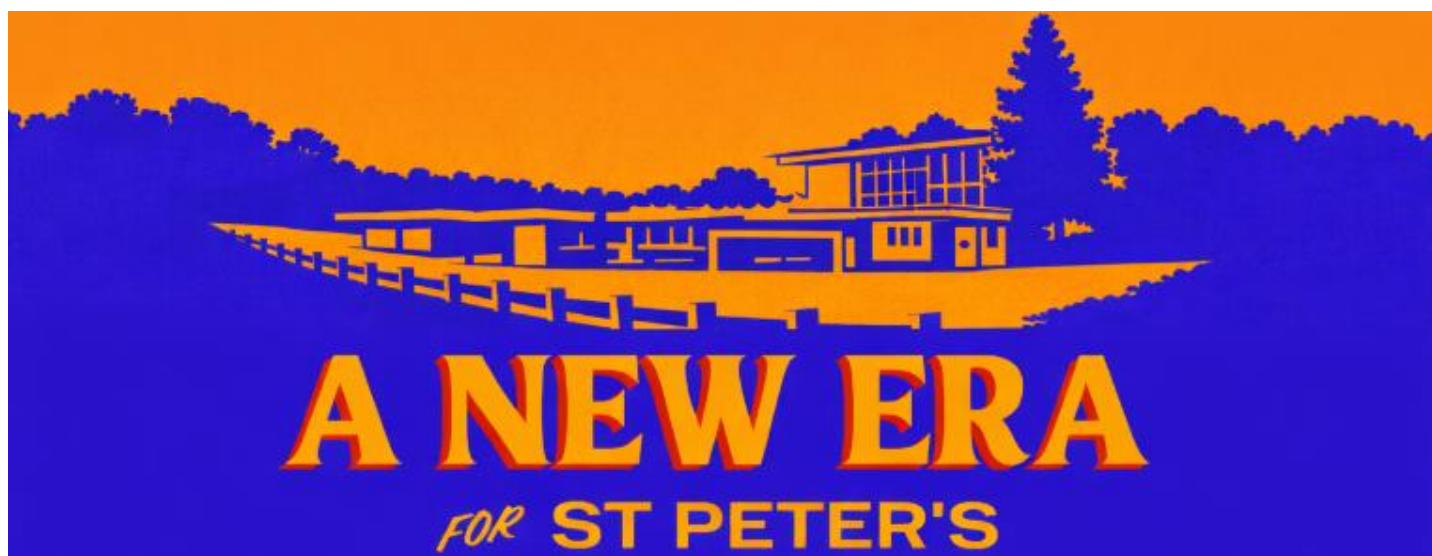




St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish



Wednesday 28th January 2026

OFSTED REPORT

Dear families,

We are incredibly proud to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection.

The inspection, which took place in November, confirmed that St Peter's is operating at a strong standard across five key areas, with safeguarding fully met. Inspectors spoke highly of our pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning, the quality and ambition of our curriculum, the strength of our inclusive teaching practice, and the care, commitment and professionalism shown by staff and leaders. They also noted the overwhelmingly positive views of parents and carers, something we value enormously.

This inspection was particularly significant because it was carried out under Ofsted's new inspection framework and we were the first school in Nottinghamshire to be inspected this way. The new framework has deliberately raised the bar for all schools and, most schools will now be aiming to achieve the expected standard, which Ofsted describes as "a high standard to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve."

Moving up the scale, strong standard — according to Ofsted — "marks out excellent and consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners." The fact that St Peter's was awarded the strong standard in five areas is something we are extremely pleased about and very proud to share with you. In comparison to other schools who have been inspected under this framework, we compare very favourably indeed.

You can watch a short overview of the new inspection framework here, which helps explain these changes in more detail:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>

The report reflects not only what inspectors saw during their visit, but the sustained hard work, dedication and shared values that have defined our school community over many years.

What makes this achievement even more poignant is the timing. The inspection took place just a few weeks before we were required to permanently close our school building. Despite the building work and challenge of that period, staff, pupils and families remained steadfastly focused on what matters most: providing the very best education, care and experiences for our children. The report stands as a powerful testament to that collective resilience, professionalism and sense of purpose.

We are immensely proud of our pupils, who impressed inspectors with their kindness, confidence, enthusiasm and pride in their school. We are equally grateful to our staff for their unwavering commitment, and to you, our parents and carers, for your trust, support and partnership.

Although a new era for St Peter's is about to begin, the legacy captured in this report will endure. It reflects the strength of our community, the impact of our shared values, and the difference we have made together in the lives of our children.

Thank you for being such an important part of the St Peter's story.

Michael
Headteacher.

OFSTED HIGHLIGHTS

The full Ofsted report is attached to this newsletter email, but here are some of the highlights:

Pupils are happy and thrive at St Peter's Junior School.

Pupils' behaviour overall is superb.

An exciting curriculum and a wealth of enriching experiences means that pupils are eager to get to school.

Pupils are highly attentive and engaged learners. They are eager to contribute in lessons and take great pride in their work.

Leaders have created an environment where everyone treats each other with kindness and respect.

The school's inspiring and ambitious 'head, hands and heart' curriculum supports both pupils' academic and personal development very well.

Teaching is consistently high quality.

Leaders have a clear ambition and moral purpose for inclusion.

Pupils, including disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND, flourish.

Leaders' knowledge and understanding of the community the school serves, drives their high expectations for pupils.

Staff feel empowered and valued in a caring and nurturing environment.

Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the education, care and experiences the school provides.

Leaders place pupils' personal development at the heart of the school's work.

Pupils thrive on a range of handpicked, enriching experiences, including trips, residentials and community projects. Pupils further their talents and interests through the school's broad extra-curricular offer, which includes sports, arts and music activities.

The school inspires pupils to make a difference by becoming active citizens and future leaders in their community.

Pupils gain detailed and impressive knowledge across the curriculum and produce consistently high-quality work.

The school prepares pupils well for successful futures.



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BUILDING UPDATES

Exciting developments! Things continue to progress quickly on our school site. The St Peter's Bridge has been fully constructed which is now allowing the heavy good vehicles to access the school playing fields.



Plans for our learning village are now at the very final stages. We are grateful to Arc and NCC for their diligent design work and being so receptive to our feedback and suggestions. We are hoping that NCC will be able to share the designs with the whole community very soon!



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL – THANK YOU

We wanted to extend the BIGGEST thank you to all of you that have purchased items from the Amazon wishlist, donated and supported St Peters in so many wonderful ways. You truly are an incredible community.



JOIN FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Our school is going through a period of huge change. While that brings uncertainty, it also brings an opportunity for us as a community to come together and keep school life vibrant, fun and full of opportunities for our children.

The Friends of the School are meeting on:

 Wednesday 4th February

 7pm

 Riverfall Financial

Many families have already generously donated money over the years – and we're so grateful. But did you know that your time is just as valuable? Whether you can help a little or a lot, your ideas, energy and support really matter.

 This is your invitation

Come along for a cuppa, a chat, and to see how you could get involved. No pressure – just a friendly meeting and a shared goal of supporting our school community 💖

Everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 13 th February 2026	Year 6 Visit to Beaumanor Hall
Friday 13 th February 2026	Last Day of Half-Term
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	HALF-TERM BREAK – SITE CLOSED
Monday 23 rd February	INSET DAY – SITE CLOSED
Tuesday 24 th February	Start of Second Spring Term
Monday 29 th June 2026	East Leake Academy Transition Day
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
Wednesday 15 th April to Friday 17 th April 2026	Year 5 Hathersage – one class
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
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	East Leake Academy Transition Day
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	East Leake Academy Transition Day