

Principal's Message...



I can't believe it's the end of January already – where has the time gone? The children have made a good start to the new year, demonstrating our value of perseverance when things get a bit tricky. We continue to enrich our curriculum offer with exciting visitors in, or visits out and this term we have welcomed Amy Bradshaw, the Trust Wellbeing Lead, back to St. Peter's to lead weekly mindfulness sessions. This term, she is working with Year 4 and Year 6 and after half term she will be working with Year 3 and Year 5.

Following the departure of Rev Jon in December, we have made some changes to collective worship on a Thursday morning. Ginny Pledger, the Family Support Worker from St. Peter's church still visits fortnightly, with our Chair of the Local Committee, Julie Barke, leading

worship on alternate weeks. Their focus continues to be our value for the term, 'perseverance'.

Our final week in term will focus on the mental health and wellbeing of the children as we participate in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. Read on further to find out about our mufti day on Monday 6th February.

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 1 st February	National Teacher strike Day – school open as normal
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Number Day – fun maths activities planned across the day
Monday 6 th February	Dress to Express Day – all children invited to wear their own clothes
6 th – 10 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 10 th February	Term 3 ends
Monday 20 th February	Term 4 begins
Monday 27 th February	Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition (for selected pupils only)
Wednesday 1 st March	National Teacher strike Day – plans for school to be open as normal
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – dressing up day – more information to follow
13 th – 17 th March	British Science Week
Monday 13 th March	Year 5 and 6 NET Cluster Netball competition
Tuesday 14 th March	Experience Easter at the church (selected year groups)
Wednesday 15 th March	Experience Easter at the church (selected year groups)
Wednesday 15 th March	National Teacher strike Day – plans for school to be open as normal
Thursday 16 th March	National Teacher strike Day – more information to follow re: opening
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief Day – mufti fundraiser
Tuesday 21 st March	Parents' evening – more information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents' evening – more information to follow
Wednesday 29 th March	Easter service at St Peter's Church – 2pm – parents welcome to attend
Friday 31 st March	Term 4 ends
Monday 17 th April	Term 5 begins
Monday 24 th April	School photos
Wednesday 26 th April	Pro-strike fundraising event – more information to follow
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday – school closed
Thursday 4 th May	Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday for the King's coronation – school closed
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week



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Value of the Term **PERSEVERANCE**



'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' *Philippians 4.13*

Comic Relief Day Friday 17th March

COMIC RELIEF

Wear something red! Noses will be on sale after half term.

Local Committee News



Welcome from the Local School Committee

Hello everyone, I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Catherine Wilson and have been a member of the local school committee at St Peter's for the last 3 years.

I have lived in Raunds for 12 years and have a child at the school. I have older children who attended St Peter's and Manor School. My background is in HR, Project management and delivery. I have always had an interest in education, and I believe that every child can learn and achieve their full potential with the right support at school and at home. Seeing my own children and others benefit from their time here, led me to want to give something back. I decided to become a local committee member to gain a better understanding of the education system and more specifically, my child's school.

Although the local committee works as a team, my role looks at how the school supports children with additional needs. I look forward to seeing you at different events across the school year. I can be contacted via email at CWilson@neducationtrust.org.uk.

Dress to Express Day – 6th February

On Monday 6th February, all children are invited to wear their own clothes to school as part of 'Dress to Express' day. Your child's 'Dress to Express' outfit can be as simple or elaborate as they like! 'Dress to Express' is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community.

We will be collecting cash donations on the gate on the morning of the 6th February, with all proceeds going to the children's mental health charity, Place 2 Be.





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Chinese New Year – Year 3

On Friday 20th January, Year 3 took part in a dance workshop to help celebrate the Chinese New Year. They learnt about the year of the rabbit and used authentic props in their routine.



'I loved the dancing and making a dragon with everyone.' Emelia

'Making fortune tellers was really fun.' Georgia

'I loved learning a routine and performing it.' Indie

'I really enjoyed learning the story of the zodiac and learning I was the year of the horse.'
Parker



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Young Voices – School Choir Trip



On Thursday 26th January, Miss Whalley – our Music Lead, took 43 members of our school choir to sing as part of the Young Voices choir at Birmingham Resorts Arena. Over 6000 children sang together, performing an array of songs and medleys. Heather Small, from M People also performed live, along with dancers and beat boxers. The children did us proud – what a wonderful experience.





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North Northants FREE Swimming

Free Swimming
available for all under 18 year olds in February school holidays
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023

Waendel Leisure Centre Main Pool Only from 1.35pm - 2.55pm Call to book: 01933 221622	Kettering Swimming Pool from 12pm - 1.30pm Call to book: 01536 234409	The Nene Centre from 1pm - 2.30pm Call to book: 01832 734090
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SPLASH Leisure Pool
from 11am - 12pm and 12pm - 1pm
Call to book: 01933 410565

Corby International Swimming Pool
from 11am - 12.30pm
Call to book: 01536 454643

Or scan this QR code for Corby pool only.

All young people under 18s must be accompanied by a paying adult.

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10am-3pm
extended hours available

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February Half Term Events!

Stanwick Lakes
Nature Heritage Adventure

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Celebrate birds at Stanwick Lakes this half term with a week of bird themed activities.

Events to book:

Get tickets at www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/feathered-friends

Bird Trail

Who lives in a nest like this?
Sat 11 - Sun 19

Follow the trail, spot the birds and match them to their home! A prize for every completed trail.
Buy your trail leaflet from the Visitor Centre, open at 9.30am, pick up your prize by 4.30pm.

£3 No need to book, just come along!



Sat 11
10am - 12noon

Wildlife explorers

'Come fly with me'

Discover the mysteries of feathers and flight at this active, hands on nature session with the RSPB Wildlife Explorers.

The group is suitable for children aged 4-12.
Book directly:
stanwickwe@btinternet.com

£2



Mon 13 10 - 11.30am
Owl Pellet Dissection!

Find out what owls have been eating by dissecting their pellets. Will you find a mouse, a vole or maybe a shrew skeleton?!

Limited spaces, booking required. £2.50

Tues 14 10 - 11.30am
Feathery Nature Fun

Enjoy outdoor birdy games and crafts. Weave a nest, make a bird to take home and tuck into some campfire treats.

Only 10 places, so booking is essential. £5



Wed 15 10 - 11am
Count Sparrows with Bub Club!

Bird themed music, story and crafts, with short walk to count sparrows. Designed for preschoolers, but siblings welcome. Free but must be booked.

FREE

Thurs 16 10 - 11.30am
Build a Nest Box!

With guidance from the ranger team, build a wooden nest box for your garden birds.

£10 per nest box | 10 available



Drop-in activities, no need to book:



Craft binoculars
Sat 11 - Sun 19 10am - 4pm

£1

Bird food making!

Make a tasty treat to take home for your garden birds!

Mon 13 - Fri 17 1pm - 3pm

£1

Visit www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/feathered-friends for more information.

Parents or guardians must accompany children at all events. Car parking charges apply.