

Newsletter

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Friday 9th July 2026



See inside for more photos from last week's sports day, important trips info, and a final message from Mr Jeffries! 🙏



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL

We currently have children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.



TRIPS REMINDERS -

Monday 13th July - Maple & Year 5s are going to PGL Please be at school for 7:50am!

You will need: Sun hat, suncream, water bottles (2 if possible) and a snack. You will not need a packed lunch.

Please wear: Trainers, comfortable bottoms (shorts or leggings as you will be wearing a harness!) **and your school polo shirt.** You will be back at 5:15pm-ish

Monday 13th July - Y6 Transition to Bartholomew Please be at standing outside the Red Lion at 8:40am. You will need: Water bottle, lunch, pens, sun hat, suncream.

Please wear: PE kit and trainers.

Tuesday 14th July - Apple & Oak are going to Cotswold Farm Park Leaving at 9am.

You will need: Packed lunch, sun hat, suncream, water bottle and a snack. You will be back at for normal school pickup.

Tuesday 14th July - Y6 trip into Oxford Leaving at 8:45am.

You will need: Packed lunch, sun hat, suncream, water bottle and a snack. If you want to buy snacks at the cinema you will need some money!

Please wear: Comfortable bottoms **and your school polo shirt.** You will be back at 4pm-ish

Please remember you need to do the consent on Arbor AND the Escape room Safety Sheet!

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FINAL CONSENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ON ARBOR. THANK YOU!



ST PETER'S CHURCH End of Term Service

Thursday 16th July

at 9.15am

All are welcome to come and say 'farewell' to those who are leaving the school, including our Year 6 children and members of staff.

Wraparound Care and Arbor

From September, after School club and breakfast club will only be bookable on Arbor!

We will still accept last minute bookings, but these will be charged at a higher rate.

Although it's quite a lengthy booking page, you should just need to follow the steps. If you need some guidance, please look at this help page:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/4407797520017-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Breakfast-or-After-School-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

Once you've done it once, it should be easy! Please try and book through Arbor before getting in touch with Miss Akers. However, if you do have any problems you can email her on

ASC@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk Thank you!



Thank you to Pooiyi for the photos!





Well done to Willow Class (and Mrs Edwards!) for your amazing play.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER—Pond area

One of our parents has expressed an interest in being a part of a working party to get our pond area a bit clearer so the children can use it. A few years ago, we had a path created, and then a fence with a wooden viewing platform was built and some young trees, wildlife areas, etc, were put in by some of our lovely villagers. Unfortunately, it costs a lot of money each year to get our grounds maintenance people in to keep it all under control, so it is now completely full of nettles and brambles. If anyone has a strimmer or shears, and wants to have a go, please let school know. We also need all of our school field borders weeded.

Before covid, we planted hundreds of young trees to make a hedge around the whole school field. Although Mrs Judd and Emily have come in and done their best a couple of times over the years, it needs a lot of weeding to enable the plants to grow properly.



If anyone has green fingers and would like to help with either of these jobs, please let school know. We'd be really grateful!

HELP NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER— Ducks & Chickens

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to look after the **chickens** and **ducks** on 'Bookwhen'. It's such a useful system and it seems to be working well! If you would like to help, please let me know so I can add your email address to the system and then you can book whichever sessions you want. So Emily doesn't have to come up every day in the holidays, we need a LOT more sessions booked, so if you think you can help, please do!



<https://bookwhen.com/stpeterspoultry>

Carrier bags!



Please could all children bring in a strong 'bag for life' type bag, ready to take all their stuff home next week. If you have any you'd like to donate, that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you.



A Final Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

With such a busy term and so much going on, there hasn't been much time to think or reflect on my leaving, so it only really hit me this week when Anne Armitage, Chair of Governors, said some lovely words at the end of our final governors meeting for the year, earlier this week.

Today, Emily has shut me in the office, locked the door and told me to write a final piece for the newsletter and reflect on my eight years here with you all. As most of you know, Emily is the real boss around here, so I just do as I'm told! So here we go.

My eight years at St Peter's really have gone by in the blink of an eye. It has been a privilege to be a part of your children's lives, and some of you I will have known for my entire time here.

For a small primary school with limited resources, we really do punch above our weight in what we offer and the opportunities we give our children. Over the years our contribution to teaching and learning across the Trust to make the EPA consistently the highest achieving Trust across Oxfordshire is something that we are really pleased about.

I am particularly proud of the opportunities we give children and especially where the children independently come up with ideas that we are able to help facilitate. Perhaps my favourite is the 'Cool Climateers' who wanted to raise money to plant a mini orchard in forest school. These girls are now at secondary school, but I hope when they walk past the school site they can be proud of the legacy they have left as they see the trees grow and bear fruit.

While Covid was a tough time for everyone, for me it is an example of what can be achieved with determination and resilience and living out our school vision and values. Before the first lockdown, teachers spent two days quickly learning how to use Google Classroom and then training the children. From the first morning of lockdown, there were lessons as normal, including live teaching, recorded lessons, and drop-in sessions for children that needed additional support. A phenomenal response from staff to make this happen when they had their own worries, concerns, family health and childcare arrangements to work around.

I remember heavy snow in February 2019 when we managed to clear the site and get enough staff in to be open. I remember there was a little disgruntlement from children that school was open and instead would have preferred a snow day. We made it fun, dug trenches and had a staff v children snowball fight. I had messages from a couple of parents at the end of the day saying they while they had reservations about school being open that morning, the children went home saying it had been the best snow day ever.

I think this sums up perfectly how I have tried to lead St Peter's and teach the children through our vision and values: Whatever life throws at you, keep going and make the best of it; you will be amazed at what you can achieve.

So a final thank you to all the brilliant staff I have had the pleasure of working with over the years, the committed governors past and present who give their time to help us to be the best we can be, to the parents who support the school so brilliantly and especially the SPSA who raise so much money so our children can have the extras. And finally, and most importantly, the children who are simply incredible in showing that they have minds that learn, hearts that love, and faith that gives.

I will miss you all.

Have a great summer when it arrives,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher



This photo is from the front page of Mr Jeffries' first ever St Peter's Newsletter, 8 years ago!



Calendar



Please see the website for more information -

<https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/calendar/>

JULY 2026

- Monday 13th - Yr 3 / 4 / 5 end of year trip
- Monday 13th - Y6 Transition to Bartholomew School
- Tuesday 14th - Apple Tree and Oak end of year trip
- Tuesday 14th - Yr 6 end of year trip
- Thursday 16th - Leavers' service at St Peter's Church - 9:15—10am
- Friday 17th - Last day of term—School FINISHES at 1:15pm!!
- Monday 20th to Monday 31st August - **SUMMER holidays** (School closed)

SEPTEMBER 2026

- Tuesday 1st - **INSET DAY** (School closed)
- Wednesday 2nd - Start of term 1 - 8:30am

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Friday 17th July

ICE CREAM VAN

*School's out!
Ice cream's in!*

**Last day of
term!**

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accepted**



1:15 on the Green

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Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





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Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

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