



Embrace Trust Conference

Hi all,

As mentioned previously, the Teacher Training Day on the 29th November allowed all schools in Embrace to come together at Brockington for the first annual conference with its theme of "Nurturing Curiosity".

This event featured engaging speakers and interactive workshops designed to foster a love of learning and inquisitiveness among students. For the children at St Peter's, the insights and strategies gained from this conference will be fed forward into our practice. By embracing curiosity-driven learning, teachers can create an environment where our children feel empowered to explore, ask questions, and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. This approach not only enhances academic achievement but also nurtures critical thinking and creativity, equipping your children with essential skills for their future.

I am a big advocate of being part of an academy because of opportunities like this, as well as the wide breadth of knowledge and support that is available. What is even more fantastic is that St Peter's is now in a position to also take our expertise and help other schools across the Trust.

Many thanks,

Mr B

Spotlight on...

The St Peter's Team



You: Our wonderful parents and carers! Not least for sending your children into school on time, smart and happy each day so that they are ready to learn (we know as parents, that this can be a challenge!) But also for taking time to help children with their reading and homework, for supporting staff to uphold our behaviour and values and for your generosity in supporting fundraising for our charity and our WASPs events this term. We couldn't do our jobs without you!

The children: We have had a number of messages from the wider community in recent weeks, praising our wonderful children. A local resident was moved to write to us about the children's conduct during our remembrance silence on the playground, visitors to school always comment on how calm, polite and hard-working our children are, student surveys show that children feel safe and settled and we loved seeing past pupils come back to say hello recently.

The staff: Finally a shout out to our amazing staff. At the Trust conference on 29th November, St Peter's staff stood out as being enthusiastic, eager to learn and full of fun. No surprise ☺ Happy Teachers = Happy Children, we are so lucky!

Finally, we've read a number of comments on 'About Whetstone' recently, complimenting the school (thank you if you added to this) and we have more and more children joining us mid-year as our reputation grows. Growing numbers mean increasing funding in years to come, great news for our school!

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much' Helen Keller.

Thank you for your part in making St Peters a school that we can all be proud of.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say 'well done' to the class with the best attendance:

Overall attendance is 96.7% this academic year to date.

Well done to all of our pupils who are trying so hard with their attendance.

Next time you are in Assembly please take a look at our new Attendance Board.

28/10	100%	Tigers
4/11	99.09%	Orangutans
11/11	98.57%	Sharks
18/11	97.3%	Turtles

At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

+ Thankfulness + Friendship + Justice + Forgiveness + Trust + Hope + Compassion + Respect +



You may or may not be aware that St Peter's is a Centre of Excellence for Financial Education as recognised by Young Enterprise and Young Money. This means that we are committed to embedding high-quality Financial Education into our curriculum in school, the community and other schools. We gained the award in 2019 and re-accredited in 2022. We are aiming to re-accredit again for the second time next summer. We are really proud to

have been the first school in Leicestershire to achieve this award, but more importantly, seeing the knowledge, confidence and skills of the children in this area develop so much - and seeing an impact in their own families at home too. Each half term we have a focused lesson on Financial Education and our next on in the new year will be open to parents to come and see and join in with. I will let you know the details soon.

Mrs Cook (Financial Champion)

Well done Harley—We are proud of our pupils and always interested in what they do in the spare time. Please take time to read Harley's article. We will be keeping a close eye on Harley's progress and hope he comes back to visit as an Olympian.

Hi I'm Harley and I'm part of Leicester Junior Triathlon Club. I've been a member for just over two years now and have competed in many races. The club is a good club to be part of and I've made some really good friends. We have some of the best coaches who help us to be the best we can.

I train three times a week and have swim therapy every 8 weeks. This helps me improve my technique. It's good as I can watch myself swim and I get to keep the video so I can recap and remind myself of what I need to practice.

The triathlon series is made up of lots of races including open water and pool events. We do full Triathlons, Aquathons and Duathlons.

The best part about racing is the medals at the end.

We have just had the results of the East Midlands series and Leicester Junior Triathlon Club came 1st place.



Year 4 English Quiz Team

Here are our wonderful Year 4s at Thomas Estley Community College taking part in an English Quiz. We're so proud of Beth, Freya, Ivyaan and Rocco, who volunteered to take part to compete against other school from the local area. Well done to all of you.

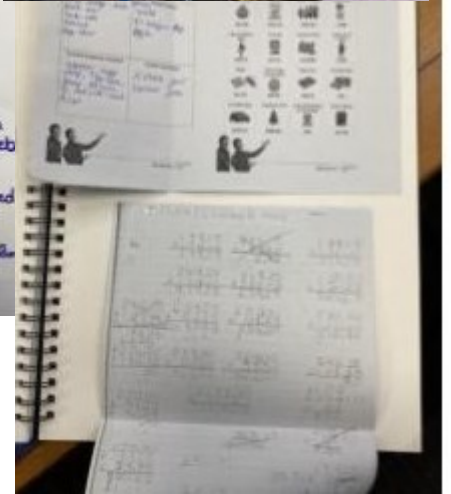
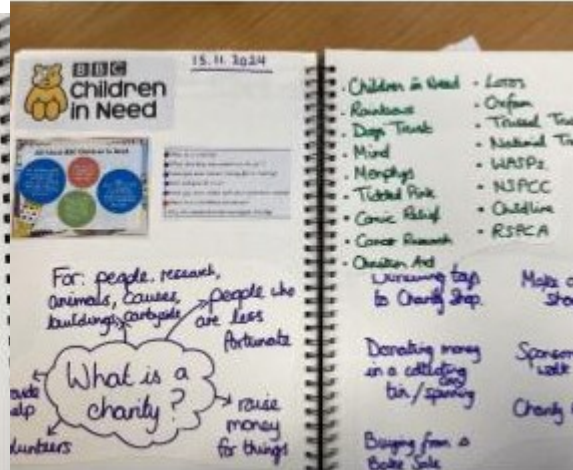


Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need—we raised £112.00 for this brilliant cause.

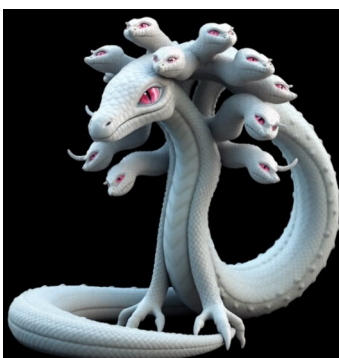
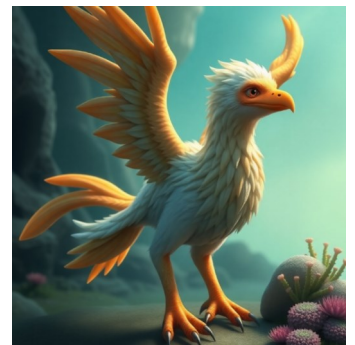
As part of Children in Need day, Year 5 thought about what a Charity was; what they do; which ones they knew and what we might do to support them. We also did some Financial Education and Maths to work out how to split fundraising between four different charities. The children were really considerate and compassionate when discussing young carers and it really made them consider how hard life must be like for those children.

Please look out for Young Carers Day on Wednesday 13th March, 2025 - more details to follow!



Using the latest technology to enhance children's learning

With guidance from **Mrs Nicholls, our Digital Champion Lead**, teachers have been trialling and sharing a range of programmes in class to support the children's learning. For example, in Year 3 English lessons, children have been writing non-chronological reports about mythical creatures - they typed their descriptions into an AI tool which then generated a picture and used this to consider how accurate their descriptions were. They then edited and improved what they had written.



Our Wellbeing Ambassadors

Say hello to our new Year 5/6 Wellbeing Ambassadors - Harley, James, Ellie-Mae and Violet! 📷

They have attended some Wellbeing Ambassador training at Thomas Estley with Miss Rowlands and will be having regular meetings to consider how to support children's wellbeing within the school through assemblies, displays, competitions and much more.

We can't wait to see what you all get up to!

Miss Mayne



St Peters staff have been having fun too

Some members of staff took part in a Staff Dodgeball festival at Lutterworth College. All staff had a fantastic time and even won the Spirit of the Games Award for showing good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and just generally bringing the fun! Go team St P's!



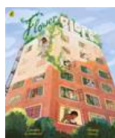
Miss Chamberlain's Books of the Month



Transcendent

Author: Patrick Gallagher
Publisher: Orion/Hachette
Interest age: 9-11
Reading age: 9+

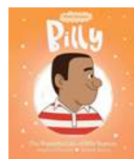
Genius twins Kira and Jacob must pass a series of trials to join a top-secret organisation known as Transcendent. If chosen, they will be sent to outer space on a mission to save the world.



Flower Block

Author: Lanisha Butterfield **Illustrator:** Hoang Giang
Publisher: Puffin Books
Interest age: 4-5

Theo's sunflower has grown right through the tower block! A delightful celebration of nature and community.



Billy: The Powerful Life of Billy Boston

Author: Jessica Dunrod **Illustrator:** Selom Sunu
Publisher: Llyfrau Broga Books
Interest age: 6-8
Reading age: 6+

The inspiring life of Welsh rugby legend Billy Boston.

Visit booktrust.org.uk for more info.



Wilding

Author: Isabella Tree **Illustrator:** Angela Harding
Publisher: Macmillan
Interest age: 9-11
Reading age: 11+

A beautifully illustrated non-fiction book which tells the important story of the rewilding of the Knepp Estate

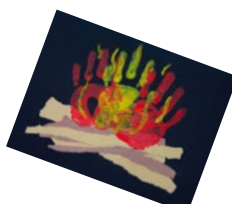
St Peter's Newshounds...

We had some lovely pictures for our Firework Art competition and it was really difficult to choose a winner. We used the money we raised to buy notebooks, pencils and chocolate for our winners. **Well done to Aria McCluney in Key Stage 1 and Scarlett Wallace in Key Stage 2.**

This month is busy in school with the WASPs baubles competition, Christmas Carol Service and Nativity practice, our panto and Christmas parties... so we are taking a break!



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Watch this space for news and competi-



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WASPs News

It's not too late to enter our 'design a bauble competition' →

Week beginning 9th December - get baking, ready for our Christmas bake sale (or cheating with shop bought cakes and cookies - we're grateful for anything that you can offer!)

Friday 13th December 3.15pm - after school Christmas sale (including hamper raffle, Christmas wrapping items and bake sale).

Thanks for your generosity donating to our hampers ☺ Could we have any last minute donations in school by 12th December please.

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day (and Christmas dinner)

Tuesday 4th March - Sponsored Pancake Flip (news to follow)

Friday 23rd May - Break the Rules Day (back by popular demand)

Spring Term - Key Stage 1 and 2 discos planned (watch this space)



Learning in school and out...

Year 5 have really been enjoying their Science topic all about Earth and Space. So far we have worked out where all the planets are in relation to each other and the Sun; made models of the Earth, Sun and Moon to work out how they move and even made a human sundial. We've also had some great junk modelling Space craft and aliens for homework!



Harvest Festival

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Collection for Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank. I took our donation to them over half term (along with an additional £20 donation from the Co-op) and our final total is.....

168kg!!

The manager of the foodbank has asked me to send her appreciation on to everyone as well.

I wonder if we can beat it next year?!

Mrs Cook





Breakfast and After School Club

Shining Stars offers breakfast and afterschool club provision for children who attend St Peters School. Club is run by Miss Meadowcroft, assisted by Mrs Shenton and Mr Dowling. We have a dedicated classroom where we encourage children to be inquisitive to the world around them through themed sessions, arts and crafts, role play, outdoor play, board games ,IT and child led free play sessions.

Sessions are delivered in the morning from 7.30am to 8.45am. All attendees are provided with breakfast and Infants are escorted to their classes ready for the start of the day. Afternoon session have two time slots available to support parents. Both start at 3.15pm with infants being collected from their classrooms and escorted to provision. The first evening session ends at 4.45pm, with the extended session available until 6.00pm. Snack food and drink is provided in these afterschool sessions and includes (but is not limited to): Hot dogs, Pasta, Pizza, Sandwiches, etc. Places are available for all children from Reception to year 6.

Bookings.

All bookings should be made in advance via the ParentPay app / online.

Tax-Free Childcare.

For parents who use shining star provision, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we are all 'signed up' so you could save £2 for every £10 in fees paid, if you register. As payment cannot be made via ParentPay, please advise the office if you register so we can amend our records.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Stars of the Week.

Each week we recognise the successes of those who attend club.

So far this term, the following children have received a certificate for their fantastic

contribution to club or for demonstrating the school values:

Dennis A (R) / Freya S (4)

Lily S (2) / Oliver W (4) /
Harper B (2) / Cleo B (1) /
Sofia H (1) / Georgia C (2) /
Mylo C (3) / Dominic H (R) /
Reggie M (5)

Congratulations to you all .

'Tis the season to be jolly' and the children have definitely got into the spirit of things. The children have put the tree up complete with lights and over the next couple of weeks will be making decorations to go on it.

Santa has also sent one of his elves to keep an eye on us. We hope he doesn't get up to any mischief!

Coming up....

- Gingerbread decorating
- 'Miracle on 34th Street ' movie night with hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Thursday PM sessions are becoming very popular. Please ensure you book as early as possible as spaces fill up quickly.

Last Thursday we had a carpet picnic in the hall to accommodate all the children

