



# St. Peter's Post

Reach for the Sky

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## A right Royal knees up!

The start of May gave us all an opportunity to experience the King's coronation; something many people have never lived through before. Our children helped to decorate the academy with flags, bunting, crowns and more, to help ring in the celebrations. Every available space was turned into a shade of red, blue or white!

The whole school was brought together for a special coronation assembly where the coronation was reenacted with the help of pupils in Year 6, along with the sights, symbols and music that were to make the real coronation so special. Then, like any good party, our celebrations continued with the spread that Mrs Gaiger and her team prepared for us which was enjoyed with royal music in the hall.

Finally, all children took part in their coronation picnics, dressed for a party in patriotic colours, playing games, having a dance and celebrating this historic moment that we have all lived through.

It was wonderful to bring children from across the academy together to celebrate the coronation and to place it within the history of our country and our monarchy. The children had a wonderful time and thank you to everyone for making it so special.



## **Attendance**

Future Generation Trust places a high priority on achieving high standards and expects excellent standards of pupil attendance and punctuality. Regular attendance at school is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their potential. Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends school regularly and punctually on a daily basis.

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday. The academy is unable to authorise holiday in term time and absence due to holiday may result in referral to the Local Authority for further action, including fining.

**Whole School Attendance: 94.8%**  
**National Primary Attendance 93.9%**  
**St. Peter's Attendance Target 96.75%**

**Class with the best attendance so far this year**  
**6C with 96.43%**

## **Sunhats, suncream and water bottles**

Given the promise of a lovely summer ahead, it seems timely to remind all parents of the need to send their child to school with a sunhat, sun cream and plenty of water to drink in their own water bottles. The children will be making use of the academy grounds in the coming weeks and spending more time outdoors for events such as Sports Day. Making sure that the children come to school with these items will help them keep themselves safe and healthy in the weeks ahead. Please note that sun cream cannot be applied by academy staff so the children will need to know how to apply this themselves; it is recommended therefore that parents apply an all day, high-factor protection sun cream before school in order to avoid the need to apply sun cream during school time.

## **Staff news**

The academy is pleased to announce that Miss Sam Carnall and Miss Niamh Davies are expecting their first babies over the summer holidays and will therefore be on maternity leave next year. We wish them the very best of luck with their upcoming arrivals and with the start of their new families.

Miss Eleanor Body has taken the decision to relocate due to family circumstances and has been successful in gaining a new teaching post at a school in London. We would like to thank Eleanor for her hard work and commitment during her three years at St. Peter's and wish her well for her new role next year.

Mrs Dawn Harris, a long-standing member of our catering team has retired after working at St. Peter's for an amazing 29 years. We are exceptionally grateful for her service to our school and wish her well for her well-deserved retirement.

## Sports Days for 2023

It is with great excitement that we are able to announce dates for this year's Sports Days where parents will once again be warmly invited to share in one of the highlights of the school calendar. Following the success of last year's new approach to Sports Day, we will be running our events for each year group individually, enabling all children to take part in all races. This gives the children more opportunity to participate and for parents, a more tailored experience of all of the sporting events for your child and their friends. We hope that all our families are able to join us on these dates and enjoy the new format. The dates for Sports Days are as follows:

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
9.30am Nursery Sports	9.15am Year 2 Sports	9.15am Year 4 Sports
11am Rising 3s Sports	11am Year 3 Sports	11am Year 5 Sports
1.30pm Reception Sports	1.45pm Year 1 Sports	1.45pm Year 6 Sports

By way of preparation, we have also provisionally allocated the 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July for reserve sports day in case the fine British weather lets us down.

## Year 6 Leavers' Performance and Leavers' Service

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are asked to keep the evening of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July free for the end of Y6 Leavers' Performance. More details will follow soon but we hope that all our parents will be able to join this 'rite of passage' as the pupils approach their final days here with us at St. Peter's. It is anticipated that the performance will commence at 6.30pm.

There will also be a leavers' service for the Year 6 pupils on the final Friday of term (21<sup>st</sup> July) at 1.45pm. Parents will be able to attend this event and the final arrangements for it will be announced nearer the time.

## Future Generation Trust Sporting Events

Well done to the 28 pupils from Key Stage 2 who represented St. Peter's so well at this week's FGT Sporting Competitions. The children competed with excellent sportsmanship and even found new talents when asked to step in to play netball or to try their hand at tri-golf. It was great to bring pupils from across the five trust academies together and thanks to everyone involved.

## Future Generation Trust role

Our Trust are exploring the possibility of recruiting an experienced education specialist to lead the implementation, maintenance and development of the IT infrastructure across all the academies.

This would be an exciting opportunity for someone with relevant experience and knowledge of general server systems and cloud-based solutions. At this stage the Trust would be delighted to hear from people who are interested in finding out more about this role and how we see it evolving. Please contact Emma Joyce for more information [emma.joyce@futuregenerationtrust.co.uk](mailto:emma.joyce@futuregenerationtrust.co.uk) or 01922 496570.

## **Lingotot Holiday Club**

Lingotot will be running a holiday club during May half term using the Keystones building and the Outdoor Classroom here at St. Peter's. The club will run from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, between 9am and 3pm. Further details of the dates of this provision and how to book a place are at the end of this newsletter or on the Lingotot South Staffordshire website. All bookings and payments are made to Lingotot directly through their website <https://www.lingotot.com/centre/south-staffordshire>.

## **Ole Soccer Academy – holiday club**

St. Peter's will also be hosting the Ole Soccer Academy holiday club between Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This will take place using the academy hall and playing fields 10am - 3pm, focusing on soccer skills development and fun. The provision is co-run by Matt Bainbridge (Head of Year 9 at a local Secondary School) who has previously trained with the Manchester United team and is now involved with the Wolves Youth Team. Places are available for boys and girls, aged 5 - 12. Further details can be found on Instagram @olefootballacademy2022 or on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## **FOSP Discos**

A big thank you to the Friends of St. Peter's and all our parent volunteers who helped to organise our discos this week. The children had a great time and it was lovely to see the events so well supported. The FOSP are hoping to arrange some evenings of summer fun before the end of the school year - more details to follow soon. If any parents would be able to volunteer their time to help set up, run or pack away from future events, all help would be gratefully received. Please contact Mrs France in the academy office to register your interest.

## **Free School Meals entitlement**

Amid the ongoing hardships from the rising cost of living, some families may find that their circumstances have changed recently. Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time.

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money. You can only apply online if you meet the low income criteria. Remember, you can only claim free school meals if your child is going to be in Reception year or above when the meals begin. <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Applyonline.aspx>

After completing an application, you can print a copy of the confirmation page to give to the school for meals to start immediately. If you are unable to print you can still make your application online, but will need to wait for us to advise the school before you can start to receive the free school meals.

## Well done to our Year 6 pupils

This half term has seen our Year 6 pupils undertake their SATS tests and they should all be so proud of the way they approached them. The pupils have shown great commitment in the way that they have prepared themselves for this year's tests, including giving up two (or three) evenings a week to attend extra revision sessions, having undertaken their own studies at home with resources kindly funded by the Friends of St. Peter's and having applied themselves with distinction in their lessons in the run up to this year's tests. As a cohort, they should be very proud of the way they have approached their KS2 assessments and the children, and the staff, should be commended for all they have done to prepare in recent weeks.

The end of SATS bowling and pizza making was a lovely way to mark the end of this testing period; lots of fun was had by all. Year 6's attention will now switch to Reaching for the Sky with their writing assessment for the coming weeks and to making lots of plans to end their time at St. Peter's on a high.

## Year 4 Multiplication Check (June 2023)

For parents of pupils in Year 4, the Department for Education has produced a parent guide to the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that pupils will sit in June 2023. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. This DfE guide can be accessed here: [Information for parents: 2023 multiplication tables check](#). There are plenty of online games and resources to help, including Times Tables Rock Stars. Another useful place to help get familiar with the format and speed of the test can be found at <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

## Year 1 Phonics Screening (June 2023)

For parents of pupils in Year 1, preparations are well underway for this year's Year 1 Phonics Screening check which will take place in school during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June. The children will be screened on their ability to decode 40 words using their knowledge of phonic sounds; these 40 words will include some real words and some pseudo words (made up words). The check only takes a short amount of time to complete and will be administered by a member of staff familiar to your child. For more introductory information about the upcoming phonics check, please see <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/06/everything-you-need-to-know-about-phonics-in-schools/>

There are also many useful resources to help parents support with phonics including how to pronounce each sound <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> and an example of the format of the test from 2018 can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2018-materials>

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Year Groups involved
26 <sup>th</sup> May	School Breaks up for May Half Term	All Pupils
Lingotot Holiday Club and Ole Soccer Academy are available during the May half term. Information and Dates contained within this newsletter and flyers at the end.		
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Returns for final half term	All Pupils
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Window	Year 4 Pupils
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week	Year 1 Pupils
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 visit to the Space Museum	Year 5 pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day - details above	Nursery, Rising 3s, Reception
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day - details above	Years 2, 3 and 1
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Heights and Weights	Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day - details above	Years 4, 5 and 6
11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 SATS Results Day	Year 6
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents evening - details to follow	All year groups
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents evening - details to follow	All year groups
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Performance	Parents and families of Year 6 pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Performance	Parents and families of Year 6 pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for the summer holidays	All pupils

## Safeguarding all children from harm is everyone's business.

Most children enjoy generally safe and happy childhood experiences within their own family but unfortunately for some, this is not the case. During difficult family times everyone has a responsibility to protect children from future harm; good child care begins even before a child is born. If you have a concern about a child, please speak to one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Stevens, Mrs Tarbuck or Mrs Marsh. Alternatively, members of the public and professionals can raise concerns directly with Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support (SCAS). Telephone: 0300 111 8007 (8.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Thursday; 8.30am- 4.30pm Friday).



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Tuesday 30th  
May-Friday 2nd  
June 2023



# MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



ALL THE FUN of your usual holiday clubs but with the added bonus of learning a new language in an exciting way with all your new friends!

£100  
for ALL 4  
DAYS

## TYPICAL DAY:

- 09:00 - 10:00 - Active language
- 10:00 - 10:30 - Craft/Food Task
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Snack and play
- 11:00 - 12:15 - Team Challenge
- 12:15 - 13:15 - Lunch Break
- 13:15 - 14:15 - Forest School
- 14:15 - 14:30 - Free Play
- 14:30 - 15:00 - Active Learning

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Please contact Amy if you have any questions or queries at [southstaffordshire@lingotot.com](mailto:southstaffordshire@lingotot.com)



The holiday camp will be led by Emily and Oscar and the Lingotot South Staffs team of qualified teachers with a zest for fun and laughter!



**OLE FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

# **SOCCER CAMP**

**10am-3pm**

**FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
AGE 5-12**

**STARTS  
MAY 30TH**

**AT ST PETERS  
PRIMARY ACADEMY  
RESERVOIR RD  
WS12 1BE**

Camp dates:

**Tues 30th May  
Weds 31st May  
Thurs 1st June**

**1 day - £20  
2 days - £35  
3 days - £50**

Early drop off/late  
pick up - £5 per hour

*Learn new skills  
& techniques  
every day*

Each day will cover a different  
Session focus followed by a  
tournament afternoon. Prizes  
and certificates to be won daily.  
All abilities welcome

**To register please contact us**  
Matt 07305144418  
Nick 07946191977



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# PARENT & CARER SUPPORT GROUP



**Do you have a child who is neurodiverse  
or has traits of neurodiversity?**



- Autism
- ADHD
- Tics
- Tourette Syndrome
- Foetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Dyspraxia
- Intellectual Disability

**Friday 15th July**

**Friday 18th August**

**Friday 15th September**

**Friday 20th October**

**10am—12pm**

**Suite 1, Hawkesyard Estate,  
Armitage Road, Armitage, WS15**

**1PU**

**Call 0782 977877**