



## SAINT PETER AT GOWTS - 26.1.2024

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear St Peter's Families,

The last couple of weeks have been filled with awards and achievements for St Peter's! We are very proud of the recognition that we have received for our continual commitment to the education of our children.

Last week, we received fantastic feedback from our Educational Advisor visit. She was impressed by our St Peter's curriculum and how we adapt our teaching so that every child can unlock their own potential. It is a great achievement to be so highly spoken of by the Local Authority. We also accepted a letter from the House of Commons congratulating us on achieving our International Schools Award for 2023-2026. As you will know, we are very excited to have a link with Romania where we plan to take a group of Yr5/6 children in May.



Our phonics results last year were the highest we've achieved at 97%. We have received a letter from the Minister of Schools who has congratulated us on our 'outstanding achievement and continual commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education'. At St Peter's we firmly believe that reading is the gateway to the curriculum. Our children learn to read and then read to learn. We are proud to have our achievements recognised in such a crucial area.

On a rather different note, we would also like to announce that Mrs Phillips will be retiring at February half term. Mrs Phillips has worked at St Peter's for over 20 years. Her dedication to our children and families has been absolutely phenomenal and we are sad to lose such a valuable member of our school team. We would like to thank Mrs Phillips for her enthusiasm, commitment and passion. She has been wonderful to work with and we wish her well for her new adventure. Mrs Phillips is looking forward to spending time with her family and enjoying holidays in the school term!



Kind regards,

Emily Mayer  
Headteacher

## YEAR 2 WOW DAY

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Year 2 were lucky enough to be visited by King Henry VIII this week! We learnt all about his reign and what life was like during this time. During the day the children had the opportunity to learn Tudor dances, make their own coin, learn about chronology and to shoot a bow and arrow. Whilst learning Tudor dancing, we had to work collectively to dance in time with the beat. King Henry was a very good dancer! Did you know that coins were used to show the people who their King or Queen was. We created our own coins using clay, we moulded and shaped the clay finally adding



details to depict a monarch. In the afternoon, we were presented with special wooden tiles showing an image of all the monarchs in England from William the Conqueror. Our task was to order the monarchs, this was quite tricky as there were so many! Our final task was archery. This was great fun! We had 3 targets to shoot at, we had to aim carefully and fire the arrow.

## PTA

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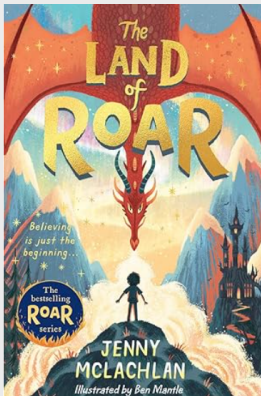
The PTA have wasted no time in planning the events this term and have already planned a school disco for **Thursday 8th February**. Please save the date in your diaries and look out for more information on our Facebook page, X and in our newsletter.



As well as the disco, we are hoping to have a family bingo event - watch this space!

## MISS SMITH'S BOOK REVIEW

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If you like Peter Pan or The Chronicles of Narnia, you may enjoy this too! Year 4 will be reading this during the summer term!

When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their Grandad's attic! Roar was filled with things they loved - dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure - as well as things that scared them (including a very creepy scarecrow...!)

Now the twins are eleven, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes! Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar...real?!

## DIARY DATES

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Monday 29th January - Y3 Rand Farm Residential - Parents Meeting  
Tuesday 30th January - Y6 SATs Parent Meeting  
Tuesday 6th February - Mayor visiting  
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th February - Y3 Rand Farm Residential

Thursday 8th February - Y5/6 LPAC Theatre Visit  
Thursday 8th February - PTA Disco  
Friday 9th February - Children finish for half term  
Monday 19th February - Children return to school  
W/c Monday 4th March - Book Week  
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
Friday 15th March - School Clubs Finish

## TERM DATES

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Please do take note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children.

Term 1 - Wednesday 6th September 2023 to Friday 20th October 2023

Term 2 - Tuesday 31st October 2023 to Wednesday 20th December 2023

**Term 3 - Wednesday 3rd January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024**

Term 4 - Monday 19th February 2024 to 28th March 2024

Term 5 - Tuesday 16th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 - Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024