



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS 29.9.23

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear St Peter's Families,

We have had another great few weeks at St Peter's with the children engaging in lots of exciting learning opportunities. Our Year 4 children have completed their first Forest School experience of the year and thoroughly enjoyed the Bush Craft opportunities that were available. Our Year 1 children have completed a local study walk and decided to add a little 'caring for the community' by completing a litter pick. We are really proud of our Year 1 children for thinking about this and embracing the concept of being Stewards of St Peter's!

Please can we remind you about the importance of attendance and punctuality when attending school. Your child needs to be in school every day to ensure they have the best opportunity to develop their knowledge and complete their learning. Here at St Peter's, we offer a fabulous curriculum with great opportunities and the children speak about their love of the school. Please ensure your child attends everyday.



The table below shows the number of days' absence over a year that equate to each percentage absence.

Percentage Attendance	Approximate number of days absent (per year)
95%	10 (2 x weeks)
90%	19 (nearly 4 x weeks)
85%	29 (nearly 6 x weeks)

St Peter's as we know it is 50 this year so we'd like to celebrate!

To empower our community of hope, the School Council has decided to organise community events for the children to complete over a week in October, starting from the 9th. As well as the community events, we are also completing a virtual pilgrimage to Bingen in Germany. We've chosen Bingen because at St Peter's, we apply the wisdom of another saint to help us on your journey. This is Saint Hildegard and the quote we embrace is "Dare to declare who you are. It is not far from the shores of silence to the boundaries of speech. The path is not long, but the way is deep. You must not only walk there, you must be prepared to leap." The children



enjoyed learning about Saint Hildegard at the beginning of term and we always use her wisdom in school. Bingen is a special place for Saint Hildegard therefore we felt this would be a great place to travel to - virtually of course!

The virtual pilgrimage will be completed on a bike and we will be raising money for charity. Please can you help us by suggesting charities that you'd like us to raise money for. The children will then vote on their favourites. Please add your suggestions to our Facebook page or the School Office - thank you.

On Friday 6th October there will be a Parent Teacher Association meeting at 9am. We hold this meeting in the school and everyone is welcome to attend. You can come along and just find out what we do in the PTA or join our committee. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet people and help raise money for the school to spend on your children. If you would like to nominate yourself for a role, please do collect a nomination form from the School Office. We look forward to seeing you!

Quick reminder - **Harvest Festival Wednesday 4th October at 2pm in the church -everyone welcome!**

Thank you for your continued support,
Emily Mayer

YEAR 4 FOREST SCHOOL



We have had a brilliant time at Forest school this week! We had the chance to learn and develop lots of new skills! Some of us used tools to shape wood into a sharp tip to make a spear, just like the Anglo-Saxons would have done! We also learnt how to use saws to support managing the woodland area ensuring there is the opportunity for sustainable development! With all the apples that have fallen outside our classroom, under the careful watch of Miss



White, we prepared a delicious warm apple juice, flavoured with cinnamon, lemons and oranges - this was great to wash down our freshly toasted crumpets over the fire! Back in school, we are using our knowledge of the site to create our own scaled map drawings which we can share with the younger children so they know what to expect when they visit the forest! We can't wait for our next visit during the Spring term!

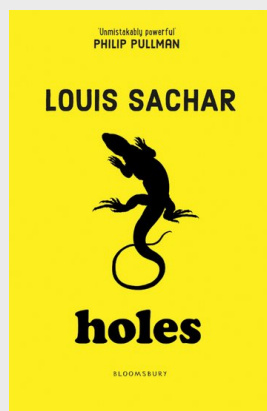
RECEPTION



The Reception children have settled into school wonderfully! We have been getting to know each other, exploring the classroom and outdoor area and getting stuck into our learning. We have had a brilliant start to our Read Write Inc. phonics programme, learning different sounds and learning to 'Fred Talk' words. We also had a very exciting visit from the Lincolnshire Smiles programme where we learnt how to keep our teeth clean and healthy and have been brushing our teeth after lunch every day since! A real highlight so far has been the music sessions with

Caterpillar Music. We love singing, dancing and playing instruments. We are excited to continue on our Reception learning journey!





I read so many brilliant books over the summer holidays but this was one of my favourites! *Holes*, written by Louis Sachar, tells the story of Stanley Yelnats, who is wrongly sent to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake). Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth. This book was a real page turner and I literally couldn't put it down. I would recommend this book for our older children (Y5/6), who enjoy a book with some twists and turns and a great story line. The book has also been adapted into a film but I would definitely read the book first!

DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd October - Y3 at Forest School

Wednesday 4th October - Harvest Festival in Church (Parents invited so don't forget to save the date)

Thursday 5th October - Y1 Reading & Phonics Meeting

Friday 6th October - PTA AGM 9am

W/c Monday 9th October - School's 50th Birthday

Monday 9th October - Y2 at Forest School

Tuesday 10th October - Photographer in School

Tuesday 10th October - Y5/Y6 Letters to be returned for Romania visit

Tuesday 10th October - Book Fair in School (week)

Monday 16th October - Y1 at Forest School

Monday 16th October & Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th October - Y6 Visit to IBCC

Friday 27th October - Deposit required for Y3 Rand Farm Residential

TERM DATES

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