

## SAINT PETER AT GOWTS - 3RD MARCH 2023

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear St Peter's Families

As always we have had a great start to the term! The children were excited to build and embed their science knowledge in the Science STEM day and work on fabulous scientific investigations with our visitors. Book week has also been a great success with live author feeds, reading and listening to a variety of books and sharing book recommendations. Thank you for your generosity with the book and costume donations. Our Book Swap and Preloved Costume Swapping events were very successful and gratefully received.



Thursday was a rather eventful day with World Book Day, the photographer and we also supported and embraced the Tractors in Schools Initiative! Eleanor and Jack very kindly came from a local farm to work with our Yr3 children on their geography topic. As well as learning a lot of knowledge, our children also went in the tractor and petted the lambs who came on a surprise visit! We look forward to the term ahead.



We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Budden and her family on the birth of her little girl Orla Violet born on Tuesday of this week. We wish her well and cannot wait to meet her.

Thank you for your commitment to our school and your continuous support,

Emily Mayer

### STEM SCIENCE DAY

As a school, we had an amazing STEM Science and careers day (Friday 24th February). We welcomed Dr Nick and Dr Liz, who talked to us about chemistry and the different job roles that use chemistry; we even used our subject knowledge to diagnose Farmer Tom's ringworm! The day was filled with exciting experiments; we made lemon volcanoes



and popcorn dance! Our children are so excited about science and as a school we aim to make this an annual event. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who came in to support the day.

## BOOK WEEK

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What an amazing Book Week we have had again this year at St Peter at Gowts! It always is one of my favourite times of the year. From virtual author and illustrator workshops to library visits, we've certainly had an action-packed and fun-filled week celebrating reading.



We loved our library visits and shopping trips to Waterstones. Library cards are totally free and you can even apply for one online and then read ebooks and listen to stories from your devices at home. Of course, you can pop into the library too and complete a short form. There are always lots of free and fun events running at the library. Click on the link below to find out more.

<https://www.better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire/lincoln-central-library/news/what-s-on-at-lincoln-central-library-january-2022>

Debutots also visited some of our younger children and brought stories to life in our very own school hall! The children loved their adventures with Zog and the Gruffalo.



The masked reader was so much fun too! Did you guess who everyone was?! A very big thank you to all the wonderful staff who always go above and beyond and get on board with the crazy ideas we come up with.



World Book Day, as always, was a big highlight of the week! I can't wait to see our class photos. The children looked incredible and loved celebrating their favourite book characters. The costume parade at the end of the day was so much fun!

Thank you again to all of our parents and carers for your support during this week. We were blown away with your kind and generous book and costume donations. We couldn't do what we do in school without your help and support. Please help us keep up the Book Week spirit all year round by continuing to read with your children at home as much as possible. It doesn't just have to be a school book- we encourage reading of everything and anything and don't forget to make a note in those reading records too!

Mrs Bradley

## MESSAGES FROM OUR PARENT SUPPORT ADVISORS

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**Attendance** - In September 2022, DfE guidance was published (links attached), which has provided parental and school expectations. One of the responsibilities school has is ensuring we are sharing your child/ren's attendance data when it falls under the national expectation of 95%. We are very aware of each child's reasons for absence and we want to reassure all of our families that we are following guidelines along with ensuring we continue to do this in a supportive manner for the best possible outcomes for the children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1073619/Summary\\_table\\_of\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_school\\_attendance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1073619/Summary_table_of_responsibilities_for_school_attendance.pdf)

**Parent Support Advisor Role** - We are very lucky at St Peter's to have two PSA's in role, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Wilson. They play a vital part in school in many areas such as safeguarding, attendance and parent support - this can be financial, housing, medical, applying for secondary schools, these are just a few to name. We wanted to make you aware that if you feel unsure of where to go try school first as our PSA's may be able to help.



**Reducing Parental Conflict** - Another part of our PSA's role is around attending training and promoting awareness on different subjects. As a school and many of us as parents we understand and can empathise with the everyday challenges and stress that life can throw at us and also how that may impact on homelife with our partners, past or present. It can be easy at these moments to break out into an argument and as a result of that more often than not our children can be witness and/or involved. Now, it would be very unrealistic to say we were never going to argue again, however, what we can do is try to 'do it better'. There will be three flyers sent out via ParentMail which will provide information on each and give families an opportunity to register and complete awareness and resources to help. If you feel you would like further support, please do get in touch and one of our PSA's would be more than happy to arrange to see you, they can provide a laptop and moral support if needed!

## MRS BRADLEY'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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It was too tricky to pick just one fabulous book to share with you this week so I have gone for some of my favourites for each of the different age ranges.

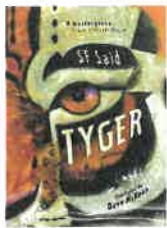


My EYFS/KS1 book recommendation is *The Baddies*, by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. *The Baddies* is their latest book collaboration and tells the story of a little girl's bravery against some storybook villains. My little boy thinks this book is very funny and loves joining in with the story.



For Years 2, 3 and 4, my book recommendation is *Harper the Confidence Fairy*, is the newest story book from the Rainbow Magic series. Harper is the first fairy with

Down's Syndrome and she helps people to find and grow their inner confidence. This is a heartwarming book with three short stories that explain and discuss differences in people and what makes us all special and unique.



My KS2 (Year 4+) book recommendation is a recently published book that I am currently reading and sharing with my daughter. She was lucky enough to have S F Said (the author) visit her school last term and is a big fan! His newest book, Tyger, took him nearly 9 years to write and I am LOVING it so far. For a start, the cover is gorgeous, but don't just judge it by the cover, grab a copy and read it for yourself. You can listen to S F Said read an extract here: <https://youtu.be/GvIFw2H7EY0> .

## PTA

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The next event for the PTA is Bingo Night with Mr Magee! This will be held on Tuesday 28th March straight after school for our Yr2-Yr6 children. Please look out for more information.



## DIARY DATES

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Thursday 9th March - Y6 Visit to University of Lincoln Sports Centre

Friday 10th March - Y5 at Witham Panto

W/c 16th March - Book Fair in School

W/c 20th March - Last week for clubs

Tuesday 21st March & Thursday 23rd March - Parents Evenings

Tuesday 28th March - PTA Bingo Night

Friday 31st March - Easter Service in Church

Friday 31st March - Last day of term

## TERM DATES

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

Term 4 - Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5 - Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6 - Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023