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Actionable Strategies to Build Perseverance at Home:

ST PETER'S HIGHLIGHTS



Vision and Values Day Monday 13th April 2026

It is important to reset and get ready for the new term ahead. Every child has 24,300 seconds, every school day, to use and we have been focussed on learning the behaviours that go with MAKING EVERY SECOND COUNT. With increased presence and perseverance, individual children learn more and the whole class feels safer and their knowledge and skills stick!

- **Model Persistence:** Share examples of when you have struggled with a task and continued working at it rather than quitting.
- **Encourage Independence:** Allow children time to struggle with tasks—such as putting on shoes or solving a puzzle—before stepping in to help.
- **Normalise "Yet":** Teach children that they might not know how to do something **yet**, focusing on the process of learning rather than immediate mastery.
- **Manage Emotions Around Failure:** When children get frustrated, teach them to pause, take a break, and then return to the problem.
- **Support Goal Setting:** Help children set small, manageable, and measurable goals for themselves to foster a sense of accomplishment.





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SENSORY GARDEN DEVELOPMENTS

Thank you so much to Kieran and his Mum, for joining me, to develop the sensory garden in honour of the Barnard family, over the Easter Holidays. Thanks also go to David Sheldon (our site manager) for cleaning up the pergola area and sourcing the bark etc- he's worked really hard on it. And not forgetting Harry in year 3, that gives time to weed and water the plants each week.

We are so close to being able to open it as part of our breaktime offer to the children.

Once open, children will be able to walk amongst the herbs and enjoy the smells and textures of the different plants or settle down on the seating area for quiet reflective moments that get them away from the hustle and bustle of playtime.

In Summer 2, we are also hoping to start a lunchtime gardening club to support the maintenance of the area.

We are looking for donations of herbs and bulbs to keep the area thriving throughout the year.





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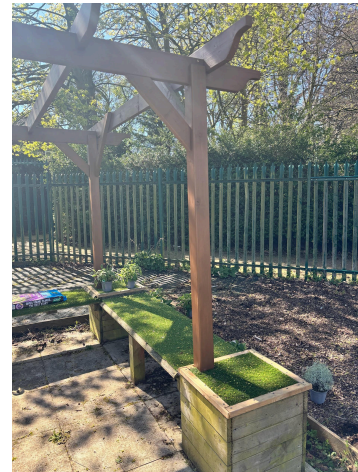
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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

We are prepared for what is next

Ready

We follow the routines

We actively take part in learning

We show we are ready with our whole bodies

We use a calm and gentle voice

Respectful

We listen carefully and pay attention

We are kind to each other

We look after the school, our equipment and our community spaces

We keep ourselves and each other emotionally safe

Safe

We keep environment and equipment safe

We keep ourselves and each other physically safe

We follow instructions

as we all know that learning the behaviour that is socially acceptable means everyone is more likely to have a successful future. Our approach to teaching rules and routines and using clear, simple mantras, has built momentum across the Trust. We have been selected to be part of 6 Behaviour Mentor schools across Ely, Peterborough and Fenland.

We hosted our first visit this week and the visiting headteachers were impressed by the following:

- Clear routines for finishing lunchtime and being back in class quickly
- Classroom routines for showing their whiteboard work to the teacher for assessment- known to us as 'HOVER AND SHOW'
- Teacher's naming what they expected to see, as they lapped the room to mark the great work
- Children SLANTING, sat up, arms folded, tracking the speaker with nothing in their hands
- Quality of the children's answers and their confidence verbally
- Children's politeness when greeting people around school
- Transitions and movement between lessons - known to us as 'Fantastic Walking'
- Teacher's using 100% attention techniques, which insists on all being present in their learning
- Quiet independent work that makes every second counts

We never apologise for our strict routines or high expectations for behaviour at St Peter's,



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SEND SUPPORT AT ST PETER'S



FIDDLE TOYS

Fiddle toys are sometimes used in classrooms to help children stay calm and focused, but they don't always have the intended effect. In many cases, they can become a distraction, both for the child using them and for others nearby, taking attention away from learning.

Research in Educational Psychology suggests that when children focus on the toy itself, it can make it harder to concentrate on the task at hand. We are also mindful that some fiddle toys brought in from home may not meet British Safety Standards, which can raise safety and safeguarding concerns in a busy classroom environment.

Children with identified special educational needs or mental health needs may benefit from specific resources, as advised by a community paediatrician or mental health professional. Therefore, at St Peter's Junior School, we provide appropriate SEND resources recommended by the professionals who support our pupils. Those who require additional support will already have a learning plan in place following the Assess Plan Do

Review (APDR) process, based on professional advice.



While a small number of children may benefit from carefully chosen resources agreed on their APDR plan, we take a considered approach to their use in school to ensure the classroom remains a calm, safe, and focused learning environment for everyone. Therefore, fiddle toys from home will not be automatically accepted for classroom use.



Proudly, I have been recruited as an Ofsted Peer Inspector. This is alongside being the Headteacher here! My training started today, but across the first and last week of May, I will be training for a couple of days here and there, so bear with me. We do have a strong team to support families, so continue to approach us and



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we will always make sure your child and your family are helped with any issues or queries.

This opportunity is testament to how well St Peter's has developed in recent years and how that has been recognised by anyone who comes to see what and why we do, what we do!



COMMUNITY CORNER

Parents organised Year 6 Prom



THE CHOIR OF
JESUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Saturday 16 May, Jesus College Chapel

Does your child enjoy singing? Boys aged between 6 and 8 are invited to join with the Choristers of Jesus College in the College Chapel to experience life in the choir for an afternoon, culminating in a service of Evensong at 6.00pm.

No musical experience necessary.
To register or for more information contact choir@jesus.cam.ac.uk.

www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/chapel-and-choir

FAMILY WORKER - Mrs Rawling



Ask to chat if you have anything to do with behaviour; finances; housing; food; safeguarding



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Dates may change due to school events or weather conditions.

 Congratulations to our Stars of the Week		
	17/04/26	24/04/26
Carter	Anika	Liara
Anning	Jase	Neitas
Socrates	Phoenix	Aarush
Cesar	Neitanas	Nia
Napoleon	Simas	Zuzanna
Equiano	Bozhidar	Excellence
Pankhurst	Pawel	Maddison-May
Turing	Arva	Sam

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FIRST Classteachers	Any queries, information or clarification about
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	anything to do with your child's learning or behaviour. Dojo, gate chats or give us a call.
AFTER THAT Assistant Heads Mrs Hazeldine Y3/4 Mr Redmile Y5/6  	If after speaking to the classteacher, you or the teacher think it needs involvement from the senior team, the Assistant Heads will be happy to support. You can find them on gate duties throughout the week, or dojo.
THEN Headteacher Mrs Brown 	Feel free to move to me with queries if the teachers or Assistant Heads aren't yet able to resolve the issue. I'm on the gate and appointments can be requested through the office
Our wonderful office staff Mrs Barnes Mrs Williamson	Absence, lunches, Parent Pay, App issues, uniform, dates, going home messages - there are lots of areas of school life they can help with.
SAFEGUARDING	ANY concerns or



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MRS BROWN MRS RAWLING MRS WILLIAMSON MR REDMILE MRS HAZELDINE	information concerned with keeping a child safe, please talk to a DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL)
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We want you to feel happy, safe and confident to talk to us about anything concerning you or any help you may need. If the person you approach can't resolve it, the team will point you in the right direction!

TERM DATES for SPRING - PLEASE CHECK, NEW THINGS ARE ADDED WEEKLY

July		Morning
Tuesday 7th July	Reports Out	
Thursday 9th July	Parents Evening	
Monday 13th July	1.45PM	ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY (Invite only)
Thursday 16th July	9.15 am	Y6 Leavers Assembly

Forest School- A quarter of the year group will go on their PE day.

They require

- **Long sleeves**
- **Long bottoms**
- **Wellies**



SUMMER TERM EVENTS (subject to change for weather etc)		
Wednesday 20th May	All Day	Year 3 - trip to Flag Fen
Wednesday 3rd June	9am - 2pm	Year 5 - Wisbech Reads Festival
Tuesday 16th June	All Day	Year 5 - trip to National Space Centre
Thursday 25th June	All Day	Year 4 - trip to Hammerton Zoo
Tuesday 30th June	9.30AM	LKS2 Sports Morning
Thursday 2nd July	9.30AM	UKS2 Sports

First Aid Update

Always keeping with the most up-to-date information, as a school, we will no longer be able to give out plasters to pupils.

Therefore, on the day(s) your child is doing PE, please can you make sure their ear-rings are either taken out before school or are taped up at home before coming to school.



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May I remind you that we are a "stud" school and looped ear-rings are not allowed.



If you need support with regards to the above, please contact Mrs Rawling through the school office or dojo her. As a school, we can offer a food bank voucher (subject to conditions). We can also offer small food parcels (subject to availability).


PE Next Term

Next half term we will be doing athletics.


Reminder of PE Kit:

- Black bottoms
- Trainers
- Plain white tshirt
- NO SPORTING TEAM KITS

PRAYER CORNER



St Peter's School Prayer



Loving Father,
We do all thank you that we are St. Peter's School.
Thank you Lord

Help us to be a school full of happiness and peace.
Help us Lord

May our school community be like a family
which helps and supports each other.
We are your family Lord

Give us joy in our learning and help us to grow
in wisdom and understanding.
Give us joy Lord

Make us a school where all are welcome,
all are respected, all are accepted.
Welcome

Thank you God for everything.
Amen



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School Term Dates

2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
Monday 1 st September 2025	Staff Professional Day (school closed)
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Staff Professional Day (school closed)
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Autumn Term Begins
Friday 24 th October 2025	Staff Professional Day (school closed)
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025 Half Term (school closed)	
Friday 19 th December 2025	End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff Professional Day (school closed)
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Spring Term Begins
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026 Half Term (school closed)	
Friday 27 th March 2026	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13 th April 2026	Summer Term Begins
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026 Half Term (school closed)	
Friday 17 th July 2026	End of Summer Term
Monday 20 th July 2026	Staff Professional Day (school closed)



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School Term Dates – 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September – Staff Professional Day (school closed)

Wednesday 2nd September – Staff Professional Day (school closed)

Thursday 3rd September – Autumn Term Begins

Friday 23rd October – Staff Professional Day (school closed)

Half Term (school closed): Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Friday 18th December – End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January – Staff Professional Day (school closed)

Tuesday 5th January – Spring Term Begins

Half Term - Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February (school closed)

Thursday 25th March – End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April - Summer Term Begins

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed): Monday 3rd May

Half Term (school closed): Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June – Staff Professional Day (school closed)

Wednesday 21st July – End of Summer Term