



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Friday 1st November 2024



Headteachers Message

Welcome Back to School!

We hope everyone managed to have a lovely half term and are ready for the long 8 week half term. This time of the school year goes very quickly and is also very busy. So please make sure you are checking the newsletter and any communication to ensure you have key dates and messages. I have put all the CHRISTMAS dates at the bottom of the newsletter. Whilst it may be too early to be discussing this, all of the festivities and celebrations will soon be upon us.

We also have Y6 leading Remembrance Worship in the school hall on Monday 11th November. Y6 parents/family members are welcome to join us, with a max of 2 places per child available. We will account for those joining us on arrival at the main school office for fire regulations, however you are not required to book ahead of the day.

We will be opening the slots for parents evening very soon. Please check your emails and make sure you book your slot(s) with your child(rens) class teachers for a progress update.

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focused on:



Gentleness and Compassion through considering putting on the right attitude.

Colossians 3:12: "Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

We thought about how we can show these values within our school and care for each other.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and led a great worship which followed on from Monday's worship. We considered the contribution and difference we can make to the world and others by acts of compassion, gentleness and caring for each other and the world. We heard the story of Jesus feeding 5000.

Student Council

School councillors have started to sell poppies and related merchandise this week as per the email we sent on return from half term. They will continue to sell on Monday and Tuesday next week (4th and 5th November) so please don't worry if you haven't managed to catch them yet! The items will be sold at morning break times, with suggested donations below:

- Snapbands- £2.00
- Rubber wristband- £1.00
- Poppy keyring- 50p
- Poppy zip tag- 50p
- Poppy- any donation

Please note, merchandise is only available whilst stocks allow...



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Children in Need 2024

On Friday 15th November, we will be raising money for Children in Need. The Gladiators are supporting the charity this year so the dress up theme is 'Superheroes'. This could be someone special to you, a sports person, cartoon superhero or you can simply wear non-uniform for a donation of £1.

Pudsey Colouring Competition

We will also be holding a colouring competition at 50p per entry. Details will be sent out soon of how your child can get involved.

Further updates will be provided ahead of the day



Stars of the Week



We continue to see such amazing work across the school and it is always difficult to choose only 1 star of the week per class, however the children listed below have had a wonderful week and been chosen as our stars..!

Class	For
Skylark – Teddy U	Having a wonderful positive attitude to learning.
Sanderling - Bella	A wonderful week. Well Done.
Oystercatcher – Grayson	Amazing work this week and super writing.
Eider Ducks - Charlie	Fantastic work. Well Done Charlie!
Turnstones – William S	Fantastic work and great attitude across all subjects.
Dunlins – Libby	Great work this week!
Lapwings – Jacob	Great work! Well Done!
Curlews – Adam	Super work! Well Done

Sporting Achievements Year 3 and 4 Football

Year 3 and 4 Football

Well done to the Y3/4 boys football team who represented the school last night. They showed great camaraderie and respect and had a great evening playing football!

The children's positive attitude saw them improve as the tournament went on and we saw some great inter play, with the team getting a much deserved win and some good team goals. They defended excellently, holding some very strong teams to draws. It was also great to hear such wonderful comments from parents about how the children conducted themselves!



Thank you to Mr Howard for also helping with the team, your support was greatly appreciated!

ASDA Rewards



We still have 29 days remaining to earn additional funding through the ASDA rewards app. We've hit **£487!** This is amazing! We are earning money for school just by shopping at ASDA.

For every person that downloads the Asda Rewards app and chooses St Peter's Heysham as their Cash pot school of choice - we get £1! Yes, £1 without even shopping at Asda.

If you already have the app you can still choose St Peter's and £1 gets added to our total. Please encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles too. This initiative doesn't affect your own Asda rewards so please do support us with this campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

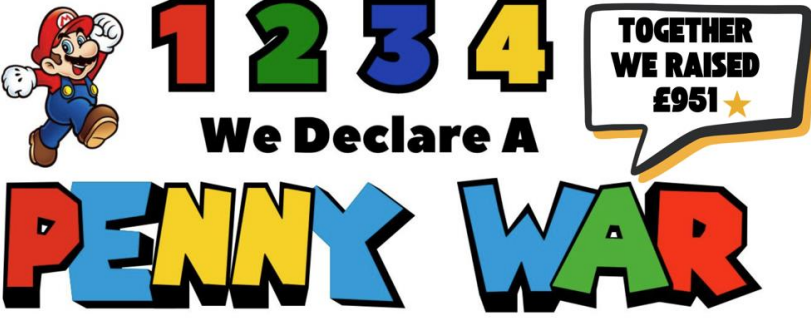
ParentPay Reminder

We appreciate it is a busy term with trips, clubs, requests for support towards on-site history activities and various fundraising events. Please can you check your ParentPay regularly to ensure all balances are cleared within the timeframes wherever possible. The school panto is upon us and we still have some outstanding payments that are required at the earliest opportunity, along with school lunches. Thankyou

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Friends and Fundraising Updates

The Friends of St Peters have been very busy recently, continuing to provide exciting ways to fundraise for the school. We even had a special visit from Mario himself during today's worship, who came to share the results from the Penny War...



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We Declare A
PENNY WAR

THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN (AND ADULTS!) THAT GOT SO INVOLVED WITH THE PENNY WARS INITIATIVE. WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £951 TOWARDS OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS

PRIZES GO TO SKYLARKS & TURNSTONES FOR MOST MARIO POINTS AND A HIGHLY COMMENDED GIFT TO LAPWINGS FOR MOST POSITIVE COINS IN THEIR JARS



You will also see a flyer for each child, inviting them to the school disco on Monday 18th November. Please return the slip with the required amount for your child(ren) if you would like them to attend ideally before Friday 15th November if possible. Spare flyers are available in the office if your child has come home without one today.



ITS MICKEY & MINNIE'S BIRTHDAY SO WE ARE HAVING A DISCO

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024

LETTERS IN BOOKBAGS THIS WEEK!

Admission Arrangements for 2026 Onwards - Consultation

Our proposed admission arrangements for 2026 are on the school website and we are currently in a consultation time frame. Over the past two years, our admission numbers have been lower and data indicates that the birth rate in our district is lower for future years. There are enough school places within the area, therefore we have requested to reduce our pupil admission number (PAN) to 30 from 2026. We are also in consultation for changing some of the admission criteria to the school. This has been discussed and approved by our governors, however, we now seek responses from parents. If you wish to respond to the consultation we kindly ask for your views to be submitted by email to:

bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk with the subject as **Admission Consultation 2026**.

The full proposed admission arrangements is available at:

<https://www.stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions-and-appeals/consultation-proposed-admission-arrangements-2026>

Yinka Ilori

After the whole school art project last term, using Yinka Ilori's work as inspiration, today we had the amazing experience of interviewing the artist himself. Year 6 hosted a zoom meeting with Yinka in his studio in London, asking him questions about his life as an artist.

Livvy and Charlotte asked him how creating made him feel and whether his art reflected his mood that day. He answered that making art made him feel peaceful and happy and that was why his work looks so colourful. Lily asked him which three words would he choose to describe his art work. He chose Joy as the most important, which was one of the words we chose for our art work too. He told us that his favourite project so far was the Lego Launderette and when Archer asked him what project he wanted to work on next, he told us that he would love to create a fun fair. Mrs Longdon suggested that that he should come to Morecambe to build it! Wouldn't that be amazing!



It was brilliant to talk to a successful artist and when he asked us who would like to grow up to be an artist, lots of us put our hands up. He certainly inspired us!

Thanks to Lauren for setting up the interview and well done all the children who thought of excellent questions to ask him.

Parking Around School



Thank you for your co-operation with the parking around school. Mr Kitchen closely monitors the situation in a morning and we continue to see an improvement this week.

We would be grateful if you can remain considerate of neighbours and park safely near the school premises.

Food Bank Collection

We continue to want to embed our school vision to care for creating and support others within the community. Please can you donate to the foodbank collections where possible, if and when you can. Whilst we have allocated classes, anyone can donate at any time. Every little helps and it was truly appreciated last half term.

Date	Class
Friday 8 th Novmeber	Eider Ducks and Turnstones
Firday 15 th November	Skylarks
Friday 22 nd November	Curlews
Friday 29 th November	Lapwings
Friday 6 th December	Oystercatchers
Friday 13 th December	Dunlins
Week Commencing 16 th December	No Donations as we will be arrange a pick up this week.

Urgently needed food items

Instant Rice
Instant Mash
Jam
Peanut Butter
Cup-a-soup

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 4th November

Monday 4th November	*All children's panto ticket payments to be paid please*
Tuesday 5th November	*Bonfire Night Themed Lunch – if you have not pre-ordered, please bring a packed lunch for your child* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 swimming (AM) – please ensure full swim kit is in school • Y5/6 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. See email confirmation for details
Wednesday 6th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4/5/6 Spanish Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. See email confirmation for details • KS2 JAM Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm.
Thursday 7th November	• Y2/3 Ball Games Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. See email confirmation for details
Friday 8th November	• School Tour for Reception intake September 2025: 1.30pm

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Reminder of Key Dates for Autumn Term / Academic Year 2024-2025 so far
New additions since the last newsletter are highlighted in yellow

- **Tuesday 5th November - Bonfire Night Themed Lunch**
If you did not order a themed lunch for your child(ren), please bring a packed lunch for your child. If they arrive at school without this, they will be offered a jacket potato.
- **Monday 11th November - Y6 Leading Remembrance Worship @ 10.40am – 11.10am (approx)**
Y6 will be hosting the Remembrance Service for worship in the hall. Parents / family members (a maximum of 2 per child please) of children in Y6 are welcome to join us for this worship. No booking required, however we will count visitors in at the door to ensure fire safety.
- **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November – Parents Evening**
Please see separate email sent home with booking link.
- **Monday 18th November – School Disco – Details above**
- **Week Commencing 24th March - Y5 residential trip to Lakeside**
This letter has now been sent home and ParentPay has been updated accordingly with the payment instalments and dates. *Reminder – first instalment date to pay by is 30th September.* Thankyou

Christmas Diary

- **Wednesday 4th December (AM) - Whole School Panto ‘The Borrowers’ at the Dukes Theatre**
Letters have gone home for this now – thank you to all those who have returned slips already. We would be very grateful for parent volunteers if available – please see the letter for more information.
- **Thursday 5th December – EYFS Nativity @ 9.30am**
Tea and coffee available after drop off whilst you wait for the children to get ready...Further details to follow
- **Wednesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity (Show 1) @ 2pm**
Further details to follow
- **Wednesday 11th December – KS2 Carols by Candlelight @ 5.30pm**
Further details to follow
- **Thursday 12th December – KS1 Nativity (Show 2) @ 2pm**
Further details to follow
- **Tuesday 17th December – Y3 Christingle Service @ 9am**
Family members of Y3 class are welcome to join us for this special class worship. Max. of 2 family members per child. No booking required, however we will count visitors in at the door to ensure fire safety.
- **Wednesday 18th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY NORTH

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

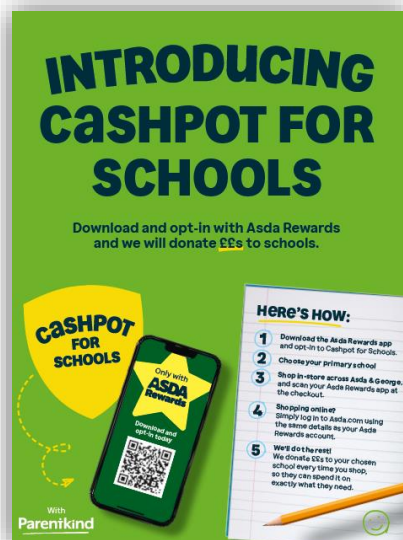
Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01524 581148.

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

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Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate £££ to schools.

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school.
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George and add your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We do the rest! We donate £££ to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

With Parentkind

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