



# St. Peter's Newsletter

## Flourishing Together

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025



### Headteacher Welcome

Good afternoon,

School continues to be a vibrant hive of learning, creativity and opportunity. This week, we were delighted to welcome Margaret and Rachel from Fischy Music, who led a series of inspiring workshops across the school. The children from Years 1 to 6 rose to the occasion, delivering exceptional performances that showcased their enthusiasm and talent. We're looking forward to sharing photos and updates on our social media channels - thank you for your patience as we get everything uploaded! A heartfelt thank you goes to Rev. Mark and Olivia for their support in bringing Fischy Music to us as part of the Churches Mission Event. Please keep an eye out for further details at the end of services at St James's.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Dodd and the Team at St Peter's

### Our Christian Worship



This week, we've been reflecting on our Christian Vision – "Flourishing Together" We considered experiences that we have had (both positive and negative) at school. We compared the experiences to others around us and considered what things we need to do and have in place in school to make sure people feel safe, valued and can experience the best from school life.

Rev. Mark led worship on Tuesday and has been in school this week as part of our wonderful Fischy music day. This week in worship, we reflected on the story of the 10 lepers. The children learned how only one returned to thank Jesus after being healed, reminding us of the importance of gratitude. We talked about how saying thank you - both to others and to God - helps us build a kind and caring school community.

### Stars of the Week



We are celebrating children who have settled back to school and are demonstrating our high expectations for behaviour and learning.



**Stars of the Week receiving a Headteacher Award are...**

<b>Once EYFS are established then they will have their star of the week nominations.</b>		<b>Oystercatchers</b> <i>Annie</i>	<b>Eider Ducks</b> <i>Eloise</i>
<b>Turnstones</b> <i>Anna</i>	<b>Dunlins</b> <i>Livvy</i>	<b>Lapwings</b> <i>Rowan</i>	<b>Curlews</b> <i>Tommy</i>

### Early Years / KS1 Request

Our Early Years / KS1 Team are kindly requesting the return of any borrowed underwear and school uniform that has been sent home with children, following the need for change of clothes during the school day.

Our 'spares' stocks are running incredibly low as we don't always receive returned, washed items when they have been borrowed.







If your child has been sent home with borrowed items, we kindly request the return of these items wherever possible please, ensuring we have sufficient stock available.

Equally, if you have any underwear, socks or skirts / trousers that your child has grown out of (ages 4 – 7 ideally), we will gratefully receive them and use them as spares. Please donate to the office if this applies – thank you!

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## Governor Update

Our governing body is made up of dedicated volunteers who receive training to support the strategic leadership of the school. They work closely with the senior leadership team to help shape key decisions in areas such as:

-  Finance – ensuring budgets are well-managed and resources are used effectively
-  Buildings & Facilities – overseeing the maintenance and development of the school environment
-  Health & Safety – making sure our school remains a safe place for children and staff
-  Curriculum & Standards – supporting high-quality teaching and learning across all subjects
-  Behaviour & Wellbeing – helping to uphold a positive, inclusive school culture
-  Staffing – contributing to recruitment decisions and supporting staff development and wellbeing

Governors play a vital role in ensuring the school continues to thrive and meet the needs of all our pupils. If you'd like to know more or are interested in getting involved, we'd be happy to chat further.

### How Governors Support Our School

The headteacher and senior leaders regularly present updates and key information to the governing body, either at full governors' meetings or through focused sub-committees. These sessions allow governors to explore the details behind school plans and decisions.

Governors play an important role in providing constructive challenge and oversight. They ask thoughtful questions, offer guidance and help ensure that every decision is made with one clear priority: the education, wellbeing and best interests of our children.

This half term, governors have met to discuss standards, curriculum, effectiveness and finance, staffing and resources. The Governors have asked me to put in the newsletter the expectations about conduct and behaviour.

### Standards of Pupil Behaviour and Conduct – Information from Governors

 <b>Our School Expectations</b> <b>Be Ready</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are ready for our learning or activities e.g. playtime / lunchtime.</li><li>• We are regulated.</li><li>• We show a can do attitude.</li><li>• We are always ready to do our best.</li></ul>  	 <b>Our School Expectations</b> <b>Be Respectful</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We spread happiness and joy.</li><li>• We are kind and considerate.</li><li>• We have good manners.</li><li>• We treat everyone and everything with respect.</li><li>• We line up quietly and respectfully.</li></ul>  	 <b>Our School Expectations</b> <b>Be Safe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We show self control.</li><li>• We make good choices.</li><li>• We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.</li><li>• We use polite and kind words.</li><li>• We remain in the correct areas.</li></ul>  
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Governors have noted a small number of behaviour incidents across the school. While these involve only a few pupils, they can affect others' learning and wellbeing. We have clear expectations and systems in place to support a positive environment for all.

It's also important that staff are supported when reporting incidents. A few parents have challenged decisions in ways that undermine professional judgement, which can make consistency harder to maintain. Staff report honestly and would appreciate your support.

We're committed to working together. By reinforcing behaviour expectations at home and supporting school staff, we can ensure every child feels safe, respected and ready to learn.

### Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Please ensure you have completed the online consent (or non-consent) for the flu vaccinations for your child(ren) using the link below, following our email sent on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Thankyou

**Link:** [www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

**Our School Code:** BP119537

## Student Council - Our Pupil Voice

Our new School Council have had a super start to their important roles! They've already been busy sharing lots of great ideas about ways to make St Peter's even better for all our children. Here is one of them:

### **Birthday Non-Uniform Days!**

We are excited to introduce a new idea - Birthday Non-Uniform Days!

From now on, pupils and staff can celebrate their birthday by coming to school in non-uniform for the day.

If your birthday falls on a weekend or during the school holidays, don't worry! You can choose the closest school day to wear your non-uniform instead.

Taking part is completely optional. If you prefer, you can come to school in your usual uniform or simply wear a birthday badge to mark the occasion.

**It's a fun way to make birthdays extra special and to celebrate together as a school community!**



We recognise that some children may have had a birthday already during this academic year and we do not want them to miss out on this new approach. As such, we are happy for any child who has celebrated their birthday between 2<sup>nd</sup> September until today, to come to school in non-uniform on Monday next week (13<sup>th</sup> October), so that they can 'cash in' their birthday privilege!



## Celebration of Morecambe Bay

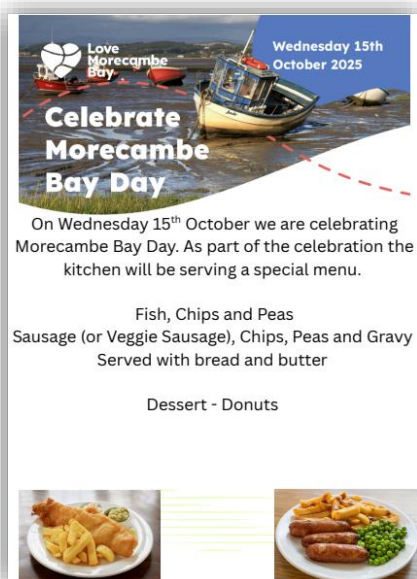
You may remember our wonderful involvement in Morecambe Bay Day last year on 15<sup>th</sup> October. This year, we're thrilled to continue the tradition with a range of exciting activities across the school, all designed to celebrate the heritage, nature and uniqueness of our beautiful bay.

Each class has something special planned:

- Some will be helping keep our school grounds tidy to support local wildlife.
- Others will head to the beach to lend a hand with a clean-up and learn about coastal care.
- Many will be exploring the area's rich history and natural beauty through art and history projects.

To support key services in our community - The Morecambe Bay Partnership - we're kindly asking for a small donation of £1 per child.

**And to top it all off, we'll be enjoying a special seaside-themed lunch:**



## Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	•
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 Trip to Blackburn: Please see letter and ensure ParentPay is complete</li> <li>• Y4 Swimming (AM): Please make sure swimming kits are in school</li> <li>• Y3 / 4 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morecambe Bay Day – change to lunch menu and £1 donation wherever possible. Please see above</li> <li>• KS2 Judo Club: Independently organised Pick Up 4:15</li> <li>• Reception Parents Phonics Workshop: 5pm - 6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1 Trip to Heysham Beach: Please see letter and ensure ParentPay is complete</li> <li>• Y2 Multisport Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm</li> <li>• Y4/5/6 Young Voices Group Practice: 3.15 - 4.15pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foodbank Collection Day – please only donate if you can – thank you!</li> <li>• Y6 Stop Frame Animation Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm. See email confirmation</li> </ul>

### Autumn Term 2025 – Key Dates

- October and December (dates below on our poster): School open evenings / mornings for prospective new Reception children - please contact the school office to book a place.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Deadline for Young Voices £5 deposit and consent to be paid for those signed up for this event.

**\*\*October Half Term – Closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November\*\***

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations. Please ensure you have completed consent (or non-consent) – see above details.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evenings (details to follow).
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (AM): Whole school trip to the Dukes Theatre (Lancaster) for our annual pantomime visit 'Snow Queen'. Please see letter / email for details and ensure all consent and payment is complete by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November where possible.

## COME VISIT OUR SCHOOL



### VISITS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 RECEPTION INTAKE

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 4PM - 6PM  
SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10AM - 12PM  
MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 4PM - 6PM

#### About Our School

Our school is rich in historical character and is underpinned by strong Christian values that ensure our children 'flourish together.' St Peter's is a small Church of England Primary School that has a strong community ethos and prides itself on high standards of education. Our curriculum is inclusive and sequenced from EYFS to Y6. This ensures every child progresses well and that they are prepared for high school and beyond.

All our staff will warmly welcome you into our school family.

#### Our Vision

Our vision is for our children to go out into the world with the skills and confidence to succeed and the love, compassion and advocacy to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Please call the office to book a school tour  
01524 852155  
[www.stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk)

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY



# APPLY NOW!

at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

### School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

#### CLOSING DATE 31 October 2025

[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk) >>>>

#### School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.





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