



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 11th October 2024



Headteachers Message

We are fast approaching the end of our first half term! School life is always busy and never stops. The children have been working hard in their new classes and are getting ready for a rest.

We have lots to look forward to as we move into the Autumn / Christmas events. We have put all our Christmas plans on the school calendar, so please take a moment to check the dates.

Next week we will be celebrating Morecambe Bay Day. It is 750 years since Morecambe Bay was first added onto a map. Therefore, on Wednesday 16th October the children can come to school in non-uniform. Different learning opportunities will be in place within the classrooms to celebrate this day and depending on the weather, we are aiming for all classes to be part of a local walk. At the beginning of the term, Y6 contributed to adapting a song about the birds from the bay and on Wednesday, Y5 will have the opportunity to write another verse. We will be learning this song together. We will also, as you know, enjoy a fish and chip (or jacket potato) lunch for those on school lunches as a nostalgic memory / tradition of the seaside in our beautiful coastal home!

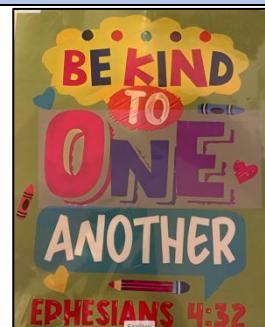
Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focused on:

Kindness – We have been thinking about how acts of kindness impact on the thoughts and feelings of others.

This week we have continued to reflect on what it means to be kind and how our acts of kindness make other people feel. Kindness is one of our Christian Characteristics that we focus on and develop within our children. We want them to be able to show kindness to others within the school, community and wider world.



House Captains 2024 - 2025

This week the children met in their house teams and some of our Y6 children put themselves forward to be the House Captains. The children listened to their speeches and then voted for their team captains. We are pleased to announce...

- Red Team** : Archie and Alice
- Green Team** : Stanley and Sienna
- Blue Team** : Blake and Emma
- Yellow Team** : Ruben and Harper



A huge well done to all those who put themselves forward. It is such a brave thing to do and you all did a wonderful job – we are proud of all those who prepared a speech and got up in front of their house to deliver their message. You are all superstars!

Stars of the Week



There is so much positivity in school and some wonderful work. We have some wonderful art work displayed around school. It is always hard to identify our Stars of the Week as we have a school full of wonderful hardworking children. However, we are pleased to announce...

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Class	For
Sanderlings - Daniel	Amazing number bond work in maths – well done!
Oystercatchers - Grayson	Excellent effort with your handwriting.
Eider Ducks - Charlotte	Being a caring, kind friend.
Turnstones - Isla	Being a kind and respectful friend and always being ready to do your work.
Dunlins - Joshua	Amazing Ancient Egyptian knowledge. You blow me away with your fantastic facts!
Lapwings - Oliver	Always being so lovely and caring towards everyone and always trying your best.
Curlews - Amelia	Being fantastic this week and engaged with your learning.

Penny Wars

Thank you to 'The Friends' for organising the fundraiser of Penny Wars.

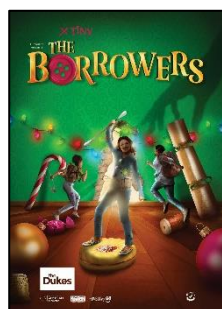
You should have received a flyer like this one in your child's book bag to explain what it is all about. Next week we will have the Penny Collection Bottles at the ready. We are excited for the class competition and staff are also keen to be taking part. Please remember to only give where you can.

If it does get really busy in the mornings we will look at other ways in ensuring your child(ren) can deposit their pennies.

Thank you as always for your continued support.



School Panto - Reminder



You will hopefully have received our whole school panto trip letter for our exciting visit to the Dukes Lancaster on Wednesday 4th December. If you have not yet returned the permission slip, we ask that you please do this ASAP as we have now reached the deadline for slips to be returned. Payment is required by Friday 1st November via ParentPay which we would be most grateful for at the earliest opportunity, to ensure we can pay the theatre in advance and secure our tickets.

We still require a couple more parent volunteers, so if you are available in the morning (until approx. 1pm) and are happy to join us, at a reduced parent ticket cost of £6.50, please contact the school office or add to your return slip if you have not yet sent it into school. Thank you very much 😊

ASDA Rewards

We still have 50 days remaining to earn additional funding through the ASDA rewards app.

We've hit **£365!** 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.

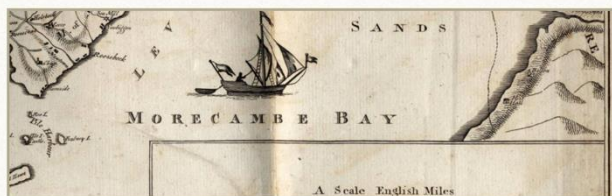
Parking Around School



We have been receiving a number of complaints about car parking around the school. We understand that parking is an issue, however we must keep the safety of children and adults a priority. Please be mindful about how and where you park.

Mr Kitchen has been out on School Road every morning monitoring the flow of traffic and promoting the safety of children arriving at school. We have opened the double gates to reduce congestion, however have noticed that parents are pulling up at the gates, dropping their children off and driving off. This is not safe and is causing issues for other road users. Please be respectful. The police did patrol frequently last year and had conversations with parents about parking. As a school we were informed that they would take parking matters seriously and they may return for further monitoring soon.

Morecambe Bay Day – Wednesday 16th October



Morecambe Bay did not exist before 1774 – that's when Fr Thomas West first gave the Bay its name.

****The first map showing the name 'Morecambe Bay' appeared in The Antiquities of Furness by Thomas West, 1774.***

On Wednesday 16th October, there is a celebration of Morecambe Bay! Many schools in our area will be out and about carrying out different activities within the community and St Peter's will certainly be joining the celebrations!

As mentioned above, children can come to school in non uniform, which we ask to be appropriate clothing that is suitable for a walk / on the beach. Some classes may request buckets and spades too to build some sandcastles so it may be a good idea to be prepared and 'dig out' those items ahead of Wednesday...

We do use a lot of the nature areas as part of our curriculum and learning, therefore we feel that a small voluntary donation of up to £1 on the day would go to be shared equally between local charity Morecambe Bay Partnership, which runs projects caring for nature, heritage and our communities, and Bay Search & Rescue who are dedicated to keeping people safe around our coast.



In line with the day, Sarah (our lovely school cook) has kindly agreed to put on Fish and Chips or (Jacket Potato) as a menu change for the day. We will play seaside songs over lunchtime in the hall.

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>

Parent Wellbeing Walk - POSTPONED

Thank you to the parents who have booked onto our Wellbeing Walk with Mrs Rigby. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are postponing the parent well being walk until after half term. We will provide an update with an alternative date as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

Weekly Food Bank Collections

The foodbank are kindly collecting all of our school donations on Monday 14th October. Therefore, we kindly ask that if you wish to donate, that you do so by Monday morning next week, as we would rather not leave food in school over the half term break.

Our next set of donations will take place after half term, which we will add to the newsletter soon.

Autumn 2 Clubs

Thank you to those who have expressed interest so far in Spanish (Y4,5 & 6), Dance (Y5) and Ball Games (Y3) clubs in Autumn 2 Term. We will be in contact after Monday 14th October when all slips are in.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thankyou!

We have had a final count up of all monetary donations from the Macmillan Coffee Morning that we held in school at the end of September, and are delighted to share that our final figure raised is a huge **£812.50!** This is absolutely incredible and we are so grateful to all those families who provided delicious cakes and bakes and to those who attended the event itself. Thank you once again ❤️

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 14th October 2024

Monday 14th October	*Foodbank donations being collected-all final donations in before registration - thankyou*
Tuesday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Tour 9 @ 9.15am - bookings are being taken at the school office Y4 Swimming - please make sure swimming kits are in school at drop off Y4 Dance Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation Y5/6 Girls Football tournament @ BLA – please see letter for details
Wednesday 16th October	<p>*Morecambe Bay Day – Non Uniform Day*</p> <p>*Change to school lunch menu – fish & chips (or jacket potato)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Tour 10 @ 1.30pm - bookings are being taken at the school office KS2 JAM Club @ 3.15pm - please collect a JAM Club form from the office if your child wishes to join this club
Thursday 17th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Multi skills Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation Y5/6 Football Danone Cup Qualifier Tournament @ L&M College – please see letter for details
Friday 18th October	*Final date for Bonfire Night Pre-Orders – please submit before 12 noon*

Reminder of Key Dates for Autumn Term / Academic Year 2024-2025 so far

- Wednesday 16th October – Morecambe Bay Day – Non Uniform Day**
See above for information – further details per class will be supplied if they plan to do anything specific. £1 voluntary donation to local bay charities will be appreciated.
- Monday 21st - Friday 25th October – October Half Term (School Closed)**
- Monday 28th October - Y6 Trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque**
Please see letter sent home and via email, ensuring ParentPay is completed by Friday 11th October.
- Wednesday 30th October - Y5 Trip to Heysham Nature Reserve**
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- Tuesday 5th November - Bonfire Night Themed Lunch**
Please ensure all pre-orders for this meal are submitted online via the order form before lunchtime on Friday 18th October.
- Monday 11th November - Y6 Leading Remembrance Worship @ 9am**
Y6 will be hosting the Remembrance Service for worship in the hall after registration on this day. 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.
- 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.
- 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

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