



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing together

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

Friday 12th December



Headteacher Welcome

Good afternoon,

We're nearly there - just one more week to go! Next week's newsletter will be a short one, focusing on key information for returning to school on **6th January 2026**.



This week, we want to give a huge round of applause to our **Year 1 & 2 children**, who delivered a fantastic nativity performance, "*Lights, Camel, Action!*" They were brave, sang beautifully and learned their lines like true superstars. A big thank you to **The Friends** for their help with setting up the hall, providing drinks and running the raffle - it is greatly appreciated!

Looking ahead, **Year 6** will lead their Christmas Service in St Peter's church and **Years 3, 4 & 5** will present their *Carols by Candlelight* event in the playground (weather permitting) – please see below for details. Year 3 will also lead **Christingle Worship** on Tuesday morning. As always, this time of year is extremely busy and we truly appreciate all the support that makes these events possible. Please take note of the times stated on the Christmas calendar below.

There's a lot happening next week, so please keep these in mind:

- **Wednesday:** Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch
- **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:** Classes will enjoy party games and treats provided by the Friends.
- **Thursday:** This will be the last day for Christmas Post. Thank you for using this service and thank you to our Y5 postal distribution team for providing it.
- **Friday:** Toy Day – please only bring toys that can be shared. No electronics or items with lots of small parts.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers from Wednesday – Friday if they wish and if they have one! Normal school jumpers may be worn instead of course! Please do not feel the need to buy multiple jumpers for this occasion – the same one will be absolutely fine.

As we enter the final week, we know everyone is tired and many children and staff have been unwell. Please take time to rest this weekend and ensure the 48hr clearance timeframe is followed if applicable.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Worship




Our Collective Worship Theme was Advent Peace



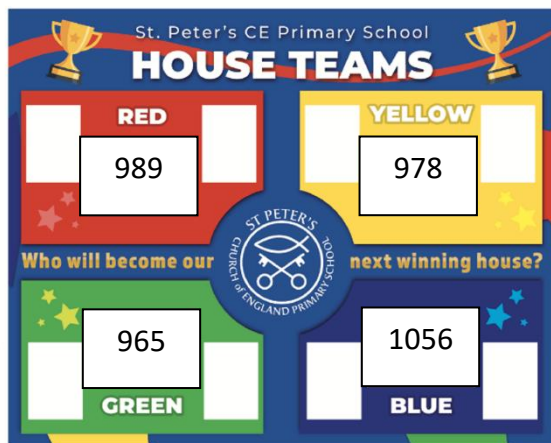
This week in worship, we focused on Advent Week 2 – Peace. We explored what peace means and how we can show peace or bring peace to others. We were so impressed by the thoughtful comments and contributions from children across all ages. We also reminded the children that one way to share peace is by giving mums, dads, and adults at home a little calm during this busy time of year!

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Our Credit Stars

	<p>Skylarks: Olivia B Oystercatchers: Teddy U Eider Ducks: Flynn Turnstones: There were lots of children with the same amounts so 2 Gold Awards were given for the top two amounts of credits! Dunlins: Charlie I Lapwings: Libby Curlews: Willow</p>
	<p>Skylarks: Jesse Oystercatchers: Ted S and Jasper Eider Ducks: Ivan Turnstones: Sophia A Dunlins: Joseph H, Kiki Lapwings: Mollie P Curlews: Theo C</p>
	<p>Skylarks: Arthur B Oystercatchers: Olivia G and Benny Eider Ducks: Alice E Turnstones: Lexie and Bobby Dunlins: Lottie Lapwings: Ellia Curlews: Bella</p>

House Points



Over the past half term, the children have been working hard to earn credits for their house teams. We are delighted to announce that the **Blue Team** has achieved the highest number of credits! As a reward, they will enjoy a non-uniform day on **Friday 19th December**.

Congratulations to the Blue Team – well done!

Lost Property

This week, we had a big sort-out of lost property. Anything that was named has been returned to the children and all unlabelled items have been donated. As we head into the final week, please make sure any remaining lost property is clearly labelled and collected before we finish for Christmas.

Governor Update

Our Governing Body plays a vital role in the strategic development of the school, working alongside the Headteacher to drive improvements and implement policies and procedures. This is a voluntary role and we are extremely grateful for the time and commitment our Governors give.

The Governing Body operates through different committees, covering areas such as finance, staffing, buildings, health and safety, standards, assessments, curriculum, Christian distinctiveness and much more.

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Patrick Wilson** to the Governing Body. Mr Wilson has kindly shared some information about himself in this newsletter.

We also have a vacancy for a **Foundation Governor**. This is not a parent governor role, but if you know someone who would be interested in supporting the school's development, please ask them to contact us via bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk.

New Governor Introduction

I am delighted to be joining the Governing Body at St Peter's C of E School in my role as a Parent Governor.

I have worked in education since 2009 when I joined Morecambe Community High School as Teacher of PE. In 2018 I moved to Ripley St Thomas Academy in Lancaster where I am now Acting Deputy Headteacher.

As a family we live in the community in Heysham village and we have two boys – our eldest being in the Oystercatchers Year 1 cohort.

It is an honour to be able to fulfil such an important role and join the governing body.

Mr Patrick Wilson

Website

Our school website is getting a fresh new look! You may have already noticed the updated design and new images being added by our website provider. Over the next week and into January, Mrs Dodd and Miss Walker will be reviewing every page to ensure it is fully updated and provides parents with all the key information they need.

This is a substantial task, so please bear with us as we work through it. You may see notices such as *"Coming Soon"* while updates are in progress. If there's something you need and can't find, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Y3, 4 & 5 Carols By Candlelight

For children who are in the classes stated above, we will require them to arrive at 5.15pm in the Mitchell Building to be registered. Once you have dropped your child(ren) off, you are welcome to make your way to the school hall and purchase refreshments ahead of the carols starting prompt at 5.30pm. The 'Friends' will be selling hot chocolate and mulled wine, with both cash and card payments accepted.

As with previous years, we encourage children in these classes to wear a Christmas jumper and come prepared with a warm coat etc. If the weather changes and we expect rain, we will hold the event inside the hall, however we will then need to limit the number of family members per child in Y3, 4 and 5 to a maximum of 2 (and would be standing space only).

We will aim to vacate the site by 6.15pm and if you are planning to leave earlier than this with your child, please inform their class teacher so that they can account for their departure.

All being well, we will have a lovely evening outdoors and we welcome all members of the St Peter's family to enjoy the event! If the weather dictates changes to this plan, we will communicate accordingly on the day.

We kindly ask that if you are bringing younger children that you always keep them under your supervision and that they are not disturbing the performance.

Menu Changes Next Week

Please remember that Wednesday 17th December is our Christmas Lunch Day.

No other options will be available on this day and no pre-order is required. There is a copy of the menu here and on the notice board outside.

We also have a menu change on Thursday 18th December:

Red choice will be Sausage Bun (Pork or Veggie) instead of Burger

Green choice will remain as Macaroni Cheese

Blue choice will remain as Jacket Potato



Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 15 th December 2025	
Monday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Professor Tuesday Visit in School: Please see email and ParentPay. • Y6 Carol Service at St Peter's Church: Arrival @ 5.50pm to start at 6pm. See email for details.
Tuesday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Christingle Service: 9am. A maximum of 2 spaces per Y3 child is available. No booking required. Refreshments may be provided. • Y4 Swimming (AM): Kits in school please. • No Y5&6 Dance Club – finished for the term. • Y6 Acro-Gymnastics Competition: BLA @ 3.45pm. Please see letter for details.
Wednesday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Dinner Day! • Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight: 5.30pm. See details above.
Thursday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Christmas jumper. • Menu Change: See above. • No Young Voices. • No Y3 Ball Games – finished for the term.
Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Christmas jumper. • Last Day in School – Toy Day.
SCHOOL REOPENS - TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2026	

December Key Dates 2025

We have supplied as much information as we know so far to enable time off work to be booked, but will continue to add detail and tweak this information when we have more information to share.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3 EYFS Nativity @ 9.30am	4 Whole School Panto AM Please ensure you have completed consent and payment via ParentPay	5
8	9	10 KS1 Nativity @ 2pm	11 KS1 Nativity @ 2pm	12
15 Y6 Carol Service @ Church 6-6.45pm Children to arrive at 5.50pm in full school uniform please	16 Y3 Christingle Service @ 9am No booking required. Max. 2 spaces per child	17 Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 5.30pm	18	19 Last Day of Term in School
22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break
29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Christmas Break

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**SAT 27
DEC 2025**

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4K FESTIVE FUN RUN

Scan Here

START 11AM

Lancaster & Morecambe AC is organising its popular Christmas 4k Festive Fun Run from Salt Ayre Leisure Centre (LA15 5JS). Entry Fee £7 before Day £10 on the day

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AGE 5-12

22ND & 23RD DECEMBER 2025

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**22ND DECEMBER:
GLOW IN THE
DARK SNOWBALL
FIGHT**

**23RD DECEMBER:
CHRISTMAS GAMES DAY**

BEST CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION
RUDOLPH DODGEBALL
SANTAS VS THE GRINCH
SANTA'S SLEIGH
SNOWBALL RUN
SANTA'S SACK RELAY
FESTIVE FRODO

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FEELING OVERWHELMED, ISOLATED, OR JUST IN NEED OF A CHAT WITH PEOPLE WHO GET IT? YOU'RE NOT ALONE

WHY NOT JOIN US ON OUR WEEKLY VIRTUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP

SELF LOVE CLUB

BE GENTLE WITH YOURSELF

WHETHER YOU'RE NAVIGATING YOUR OWN MENTAL HEALTH OR SUPPORTING A CHILD, PARTNER, OR LOVED ONE. THIS GROUP IS FOR ALL.

OUR SUPPORT GROUP IS A WARM, WELCOMING SPACE WHERE YOU CAN CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO TRULY UNDERSTAND.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10:30-11:30AM
PLEASE CALL 01524 581280 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINK

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Centre	Time	Date
Westgate	9:30-11:30	12/1/2026
Lune Park	9:30- 11:30	15/1/2026
Westgate	9:30- 11:30	20/4/2026
Lune Park	9:30- 11:30	23/4/2026
Westgate	9:30-11:30	14/9/2026
Lune Park	9:30-11:30	17/9/2026

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Play-based Contemporary Dance Classes for Children
at The Storey, Lancaster LA1 1TH
(Tuesdays Term-time Only)

2 - 4 years | 4 - 4.35pm
5 - 9 years | 4.45-5.30pm
10 - 14 years | 5.30pm - 7pm

Cost £5 - £7 p/week
Savings for Block Booking and Sibling Discounts
Email info@ludusdance.org for a booking form

Winter Term Dates:
13th January - 31st March
Excluding 17th February

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