



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing together

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

Friday 12th September



Headteacher

Good afternoon,

We are delighted to share how well our Reception children have settled into school life. They are embracing their new routines and thriving within their classrooms. Across the school, children are working hard and adapting brilliantly to their new classes and year group curriculums.



A big thank you to all the parents who attended our recent 'Meet the Teacher' event this week – it was wonderful to see you and we truly value your continued support. The presentation from the evening will be uploaded to our website in the coming days for those who were unable to attend.

We are working on the school website to make sure it is updated regularly to provide the information you need on class pages.

Looking ahead, we are currently updating our school website and will have a photographer in school on **Monday 22nd September**. As a reminder, parents have the option to either opt in or opt out of images of their child being used. This is to be done on the up to date 'Visits, Image and Data Consent' forms that were sent at the end of summer term. If you wish to change your current preference, please inform the school office as soon as possible and we will ask you to update the form accordingly.

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope the rain holds off!

Mrs Dodd and the Team at St Peter's

Our Christian Worship

Whole School Focus: Our current focus across school is Self-Control and having the power and strength to make positive choices.

This week in whole-school worship, we explored the important theme of **self-control**. The children shared some wonderful examples of how we can all "pause before we act," taking time to stop and think before making choices. They reflected thoughtfully on how showing self-control helps us to consider others and contributes to a safe, respectful school community. We were so proud of the children for their mature and insightful contributions.

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."



*Believe
in
Yourself*

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and it was wonderful to welcome him back into school. He brought his trademark high-energy song and once again shared inspiring examples of people who have overcome challenges and proved others wrong. Together we learned about **Gertrude Ederle**, the first woman to swim the English Channel. Despite being told she would never achieve her goal, she never gave up! This is exactly the message we want to instil in our children - to be determined, believe in themselves and keep going even when they must try, try and try again.

LOST Property – Challenges

Our **Lost Property Box** is already overflowing after just 11 days back in school!



Please take a moment to check it and reclaim any items that belong to your child – there are some expensive coats and other belongings waiting to be collected.

To help us return items more easily in the future, please ensure all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled.

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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...

<i>Once EYFS are established then they will have their star of the week nominations.</i>		Oystercatchers <i>Teddy U</i>	Eider Ducks <i>Alice E</i>
Turnstones <i>Hugo B</i>	Dunlins <i>Harper Rose</i>	Lapwings <i>Rowan W</i>	Curlews <i>Cameron</i>

Online Safety Tip of the week

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Talk to your child about **keeping personal information private** online. Remind them never to share their full name, address, school name, or photos with people they don't know in real life. Encourage them to come to you if they see or hear anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Birds of the Bay Project

Each year, as part of their learning, our children get to know the "Birds of the Bay" linked to their classes – such as Skylark, Sanderling, Oystercatcher, Eider Duck, Turnstone, Dunlin, Lapwing and Curlew. They produce beautiful artwork and create their own class bird.

Mrs Daly has been working with the Leeds-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership and in particular, Brian, our Community Rail Partnership Officer on a project for our adopted station at Heysham Port. This project is designed to help care for the station, which includes creating artwork, maintaining flower beds, weeding, litter picking, and, over time, taking on additional projects to improve the station.

Brian (along with his colleague Gerald) has worked with a local artist Alastair who has digitally transformed our children's artwork into stunning pieces of art of 'birds of the bay over sunset' for the port. These were unveiled this week at school and taken to the station for installation – and we were amazed! It is truly magical and a very proud moment for our school.

We are extremely grateful to Brian, Gerald and Alastair, for helping to make this happen. Please do visit Heysham Port Station to see the display. We will also be installing our own version in the school entrance.

This is a wonderful partnership that we look forward to developing further, opening even more opportunities for our children.

Keeping Information Up to Date

If your contact details have changed over the summer, such as your address, phone number, or emergency contacts – please let the school office know or email us as soon as possible. It's essential that we have **at least two emergency contact numbers** in line with our safeguarding procedures.

If there has been a change in circumstances that may affect your child, for example, a separation, bereavement, house move, or other significant family changes – please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the class team. All information will be treated confidentially. Sharing these updates helps us to monitor and support your child's emotional wellbeing effectively.

This also applies to the 'Going Home Arrangements' form and the 'Visits, Image and Data Consent' forms which have been updated and require completion and return to the school office ASAP if this has not already been done for your child(ren).

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 26th September 2025



Families at St Peter's may be aware that we host a Macmillan Coffee Morning each year and this year we look forward to doing it again! You are awelcome to come, enjoy and contribute towards this amazing cause.

The morning will run from 9am until 11.40am and you can call in at any time in the morning, however each class will have their own time slot of 20 minutes, so you may wish to time your visit to coincide with your child's class.

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We would be very grateful for donations of cakes / biscuits / buns to be made towards our coffee morning, which can be delivered on Thursday 25th September (PM) or Friday 26th September (in the morning before 8.45am). There will also be a box for monetary donations. Please see the schedule below for when each class will be in the hall to enjoy this wonderful event:

9am – 9.20am	Skylarks 1
9.20am – 9.40am	Skylarks 2
9.40am – 10am	Turnstones
10am – 10.20am	Oystercatchers
10.20am – 10.40am	Curlews
10.40am – 11am	Eider Ducks
11am – 11.20am	Dunlins
11.20am – 11.40am	Lapwings

Thank you in advance for supporting this fantastic cause!

Attendance and Punctuality

If in a school year your child is late everyday by	Your child will have lost...	If your child's attendance is only...	They have missed	The same as ...missed education
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	95%	50 lessons	9 days
10 minutes	7 days from school	90%	100 lessons	19 days
15 minutes	10 days from school	85%	150 lessons	29 days
20 minutes	14 days from school	80%	200 lessons	38 days
30 minutes	25 days from school	75%	250 lessons	48 days

At our recent "Meet the Parent" sessions, we stressed the importance of good attendance and punctuality. We want every child to reach their full potential and being in school, **on time**, every day is vital to this.

When children miss lessons, they miss crucial learning. Each lesson builds on the one before, so frequent absences or lateness create "gaps" in knowledge, making it harder for children to keep up.

We expect all pupils to maintain attendance of at least **96%** and to arrive promptly at the start of the school day. While our overall attendance is good, we are currently one of the schools in the Lancaster District with the highest number of minutes missed through late arrivals.

From this term, we will:

- Follow up with families where children are frequently late.
- Continue to promote punctuality and reward good attendance.

Please also remember that **holidays during term time cannot be approved**. Absence days and late minutes are cumulative and if they reach a trigger point, parents may face a penalty notice. This is now £160 per parent for each child.

Food Bank Donations



Thank you so much to all those who have donated this week to the **Morecambe Bay Foodbank**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

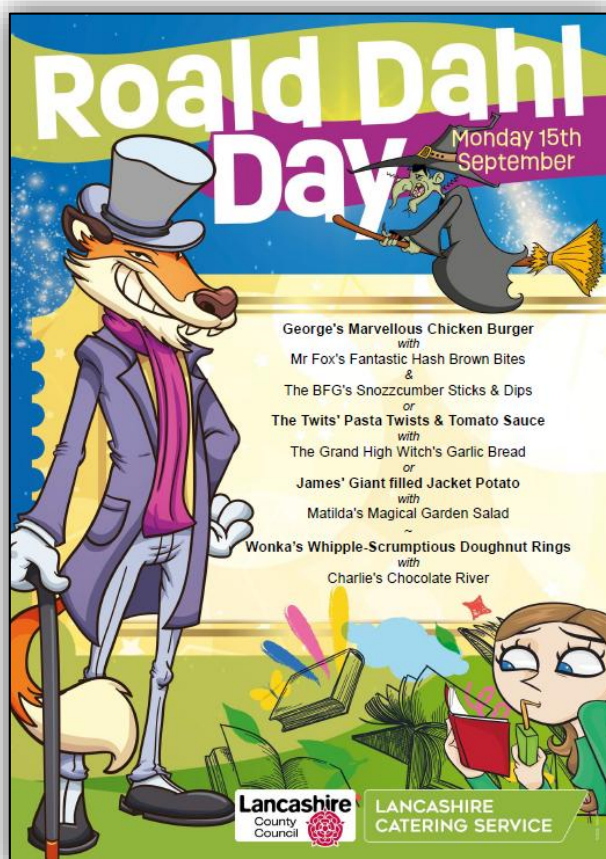
We will continue to collect regularly. If you are able to contribute, please consider bringing in; Tinned food (e.g. soup, beans, vegetables), Dry goods (e.g. pasta, rice), Baby wipes and toiletries. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference. Please only give if you can. Let's work together to build up supplies for local families in the run-up to Christmas.

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Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 15 th September 2025	
Monday 15th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roald Dahl Day Menu change – please see poster below / noticeboard for options Reception children in school full time
Tuesday 16th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Swimming (AM): Please make sure swimming kits are in school Time and Tide Bell Project: See email communication. <i>Please note, this is for Y5 only at this stage</i> Y3 / 4 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. Please see emails for confirmation of spaces and further details
Wednesday 17th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Judo Club: Independently organised. Please see communication from the provider re: details if you have signed up to this for your child
Thursday 18th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Multisports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. Please see emails for confirmation of spaces and further details Y4,5,6 Young Voices Taster Session: 3.15 – 4.15pm. Consent letter must have been returned to school before children can participate
Friday 19th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Stop Frame Animation Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm. See email confirmation
Reminder of Key Dates for the Next Half Term – I will be updating the calendar for the year and will make sure dates are put on the online calendar.	

Autumn Term 2025 – Key Dates

- Y4 - Y6 Young Voices Group: Letters have been given to children interested. Please ensure these are returned ASAP prior to the first taster session on Thursday 18th September
- St Peter's Heysham Car Boot Sale! Please contact the school office to book a table – see poster on the noticeboard
- Friday 26th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning (details above)
- Thursday 9th October: Fishy Music Workshop in School
- **School Closes for Half Term from Thursday 23rd October – Monday 3rd November****
- Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November – Parents Evenings (details to follow)
- Thursday 4th December (AM): Whole school trip to the Dukes Theatre (Lancaster) for our annual pantomime visit 'Snow Queen'. Information will be sent home shortly (including a request for Parent Volunteers)



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COME VISIT OUR SCHOOL



VISITS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 RECEPTION INTAKE

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 4PM - 6PM
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 10AM - 12PM
MONDAY 1ST 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

SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!

at 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.

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



CLOSING DATE
31 October 2025

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County Council



Coffee Morning



TEA & COFFEE - CAKES - RAFFLE

Friday 19 September 2025

10:00am - 3:00pm

Heysham Cricket Club
Carr Lane, Heysham, LA3 2RL

In support of
St John's Hospice

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE



SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!

 **GATES OPEN AT 8:00 AM FOR SELLERS**
OPEN TO BROWSERS FROM 9:00 AM
LOCATION: ST PETER'S SCHOOL FIELD
 **TABLES PROVIDED**

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, CANCELLATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE.

£10 PER TABLE PAY ON ENTRY

PLEASE BOOK BY CONTACTING SUZIE WALKER
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