



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 13th September



Welcome Back to School

The school term is now in full flow! This week our Reception children have built up their time in school and from today are full time! We are really impressed with how they have settled and are responding to school life.

Thank you to all the parents that managed to come to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and attend the presentation in the school hall. I will be updating the presentation with notes so that it can be accessed by parents who couldn't attend. Linking in with what was covered on the evening, this week we have sent home the new 'Home School Agreement' forms. Please take 5 minutes to read through, sign and return to school as soon as possible. We are always keen to work together to support and secure the best outcomes for your child(ren).

We have also been busy with planning dates in the school diary up to Christmas. These will be available on our school calendar but as always, we will add the key upcoming dates to the bottom of each newsletter, so please check weekly for any items which have been added as the school year becomes very busy very quickly.

At the bottom of the newsletter there are some flyers of upcoming community events, which includes a Summer Garden Party being held at the Rectory (or St James' Hall, dependent on the weather). There is also a flyer about the Harvest Appeal - please donate where you can. We will also be carrying out Harvest Festival activities in school.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

KINDNESS,
LOVE,
Self-control **JOY,**
FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS,
GOODNESS,
PEACE,
PATIENCE,

This week we have focussed on:

Why is it important to have rules?

We had some great work from some children in Y6 this week who delivered a short role play to the rest of the school on the importance of school rules. During class worships, the children considered the rules and discussed how they link to ensuring that we are rule abiding citizens who display our Christian Characteristics.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and led his school worship on new beginnings as we start the new school year.

ASDA Reward CashPot for Schools

Parentkind (the charity that supports school PTAs) have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

We will be putting the poster up on the noticeboard with a QR to scan and get started...thankyou!

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Stars of the Week



Children are continuing to settle well into the school year, with so many new opportunities and challenges to overcome.

Class	For
Sanderlings - Libby	Showing self control by waiting her turn to speak.
Oystercatchers - Jack D	Making a really concerted effort to read his books much more often at home.
Eider Ducks - Sophie A	Going above and beyond in all of her work! Well Done!
Turnstones - Jack R	Being a superstar! You are hardworking and always ready for learning.
Dunlins - Ruben E	Being respectful in class. You are always ready for your learning and take pride in what you do.
Lapwings - Theo C	Being the most hardworking, conscientious and kind person who is always doing the right thing.
Curlews - Martyna	Being considerate and hardworking. You are a wonderful member of the class.

Y6 Secondary School Admissions and Faith Interviews

The application process for secondary school places (September 2025) is currently open. If you are intending to apply for Ripley Church of England Primary school, you need to download the Ripley Supplementary Information Form from their website.

<https://ripleysthomas.com/app/uploads/2024/05/ADMISSIONS-POLICY-and-Supplementary-Form-2025-26-September-2025-intake-1.pdf>

Message from Reverend Mark and Irene Charlton (Church Warden)

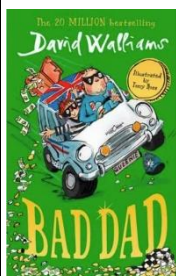
Reverend Mark would like to use Monday 14th October and Wednesday 16th October from 4pm to 7.30pm to hold faith interviews. There will be 15 minute slots for each family. Irene will then be able to hand deliver the completed and signed applications to Ripley St Thomas before the 31st October deadline.

Please can Y6 families email heyshampia@gmail.com to arrange a time, if this is something they are intending to take part in.

Please bring your child(ren) to the meeting so that they can be part of the discussions and plans for their high school placements.

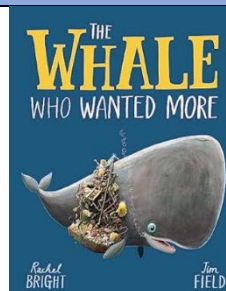
WE LOVE READING!

Reading and the development of language is so important. This year we are trialling a new English Scheme of Learning across the school called 'Literacy Tree'. The units of learning provide a wide range of books for the children to engage with. We are also continuing to have 'Book Club' every Thursday morning where we show our love of reading. Each class explore different books and have the time to develop their preferences.



As we discussed at the meet the parent sessions. It is so important that parents / carers continue to read with their child(ren) regularly at home. We know that it improves language, talk and academic outcomes! Here are some of this week's recommended reads...

- Bad Dad by David Walliams
- The Whale Who Wanted More by Rachel Bright
- Albert Johnson and the Buns of Steel by Phil Earle



If your child is not already a member of the library. Please visit, sign them up and encourage their love for reading.

Y3 Snack

As our new Y3 class no longer have access to the universal KS1 fruit and veg, which is made available at breaktimes, we suggest that you provide your child with a **healthy** snack for morning break. This is typically in the form of a piece of fruit or veg, to keep them going until lunchtime. Thankyou

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Lunches



As you are aware, our school kitchen provides a range of nutritious and healthy meals at lunchtime. These are guided by Lancashire County Council, however we recently updated the current menu with in-school preferences based on what we know our children enjoy. Please remember that if your child is in EYFS/KS1, they are entitled to a free school meal until they reach KS2 (Year 3 onwards). As the cold weather becomes more frequent, please consider this option for your child as the menu will change within the next few weeks and this will be sent home.

We also would like to remind you that we have forms in the school office for those who may wish to apply for free school meals, based on household income. These can be collected directly or sent home in an envelope with your child upon request.

If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch, we would like to remind all parents of the importance of a healthy, nutritious lunchbox as this can make a valuable contribution to your child's diet and future health. We are aware that some children are 'fussy' eaters and have restricted diets. It is, however, still important to include a balanced variety of foods so that your child can get all the nutrients they need and that they are able to focus on their learning. We also need to encourage children to try new things and develop healthy lifestyles.

High sugar packed lunches which include; cake, biscuits, jam sandwiches, chocolate spread sandwiches, chocolate bars and sweets provide no nutrients and impact on pupil behaviour. As a healthy school, we are monitoring children's packed lunches and will speak to parents when needed to make sure their child has a lunch which is balanced. We strongly advise that only one small sweet treat is added to the packed lunch per day, for example, 1x small biscuit or 1x mini muffin / cake in addition to a sandwich and fruit.

Further information can be found at: [https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-06/Are You Packing A Healthy Lunch A5 Leaflet%20ENGLISH.pdf](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-06/Are%20You%20Packing%20A%20Healthy%20Lunch%20A5%20Leaflet%20ENGLISH.pdf) or at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

For the benefit of our new Reception parents – please ensure that all lunchboxes include a drink which can be either water or healthy fruit juice – no fizzy drinks please. This is in addition to their water bottle which is to be sent into school each day. We would also like to remind you that grapes sent to school in lunchboxes need to be cut into half (or quarters) lengthways to avoid choking hazards please.

Food Bank Friday



This year we will continue to be linking with our churches, St Peter's and St James' who make regular donations to Morecambe Bay Foodbank. We ask where possible and only if you are able to, to make a contribution to Morecambe Bay Food Bank. We will be doing a weekly collection from different classes.

On Friday 20th September, we kindly ask if any parents / carers of **Y1 (Sanderling's)** class could make a donation.

Date	Class
Fri 20 th September	Sanderlings (Y1)
Fri 27 th September	Lapwings (Y5)
Fri 4 th October	Harvest – any donations from all classes welcome
Fri 11 th October	Oystercatchers (Y1/2)
Fri 18 th October	Dunlins (Y4)
Half Term	

Urgently needed food items:

Tinned fish, Biscuits, Tinned Ravioli, Tinned Meat, Tinned Sausage+Beans, Tinned Spaghetti Bolognese, Tinned Macaroni, Tinned Curry, Chocolate, Sweets

School Council

It is the time of year where we start to receive applications for our new School Council for this academic year. We have sent home letters with application forms to those who have registered their interest to apply and have copies in the school office for those who have had a think and a chat with parents over the weekend and decided that they too, would like to apply.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 16 th September 2024	
Monday 16th September	*All Y4 Heysham Power Station reply slips due in*
Tuesday 17th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Swimming - please make sure swimming kits are in school at drop off • School Tour 1 @ 9.15am – bookings are being taken at the school office • Y4 Dance Club @ 3.15pm – see email confirmation
Wednesday 18th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Tour 2 @ 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 19th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 Multiskills Club @ 3.15pm – see email confirmation
Friday 20th September	*All 'Hello Autumn' pre-orders are due to be submitted online today*

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

I will be updating the calendar for the year and will ensure dates are added to the online calendar, which is accessible via our school website. In the meantime, please see below some dates we would like to share so you have the earliest opportunity to update your diaries at home:

- **Tuesday 17th September Onwards - School Tours for Reception 2025 New Starters**
Please see the school calendar for all tour dates and times up to Christmas.
- **Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning**
This takes place annually in our school hall, with classes having allocated slots for parents / carers to join them for this wonderful fundraising event. We will provide further updates as soon as we have more information, but as a 'heads up', we will be grateful for donations of delicious homemade or shop-bought cakes, biscuits, traybakes etc much closer to the time.
- **Tuesday 1st October - Y4 Trip to Heysham Power Station**
Please see letter home, slips to be returned by Monday 20th September please.
- **Wednesday 2nd October – Reception Parents Phonics Workshop**
This workshop will run from 5pm – 6pm in Skylarks classroom – more information to be provided
- **Thursday 3rd October – 'Hello Autumn' Themed Lunch**
Please check your email for the link to pre-order your child's meal on this day, should they wish to have it.
- **Monday 7th October - Individual and In-school Sibling Photographs**
On this day, Tempest come into school and take photographs of each child in each class. They also take photographs of any sibling pairs / groups, which are then made available afterwards for purchase.
- **Wednesday 9th October - Whole School Flu Vaccinations**
On this day, we will be visited by the school nurse team who will administer the annual nasal flu vaccinations to all those who have had parental consent. Please check your emails for the online links to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination, as they will not receive this unless the school nurse team have permission to administer this to your child(ren).
- **Monday 21st - Friday 25th October – October Half Term (School Closed)**
- **Wednesday 4th December (AM) - Whole School Panto 'The Borrowers' at the Dukes Theatre**
Letters will be going home next week, which will contain a request for parent volunteers for the morning of 4th December if they are available. Parent volunteers are offered a panto ticket at a reduced price, which includes a tea or coffee during the interval. Please check book bags next week for these letters and return the slips at the earliest opportunity if you wish to be a parent volunteer and we would be very grateful.
- **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.

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We are having a Garden Party

The Rectory, Saturday 14th September 2-5pm



Saturday 14th September between 2pm and 5pm at the Rectory in Heysham, there will be a barbecue, harvest crafts for the kids and a chance to get to catch up with friends and maybe make some new ones. Please do come along.

Hello Autumn
3rd October

Toad-in-the-Hole
(Vegetarian option available)
with
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Peas & Gravy
or
Cheese Pasty
with
Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans
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Strawberry Mousse

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INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
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- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan 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'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



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NAZARENE YOUTH CLUB

WHEN? EVERY MONDAY
TIME? 6PM TILL 7PM
AGES? PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE
PRICE? COMPLETELY FREE
WHERE? HEYSHAM CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, KNOWLYS ROAD (NEAR STRAWBERRY GARDENS)

ALLSORTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES & MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Note: No need to pre book just sign up on the night, also parents please feel free to stay or leave during the youth club



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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.

HAVE
YOUR SAY

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'.

lancashire.gov.uk



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HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP

Morecambe Bay Foodbank

We are seeing an ever-increasing need – but a reduction in vital donations. By donating this Harvest, you can support local people facing hardship.

- Donate food – in store (see our website for a location near you, or as part of your online grocery shop)
- Donate money – via our online giving platform
- Share our appeal – with friends, family and colleagues.

For more information, please visit
<https://morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk>

TOP FIVE ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

Ravioli & Macaroni Cheese
Biscuits
Cereal
Chicken & Steak tinned meals
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste



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