



### Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

We hope everyone has had a wonderful week and is enjoying the lighter evenings and milder weather. This week we welcomed Shaun and John from 'Moments of Inspiration' to school to deliver **"disability awareness sessions"** through a fun wheel chair basketball session! It was amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



#### Thank you

A huge thank you to 'The Friends' who have put on a wonderful Movie Night for the children across the school. All of the support is really appreciated and we are extremely grateful for your continued support with funding additional developments.

#### Updating Contact Details and Family Circumstances

We just wanted to remind you how important it is to keep us updated with any changes to your contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses, or home addresses. Family circumstances do change and it is important that we have the correct information for safety and safeguarding reasons. This helps us stay in touch if we need to get hold of you quickly.

If there are any changes to your family's circumstances, including employment, relationship changes, emergency contacts or medical information, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make sure your child gets the best care and support.

You can update your details by contacting the school office or through emailing [bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk)

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

### Stars of the Week



We are celebrating the hard work, commitment to learning, resiliency and positivity of children across school this week.



#### Our Stars of the Week are...

<b>Skylarks</b> <i>Joshua</i>	<b>Sanderlings</b> <i>Dolcie</i>	<b>Oystercatchers</b> <i>Shay</i>	<b>Eider Ducks</b> <i>Sam C</i>
<b>Turnstones</b> <i>Maisie</i>	<b>Dunlins</b> <i>Daisy H</i>	<b>Lapwings</b> <i>Ada</i>	<b>Curlews</b> <i>Emmalynn</i>

### Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



This week our discussion has been – What does it mean to be faithful? This was focussing on one of our Christian Characteristics. We considered what it means to be faithful and decided the characteristics are; being reliable, honest, true, dependable and remaining strong.

We reminded everyone about how Jesus stayed faithful and spent time in the desert praying and practicing his faith. Thank you to our wonderful Y5 helpers; Annie, Lily, Jacob and Oliver H for demonstrating how to be a reliable and supportive of others.

On Tuesday Rev. Mark joined us to deliver a wonderful worship on The Lord's Prayer and the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. The children remained focussed and considered the meaning of the words.

### Times Table Rockstars Challenge!

Just a quick reminder for all the children in Years 2 to 6 to keep practicing their times tables! Knowing them really well helps in so many areas of maths, and the more you practice, the easier it gets. We encourage you to keep challenging yourself on Times Table Rock Stars – it's a fun way to get even faster and better!

## Sporting News

A huge well done to our Y4 Athletics Team! They represented the school on Thursday with determination and positivity.

The children performed incredibly well and came **1<sup>st</sup>**. Another sporting success for St Peter's – well done to you all!



## Let's Get Talking



Chatting and listening to your child at home is really important for their language skills, confidence and communication. Simple things like telling stories, asking questions, or just having a good conversation help them pick up new words, improve their speaking, and learn how to express themselves.

Research shows that children who are exposed to more words at home, especially in the early years, develop stronger language skills and perform better in school.

Please try to spend some time chatting at home and learning new words! Challenge your child to learn a new word and it's meaning. Perhaps they could share their learning with us in school...

## Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Grant Funding?

Pupil Premium funding is extra money given to schools by the government to help improve education for children who may need it. At St Peter's we receive approx £32k per year in PPG funding. This is relatively low in comparison to other schools.

### Who is eligible for Pupil Premium?

Your child may be eligible if they:

- Are currently eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or have been at any point in the last six years. *Please note, this does not include the 'universal free school meals' which every child is eligible for from EYFS to Y2.*
- Are looked after (in care) or have left care through adoption, a special guardianship order, or a child arrangements order.
- Have a parent serving in the armed forces or have done so in the last six years.

### How is the funding used?

Schools use Pupil Premium funding to:

- Provide extra support in reading, writing and maths through supplementing the staffing costs.
- Support the cost of educational trips and to purchase new learning resources.
- Provide mental health and well-being support where appropriate.

If your financial circumstances have changed, your child may be eligible for a free school meal. Please contact the school office who will be able to email the eligibility checking form to you.

## Enhanced Curriculum Opportunities - Reminders

Please see below any updates to our club schedule for week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March:

- Monday: YR Little Builders Club – finishes at **4pm**
- Tuesday: **No STEM Club. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be postponing STEM Club until Summer Term – we will update with further details**
- Wednesday: KS2 JAM Club
- Thursday: Y5&6 Morecambe Community Sports and Y1 Super Ball Paul

**All clubs start straight afterschool at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm unless specified above**



## Easter Gardens and Egg Rolling

It is that time of year again where we prepare for Easter. Our school traditions of creating Easter gardens and competing in Egg rolling will take place again this year!

All children / families can create an Easter Garden to enter into our Easter Garden competition. This year we have added an extra challenge...can you make a *sustainable* Easter Garden? This is in line with our aim to be less wasteful and think about how we care for our planet. Gardens will be showcased in the hall from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, with the judges making the decision on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



Children can decorate a **hard boiled** egg to roll. These need to be brought into school for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

There will be Easter Egg prizes for the egg that rolls the furthest in each class.



## Lunch – Important Updates

### Food Waste Disposal

We have now made a start on asking children with packed lunches to take wrappers / packets / bottles / cartons home with them from their lunchbox. This is to ensure they are not disposed of in our food waste only bin provided in the hall.

Thank you to those who have discussed this new approach with their child and we ask that this continues from this point forward, with regular reminders to children to ensure that it becomes second nature for all children.

### Menu Changes - Themed Days

No pre-orders are required for these themed days, however please be aware that the normal lunch menu will not be available on these days.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024:**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024:**



## Planet Protectors Request

The Planet Protectors are asking any parents who might have some large outdoor planters or old recycling boxes, to donate these to school so that the group can plant things in. Thank you!

## Food Bank – Donations

Donations will now be consolidated into Key Stages and carried out twice a month (typically on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month).

March 2025 dates:

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 1 donations. Final call today before it is picked up next week...
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 donations

Thank you as always for your continued support to help our local community!



## Friends Update

**Request raffle prizes** 🙏🙏🙏

We are always so blessed with amazing raffle prizes which undoubtedly is why our raffle is so successful!

We are on the hunt for star prizes, business-sponsored cash prizes (£150, £100, £75) and gift vouchers, raffle items and products. Top prize businesses will have their name printed on 2000 tickets + school social media. Donated vouchers and gifts from businesses will be marketed on social media and school newsletters.

If you can help, please email [friends@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk) or text Lauren - 07917 275767.

### Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Led CBT Session 6 (9am-12noon) for current cohort.</li> <li>• YR Little Builders Club (3.15-4pm)</li> <li>• Y5/6 Football @ MBA – please see letter / email for details.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 swimming – kits in school please.</li> <li>• No STEM Club – please see email and above update.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS2 JAM Club (3.15-4.15pm)</li> </ul>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected Y5 pupils to Lancaster Uni Story Writing Workshop – please see letter.</li> <li>• Y1 Superball Paul! Club (3.15-4.15pm)</li> <li>• Y5/6 Netball Tournament @ MBA (4-6.15pm) – please see letter for details.</li> <li>• School Swimming Gala @ Salt Ayre (6.30-8.30pm)</li> <li>• Y4 Athletics @ LMC (3.30-5.30pm approx). Please collect from school as normal, see letters / emails.</li> </ul>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<p>*Non Uniform Day for Friends Colour Raffle – please see letter for your child's class colour*</p> <p>*Last day for completing payment for Mother's Day event via ParentPay – thankyou*</p>

### Key Dates for Spring Term 2

- Non-Uniform Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. To support the Friends' colour raffle. More information to follow.
- Y5 Lakeside Trip: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- Y2 & Y4 Lancaster & District Singing Festival: 25<sup>th</sup> March (Y2) and 27<sup>th</sup> March (Y4). This item is now on ParentPay for those who have signed up. We will send an email next week to confirm when the tickets will be ready to collect, to those who have paid by the deadline. Please check your emails early next week.
- Friend's AGM: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This will be held at school @ 5.15pm. All are welcome – please see letter for more info...
- Eiderducks Class Worship (including Y2 children who participated in the Singing Festival): Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Includes a lovely encore of some of the songs performed at the singing festival. Maximum of 2 spaces per Eiderducks child / Y2 singing participant. Starts shortly after registration at approx 9am. Refreshments may be served for a small donation whilst you wait.
- Mother's Day Celebration Event: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The booking window has now closed and all those who have booked will have had this item added to ParentPay. Please ensure this item is paid for by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the very latest. This will secure the place at the event.
- Last Day of Spring Term: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**School will be closed for Easter Break from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April and will re-open for Summer Term on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**




### School Trips Taking Place in Summer Term (so far)

- Y3 Trip to Abbeystead: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. ParentPay due date is **today** (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March).
- Y3 Trip to Tower Wood: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. ParentPay due date for final payment is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. *Please ensure all 5 instalment dates have been met and all actions are completed on ParentPay by the date of the trip.*
- Y2 Trip to Blackpool Zoo: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. ParentPay due date is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**HOME INFORMATION**

**March's Musician of the Month**

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*






**SPOTIFY**

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Books to read... If you like Mozart, try...

- Giuseppe Verdi
- Marianna Martinez
- Felix Mendelssohn



© Musician of the Month



**FRIDAY 14th March 2025**  
**7.30pm at St James Hall, Heysham**  
**Quiz night & Social Get-together**  
**Donation for entrance**  
**Pay bar available.**  
**Join us for a fun night!**

Contact [syl.welberry@gmail.com](mailto:syl.welberry@gmail.com)  
 0744 216 4525



**FRIENDS OF ST PETERS SCHOOL**  
**NON UNIFORM DAY - 21/3/25**  
**DRESS AS COLOURFULLY AS YOU LIKE**

<b>RECEPTION</b> RED DONATIONS	<b>YEAR 4</b> BLUE DONATIONS
<b>YEAR 1</b> ORANGE DONATIONS	<b>YEAR 5</b> PURPLE DONATIONS
<b>YEAR 2</b> YELLOW DONATIONS	<b>YEAR 6</b> GOLD/SILVER DONATIONS
<b>YEAR 3</b> GREEN DONATIONS	



**PLEASE BRING A DONATION TO SCHOOL FOR OUR SPRING RAFFLE**

**Rainbow hamper ideas**  
 Nut free please!

- RED**: Red wine, Kitkats, Maltesers, ready salted crisps, Family Circle Biscuits, Pimms, Munchies, strawberry gin, Skittles, Jammie Dodgers, Wagon Wheels, Maryland cookies, Ritz, Celebrations, Lindt Lindor, red toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any red non perishable food item!
- ORANGE**: Chocolate orange, Revels, Haribo Tangtatsics, mini Cheddars, Bucks Fizz, Fanta, J20, kinder chocolate, Toffee Crisps, orange toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any orange non perishable food items!
- YELLOW**: Cadbury's flakes, white wine, lemon gin, Jelly Tots, Quavers, Skips, lemon Fanta, Cadbury's Caramel, custard creams, crackers, jelly babies, Starburst, yellow toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any yellow non perishable food items!
- GREEN**: Mint Aero, After Eight mints, Gordon's gin, Appletizer, Fruit Pastilles, cheese & onion crisps, sour cream Pringles, Heineken lager, Polos, green toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any green non perishable food items!
- BLUE**: Bombay Sapphire gin, Roses chocolates, Walnut Whips, Yorkie bars, Doritos, Oreos, Milky Bars, Wotsits, blue toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any blue non perishable food items!
- PURPLE**: Quality Street, Dairy Milk, Cadbury's hot chocolate, Ribena, chocolate fingers, purple toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any purple non perishable food items!
- GOLD/SILVER**: Sparkling wine, lager, Galaxy chocolate, Twix, chocolate coins, candles, Christmas decorations, Lindt truffles, Christmas cake, Toblerone, silver or gold toiletries, games, toys, gifts or any silver or gold non perishable food items!

**THANKYOU**

"I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness," John 10:10