



Headteacher Welcome

Good afternoon,

We have had a very productive and engaging week across the school. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening - it was a pleasure to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps. We hope you found the sessions informative and that you now feel confident about your child(ren)'s progress and what areas to focus on moving forward.

It was also wonderful to receive so many positive comments about the school and our staff. Your kind words are greatly appreciated and mean a lot to the team!

Year 4 Remembrance Service

This week, Year 4 led a truly moving and heartfelt Remembrance Service. Their thoughtful readings, poems and reflections created a powerful moment for the whole school community to pause and remember. We are incredibly proud of the respect and maturity they demonstrated during such an important occasion and we were extremely pleased with the whole school for showing respect.

Children in Need

Today, we enjoyed another non-uniform day in support of Children in Need. Pupils across the school took part in a variety of fun and meaningful activities to raise awareness and funds for this fantastic cause. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm – we will provide an update next week with the amount raised.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Worship

Christian Values – Autumn 2 – Gentleness and Goodness



This half term, our Christian Values theme is thinking about others and our contribution to the world. On Monday, we explored the idea of **Compassion and Empathy** through the Bible Story of the Good Samaritan. We considered how we should treat others with kindness, compassion and empathy.

Thank you to Ellis, Annie, Myleigh and Josie for acting this out in worship.

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...

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| Skylark Classes <i>Kit</i> | | Oystercatchers <i>Olivia</i> | Eider Ducks <i>Grayson</i> |
| Turnstones <i>Georgie</i> | Dunlins <i>Josie</i> | Lapwings <i>Libby</i> | Curlews <i>Ada</i> |

Breakfast and Afterschool Club – Spring Term

If your child already attends either of these clubs for wraparound care, please ensure you have completed your form for Spring Term 2026, as these do need to be re-submitted for every child for every full term.

If you have not used this service but require a space next term, please collect a form from the school office and return it asap so that the team can review, allocate and confirm spaces. Thankyou

Are you reading the newsletter?

We have recently received some feedback and queries suggesting that the newsletter isn't always being fully read by parents. The newsletter is our key document for sharing important updates, upcoming events and essential information such as how to contact the school.

It is not always possible to send every reminder or piece of information by text the day before, so please make time to read the newsletter each week to stay informed.

We will also be exploring additional ways to make sure key messages reach all families. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep communication clear and effective.

Attendance and Lateness

We are closely monitoring pupil attendance and the number of children arriving late to school, as we have noticed an increase in lateness recently. To help address this, we will be requesting an explanation whenever a child arrives late.

- If lateness is due to your child's behaviour at home, **Mrs Rigby** will follow this up in school.
- If it relates to a home issue, **Mrs Rigby** will also make contact to offer support.

Please also be mindful that the school office is an extremely busy place and late arrivals add additional workload for office staff. We kindly ask that you are respectful and considerate when reporting lateness.

Our aim is to work together to improve punctuality and avoid the need for further notices or involvement from the school attendance officer. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn.

School Lunch – Menu Changes

Yesterday we sent home a meal questionnaire. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned this to us today! If you haven't already done so, please can you sit down with your child and complete this and return it. We are working hard to look at the options available and increasing the number of children eating a school dinner. Therefore, your feedback is valued.

We are serving the **Lancashire Autumn School Meals menu**, which will be **trialed for the first 3 weeks**. During this period, we will monitor meal uptake closely. If the number of children opting for school meals is low, a **revised menu** will be introduced and **further changes may follow**.

Please note: **All children in Reception to Year 2** are eligible for a **free hot school lunch every day**. Please take up this offer!

Next week, we will be on Week 3 of the menu. Please see the options below:

| | Red | Green | Blue |
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| Monday | Pork or vegetarian meatballs with mild chilli and sweet pepper sauce, mixed rice and salad | Salmon and sweet potato fishcake with herby potatoes and vegetable medley | Cooks choice of jacket potato |
| Tuesday | Savoury mince and dumpling with mashed potato and veg | Pasta tubes in a tomato sauce with homemade dough balls and salad | Cooks choice of jacket potato |
| Wednesday | Roast chicken with roast potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and vegetables | Tomato and mascarpone pasta with herby bread and salad | Cooks choice of jacket potato |
| Thursday | Chicken or vegetable curry with rice and naan | Vegetarian sausage roll with paprika potatoes | Cooks choice of jacket potato |
| Friday | Crumbed fish fingers with chips and peas | Homemade margherita pizza with chips and sweetcorn | Choice of filled sandwiches with oven baked chips and salad |

KS1 Construction Corner – Request for Help

Mrs Longdon and Mrs McGirl are in need of certain items for their KS1 construction corner. If you have any of the following at home or at work, please can you get in touch;
Plastic bottle / supermarket crates, tyres, bamboo canes, tarpaulin, decking plank offcuts, sections of tree trunks, ropes or builders trugs. Thankyou so much!

Pupil Premium Funding Reminder

Pupil Premium funding provides vital support for our school, helping us to enhance learning opportunities and resources for all children. We recognise that family circumstances can change, so even if your child currently receives a universal free school meal or brings a packed lunch, we encourage you to check whether you are eligible for **Free School Meals** and for the school to receive Pupil Premium funding.

If you think you might qualify or would like more information, please contact **Miss Walker** in the school office. By confirming eligibility, you are helping us secure additional funding that directly benefits our pupils. Thank you for your support!

How Pupil Premium funding helps our school:

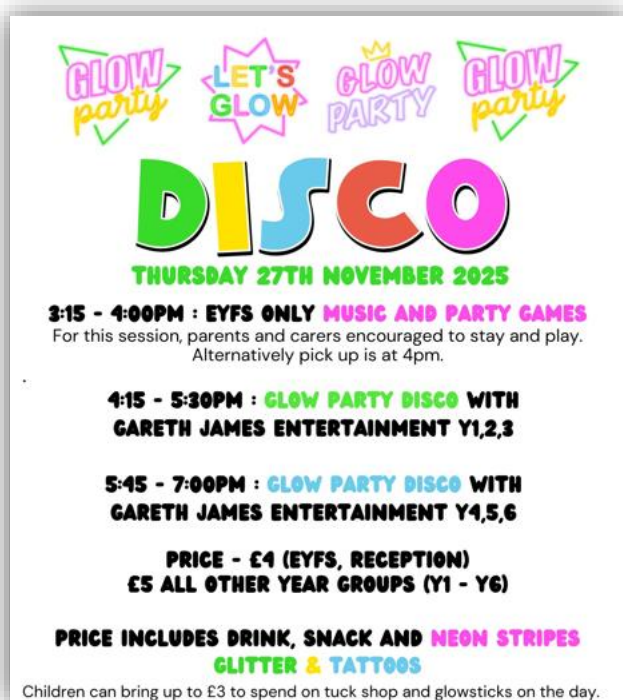
- Additional teaching support staff
- Access to enrichment activities
- Targeted interventions for reading, writing, and maths
- Wellbeing and pastoral support

Even if you don't claim a free meal for your child, checking eligibility ensures the school receives the funding it needs to provide these opportunities.

Friends Update

The Christmas Card and Product Shop will reopen for a 'second chance window' on 21/11 and close again on 1/12. This gives a second chance to purchase items for those who missed the first wave. Anyone who has lost their sample card and needs their unique reference number can text 07917 275767 before the closing time and the Friend's Chair, Lauren, will provide your child's code from the portal.

Shop Link – <https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/>



A big thank you to *The Friends* for organising our upcoming school disco!

Flyers have been sent home last week, please check your child's book bag for details.

To secure a place, kindly complete the reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible in a named envelope with the correct amount of money.

The final date for returns is Friday 21st November – please ensure your slip and money is submitted before this date. There is a lot to plan and prepare for this event, so it is very helpful for the Friends to have everything returned before the closing date.

We have spare copies in the office if you have misplaced yours and require another.

British Red Cross – Thankyou

We would like to extend another very big thank you for all the donations sent in last Friday, in response to our non-uniform day to help those affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

As a school, we raised an incredible **£322.45!**

The donations were swiftly sent to the British Red Cross to ensure it can be used in good time to help with the support they are providing at this time.



Whole School Panto - Reminders



As we get closer to the whole school panto date (Thursday 4th December), we need to remind those who have not yet provided consent and payment for their child to go on this trip, to please do so at the earliest opportunity. This is to be done via ParentPay.

Thank you to the parents who have also volunteered their time for this trip to accompany the school.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 17th November 2025

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| Monday 17th November | |
| Tuesday 18th November | **No Swimming for Y4** - Power Station Trip (see letter) • Y5/6 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. Please collect at the Blue Gates |
| Wednesday 19th November | |
| Thursday 20th November | • Y3 Ball Games Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. Please collect at the Blue Gates • Y3/4 Football Tournament @ BLA: Straight afterschool (see letter) |
| Friday 21st November | |

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 |
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| 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 TBC 5pm | 16 Y3 Christingle Service @ 9am | 17 Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 5pm | 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 |

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

The Cosy Christmas Grotto



Enjoy a magical Christmas experience with Santa & his Elves

Saturday 13th December | Sunday 14th December

Slynedales, Slyne Road, LA2 6ST

Booking is essential, more details on the back



Scan QR Code to book
or visit: <https://cancercare.org.uk/get-involved/calendar>

£15 per child

CancerCare

SANTA DASH

Sunday 23rd November
1.30pm
Market Street
Lancaster



Join our annual Santa Dash
1 mile fun run around the city
centre as part of Lancaster
Christmas Lights Switch On
Santa hat and medal included



Child who raises the
most sponsorship
switches on the
Lancaster Christmas
Lights



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Christmas IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 6th December, 12-5pm
Sunday 7th December, 12-5pm
The Royal Heysham Hotel Car Park
Pedestrian access via Royal Fold on Main Street, LA3 2RN

Only £1 entry per adult*

- Thwaites Shire Horses (Saturday)
- Wreay Alpacas (Sunday)
- Father Christmas and his joyous crew are here to make your dreams come true
- Angel Trail around village
- Visit our 27 talented Artisan stalls selling handmade gifts and local festive treats
- The Royal Heysham will be serving festive food and drinks
- Carol singing and live music in the heated tent!



*Cash only for entrance fee. All proceeds from this event will be reinvested back into the community.

PLEASE WALK TO VISIT US WHERE POSSIBLE.
FREE PARKING IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE CAR PARK, LA3 2RW.

For more information, get in touch at: heyshamevents@gmail.com

Follow our Facebook page for updates! Scan the code or search Heysham Neighbourhood Community.






<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ho-ho-its-confirmed-we-are-so-excited-santa-is-coming-to-heysham-registration-1844924421609?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=&utm-share-source=mobile-search-results>

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