



### Headteacher Message

Good Afternoon,

It has been a wonderful week in school. Lots of exciting learning taking place across all year groups and the children are back into their school routines. We have put a few notices and reminders in this week's newsletter, please take 5 minutes to read them as they are really important e.g. attendance, online safety, lates and parking!

The consultation period for reducing our admissions to 30 from the year 2026 and changes to the admission criteria has now closed. There have been no comments made on this process, therefore this will be going ahead for 2026 onwards. There continues to be enough school places within the area as the birth rate within Heysham remains low for several years ahead.

Class teachers have been busy planning trips this week and parents may have received letters. We are trying to give as much notice as possible for up and coming trips as we do recognise the financial costs of trips have increased significantly. We still want to be able to provide these wonderful enhanced learning opportunities for the children. If anyone is struggling, please speak to the class teachers who will liaise with the school office and look at payment plan options.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



The focus of this week's school worship was Peace.

On Monday we revisited The Fruit of the Spirit and focussed on the value of Peace. We considered what our rights and responsibilities are in school to create a safe, peaceful, caring environment.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday he led worship on the Baptism of Jesus.

### Sporting Events

It has been a positive week for school sports! This week we have had a group of children from Y5 and 6 representing the school in both athletics and dodgeball.



#### Athletics

The children who represented the school at Athletics this week had a wonderful day and worked hard. It was extremely close with St Peter's coming 2<sup>nd</sup> with only a 14 point difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The behaviour and attitude of the teams were amazing.

We also need to commend the children who remained in school on Tuesday. They were amazing and supported our EYFS and Y1 children exceptionally well!

#### Dodgeball

Year 6 had two teams representing the school at Dodgeball this week. It was a wonderful competition with some tough matches against other schools. We are extremely proud of the children's achievements. One of our teams came 1<sup>st</sup>!



### Year 5 Lakeside Information Evening

Mrs Owens will be holding a Lakeside information evening on **Tuesday 11th February from 5pm - 6pm.**

Please feel free to come along to the Y5 classroom if your child will be attending the Lakeside trip - no booking required.

### Star of the Week



It has been yet another great week in school with lots of perseverance and positivity! Well done to all of our stars...

Class	For
Skylark - Esme T-W	Showing determination and perseverance in phonics lessons this week.
Sanderling - Ivan	Demonstrating a can-do attitude when solving problems in maths.
Oystercatcher - Eva	Persevering with her maths work. All your efforts are paying off! Excellent progress made.
Eider Ducks - Esme S	Bringing joy and happiness to the classroom through your enthusiasm and laughter. Keep shining!
Turnstones - Livvy	Your hard work and having a helpful nature in class.
Dunlins - Amelia Rose	Such a positive can-do attitude towards maths work. Even when it is tricky!
Lapwings - Jamie	Always giving 100% in all you do! Wonderful work this week.
Curlews - Amelia	Outstanding scientific knowledge! Well Done!

### Request from EYFS Team and Sanderling Class

EYFS are still hoping for parent or family volunteers who work within the emergency services to come into school to talk about their role and responsibilities. If you are able to help Mrs Daly and the team, please let school know.

#### Sanderling Class (Y1 – Mrs Winter)

Sanderlings would like to request some junk modelling resources such as pringle tubes, kitchen roll tubes, 1lt plastic bottles, 500 ml bottles, tin foil, any card or yogurt pots for our DT rocket project this half term. If you have any of these, please feel free to bring them to the office. Thank you in advance for your help 😊

### Thank You from Breakfast Club



The Breakfast Club Team wish to say a huge thank you for the games and activities donated this week. They are great and the children are really enjoying the variety.

### Gates and Late Arrivals

We know that it is always hard to get back into routines in the first week back in school and it can be tricky for children to make that transition, particularly when faced with very cold and icy weather! However, as we move forward, we need to, once again, remind all parents / carers that the gates must close and be locked by 8.45am prompt to ensure children can be in class in time for morning registration. We also kindly ask that parents come off the playground promptly for gates to be locked on time.

As we have now completed a full Autumn Term, we will begin making contact with parents of children who are persistently late or who have attendance that has started to trigger our first point of contact. We always aim to work collaboratively with parents, to ensure their child receives every opportunity to attend school where possible. We also have the support of a new attendance officer from the local authority, who will be working with us closely to ensure we can continually improve attendance at St Peter's.

### Keeping Safe Online and Age Appropriate Content

It is constantly brought to my attention that we have children as young as 5 playing on games such as Fortnite, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto. Many of these games have a rating of 13+ and some are 18+. Whilst it is parent discretion on what you allow your child to access, we kindly ask that you check the information in relation to games and TV programmes before allowing your child access. This week we have been informed that there are children watching 'Squid Games 2'. This is a programme which has violence and disturbing scenes. We attach a Parental Guide at the bottom of this newsletter.

Further information can be found at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/squid-game>

### Parking Reminder

Please remember to park responsibly and courteously, to keep our families and neighbours safe. Regular visits will be taking place from the police to monitor parking in the area. We have had a number of parents and families raise concerns about the parking and dangers around school. Please be considerate with your parking. If issues persist, we will contact our local policing team and ask for further patrols of the area.

### School Menu

This week our Chair of Governor's, Mr Hemingway, visited school to check out our school meals. He spent lunchtime in the hall with the children and discussed their likes and dislikes and fed this back. All children in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to take a free school meal and we strongly encourage this.



We have listened to the feedback of the children and liaised with the catering team to make some further changes to the menu. Whilst we are bound with LCC catering team and the produce they have available, we do have a small amount of flexibility so have tweaked the menu accordingly. This new menu will be sent via email to parents separately, however a snapshot for next week's menu is as follows:

Week 2	Red Choice	Green Choice	Blue Choice
<b>Monday</b>	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Herby Potatoes and Beans	Loaded Pizza Pocket with Tortilla Chips and Veg Sticks	Cooks choice of filled Jacket Potato
<b>Tuesday</b>	Crispy Chicken (or Veg) Burger with Paprika Wedges and Veg	Pasta Spirals with Tomato Sauce and Dough Balls	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pork (or Veg) Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes and Veg	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Tortilla Chips and Salad	Cooks choice of filled Jacket Potato
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken (or Veg) Curry with Rice and Naan Bread	Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta and Herby Bread	Cooks choice of filled Jacket Potato
<b>Friday</b>	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips and Peas	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Beans / Sweetcorn	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Chips and Veg Sticks

### Pupil Premium Funding

St Peter's is a small school and we rely on any funding we can get to provide the best education outcomes for all children. Schools receive additional funds for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. This is approx. £1,800 per year per child eligible for the school. It helps to fund the additional support staff we have in place and purchase new resources to ensure all children have the best opportunities. If your circumstances have changed please consider letting us know and completing the eligibility form.

Those eligible for the Pupil Premium are; any child who has received Free School Meals over the past 6 years, children who are cared for or those adopted from care and children whose parents are in the armed forces.

We may have families / children in EYFS – Y2 who are currently receiving free school meals via the universal meals, however we may be missing out additional funding if there are any families / children within these year groups that may fit the criteria above. All information is confidential. You may also be eligible for meal vouchers during the holiday periods. We would not want any family / child to be missing out on support. Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Walker to discuss further.

### School Trips Spring Term Overview

Please ensure you have checked ParentPay and completed the necessary consent, emergency and medical details and packed lunch choice if required by the deadline dates wherever possible:

- Sanderlings (Y1) Judges Lodgings Trip on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Cost £9
- Oystercatchers (Y1/2) Judges Lodgings Trip on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Cost £9
- Lapwings (Y5) Transatlantic Slave Trade Tour on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Cost £8.80
- Lapwings (Y5) Residential Trip to Lakeside from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. See recent email
- Turnstones (Y3) Abbeystead Estate Countryside Day on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Cost £10
- Turnstones (Y3) Tower Wood Trip on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Cost £50
- *Eider Ducks will be sending their letter out next week re: their upcoming trip in May. Details to follow*

\*More information will follow about other classes and their proposed trips for Spring / Summer Term\*

## Food Bank – Donations

### Urgently needed items

Nappies Size 5+  
Nappies Size 6  
Nappies Size 6+



Thank You to all the parents and families that donated during the Autumn Term. As a school we continue to be committed to support our community and live out our Christian Vision of having a positive impact on the world around us we ask for donations. Please only donate where you can.

Date	Class – Food Bank Friday
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Dunlins (Y4)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Eider Ducks (Y2)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Turnstones (Y3)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Skylarks (YR)
No donations w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb as we will organise a collection from the Foodbank for this week. School Closes for Half Term on Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	

## Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Led CBT Sessions for those booked onto this date.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Swimming (AM) – please ensure swimming kits are in school</li> <li>Y2 Art Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JAM Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> <li>Spanish Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> </ul>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morecambe FC Football League U11's Competition – please see letter and email for details. This is rescheduled from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Sanderling Trip to Judges Lodgings – please see the letter for details.</li> <li>Y1 Lil Beatz Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> <li>Y4 / 5 Ball Games Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> </ul>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	

## Up and Coming Events

Over the next few weeks there will be further correspondence in relation to...

- Sporting Events
- Parents Evenings - 4<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> March
- World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The theme will be "Books at Bedtime" and children will be able to attend school in their PJ's.
- Y2 (Children who wish to take part in Lancaster Music Festival) – Event is at The Town Hall 7pm – 8pm (more information to follow)
- Mother's Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will be celebrating and inviting Mothers or significant people to a stay and play session with your child from 1.30pm onwards. Please put the date in your diary!

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



Scotforth After School Club



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM PLAYSCHEME

**WELCOMING CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS AGED  
4 - 12 YEARS  
OPEN 9AM TILL 6PM**

**17TH - FRIENDSHIP & KINDNESS, ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS**  
**18TH - SPORTS & GAMES FOR ALL**  
**19TH - HEALTHY SAVOURY COOKING & BREAD MAKING**  
**20TH - ALL ABOUT WOOL, CRAFTS, CROCHET & GAMES**  
**21ST - MINDFULNESS CRAFTS, YOGA, DANCE & MUSIC GAMES**

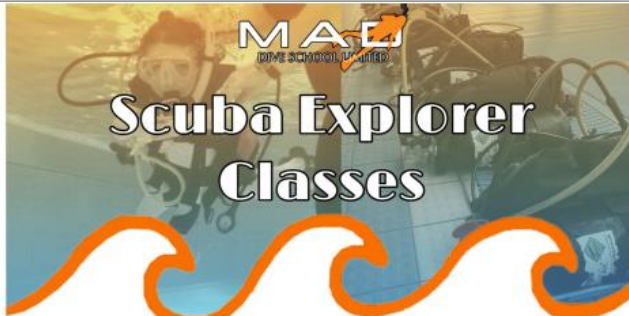
**OUR STAFF AND SUPPORT:**  
 > STAFF QUALIFIED IN EARLY YEARS, TEACHING & YOUTH WORK  
 > YOU CAN BE REASSURED YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER AND HAVE A GREAT TIME IN OUR CARE

**FULL DAY: £27  
HALF DAY: £16  
BREAKFAST: £3**



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 ✉ [admin@scotforthplayschemes.co.uk](mailto:admin@scotforthplayschemes.co.uk)

## MAF DIVE SCHOOL LIMITED Scuba Explorer Classes




Our Scuba Explorer classes a great way for young students between the age of 8-15 years old to discover and advance in scuba diving, whether it be for a holiday, hobby or just a way to socialise, the skills they will learn will benefit all. We have something for everyone and can fully adapt to different abilities and learning needs.

Classes are 45 minutes each and run once a week on either a Thursday evening or Saturday morning and are held at 315 Health Club Lancaster.

Classes equate to only £12 per session and can be paid either on a rolling monthly direct debit of £48.00 or as a 12 week block for £144.00. Both options include full equipment hire and training by professionals. The 12 week blocks can be renewed as many times as you like and we always recommend our students continue with their training to enhance their skills and confidence further.

Please note scuba diving is subject to a medical form which will need to be filled in prior to being allowed in the water.

To book please contact 315 Health Club on:  
 Phone: 015242 37315  
 For further information you can email us directly at: [Training@mad-divers.co.uk](mailto:Training@mad-divers.co.uk)

## LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE BRASS DAY



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Free of charge

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## BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

With the **SUNDERLAND POINT SEA SHANTY CREW**  
 and **Nigel Parrish**

**Haggis will be piped in and the celebrations  
will begin at 7.45 on**

**SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
 7.30pm at St James Hall, Heysham

**Tickets: £12 (children half price).**  
 Includes a Meat and Potato Pie supper

Tickets available at St Peter's Church Hall or contact  
[syl.welberry@gmail.com](mailto:syl.welberry@gmail.com) - 0744 216 4525

  
 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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# What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION  
**15+**  
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, *Squid Game*. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what *Squid Game* is all about.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that *Squid Game* contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

## APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children of face-value. The name "*Squid Game*" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

## SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like *Squid Game*.

## VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, *Squid Game* has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube. With clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the *Squid Game* trend, creating content such as "How to Draw *Squid Game* Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

## SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

*Squid Game*'s pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

### CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

*Squid Game* has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

### HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

### MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen *Squid Game*, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing *Squid Game*" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

### WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch *Squid Game*, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

## Meet Our Expert

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