



Headteacher Welcome

Good afternoon,

What an exciting week it's been at school! Our children have had wonderful opportunities to explore and learn more about our beautiful local area, Morecambe Bay, which was celebrated in it's own right on 'Morecambe Bay Day' which took place on Wednesday 15th October.



Reception have been busy helping to keep our school grounds tidy and looking after our environment with great care. Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Half Moon Bay, where they explored the beach and discovered fascinating rock pools. Year 2 had lots of fun playing in the sand and engaging in creative games back in class. Across the school, children have been inspired by the art, poetry and rich history of Morecambe Bay and our area.

In other parts of our curriculum, many of our Year 6 children enjoyed a wonderful and inspiring visit to Blackburn, where they explored both a Mosque and a Cathedral. The trip sparked insightful questions and helped deepen their understanding of the Islamic faith, as well as the importance of respecting and appreciating different beliefs and values.

Well done to our Year 5 children who have successfully completed their Play Leader Training with Mr Wilcock! They are now ready and excited to lead fun and engaging play activities during lunchtimes.

Next week will be a shorter one, as school will be closing on Wednesday 22nd October for an extended half-term break. Both children and staff have been working incredibly hard and are ready for a well-earned rest! As a result, there won't be a newsletter next week, but we'll be back after the break with more updates and celebrations of learning.

Have a lovely weekend and half term,

Mrs Dodd and the Team at St Peter's

Our Christian Worship



In worship this week, we've been reflecting on the choices we make every day. Children considered how their decisions, big and small, can reflect our school values of kindness, love and self-control. It was wonderful to hear so many insightful contributions. A special mention goes to Greta in Year 2, who shared a powerful message with her peers: ***that we are all responsible for the choices we make and the behaviour we show.*** Her words were incredibly thoughtful and considerate and she truly embodied the values we've been exploring.

Rev. Mark led a thoughtful whole school worship on Tuesday, where we explored the theme of prayer and why Christians pray. Anna (Y3) and Joseph (Y4) impressed everyone with their fantastic acting skills during a story that highlighted the importance of perseverance. It was also lovely to introduce a new Fischy Music song, 'Bring it all to me' which added a joyful and reflective moment to our worship.




Planet Protectors

Mrs Longdon met with our newly formed Planet Protectors group this week. The children shared some fantastic ideas to help our school become even more environmentally friendly. We're excited to see their passion for protecting the planet put into action!

Bag2School Update

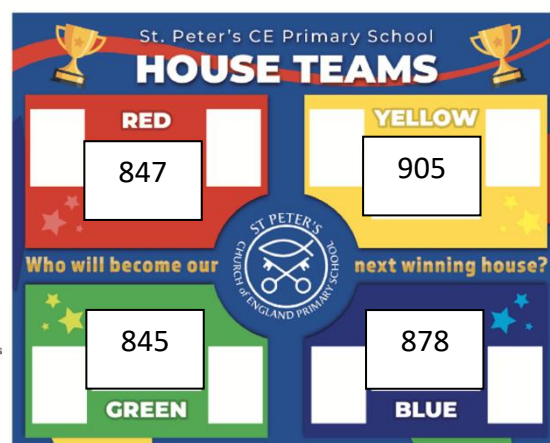
You may have seen that the date has changed for the Bag2School collection, which will now take place on **Wednesday 26th November** instead of next week. This is a great opportunity to have an even bigger clearout before the festive season and donate to a great cause, whilst raising money for school! The collection point for bags on the new date will be as normal – on the paved area behind the wall next to the grey entrance gate. We still have a few spare bags available for those who may need more. Thankyou

House Credits Bronze, Silver and Gold

	Oystercatchers: Joshua M, Eider Ducks: Mia Turnstones: Lexie Dunlins: Lucas Lapwings: 2 – Silver see below Curlews: Willow
	Oystercatchers: Zsazsa Eider Ducks: Alice Turnstones: Anna Dunlins: Seth Lapwings: Bobby and Ivy Curlews: Alex
	Oystercatchers: Elle S Eider Ducks: Flynn Turnstones: Vicky Dunlins: Oliver Lapwings: Samuel Curlews: Arabella and Theo

A huge well done to all the children who have been earning credits for themselves and their teams this half term, it's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and teamwork!

We're delighted to announce that **Yellow Team** are our overall Credit Champions for Autumn 1. Congratulations to everyone in **Yellow Team**! You've worked so hard and truly deserve the recognition. As a reward, children in **Yellow Team** are invited to come to school in non-uniform) on Monday 20th October.



Food Bank Donations

Urgently needed items

Nappies Size 6
Nappies Size 7
Nappies Size 8
Baby Wipes

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we were proud to make a generous donation to Morecambe Bay Foodbank, thank you to everyone who contributed. With half-term approaching, we know this can be a challenging time for some families. While we're all feeling the impact of rising food costs, we kindly ask that, if you're able, you consider donating on **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday** next week. Morecambe Bay Foodbank will be visiting school on **Wednesday 22nd October** to collect anything we can offer and every contribution makes a real difference. We have put their current 'urgently needed items' together however any donation is greatly valued.

Lost Property – Needs to go!

The mountain of lost property continues to grow! While we'll do our best to return any labelled items to their rightful owners, we kindly ask parents and carers to have a good look through the lost property collection and take anything that belongs to your child. Please, please, please check before Wednesday. Any unclaimed items will be donated to **The Uniform Hub** to support other families in our community.

Reception Class Photograph – Lancaster Guardian – Monday 20th October

We will be joined by the photographer at the Lancaster Guardian on Monday 20th October in the morning, who will take a class photograph of our new Reception cohort. This will then be published in the local Lancaster Guardian newspaper (physical print), along with the image being published on their website.

In line with our form for visits, images and data consent, children without consent will not be present in the photograph but those who have consent will be included.

All parents can update their visits, image and data consent form at any time – please come into the school office to amend the original form if you wish to do this.

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

School Panto – Parent Volunteer Update

We have now made contact with all our parent/carer volunteers who are kindly giving us their time during our Panto trip on the morning of Thursday 4th December. Thankyou once again to all those who are supporting us!



We now have a couple of additional parent volunteer spaces, following some changes to availability from our original list, so we have re-opened the parent volunteer form again for anyone who still wishes to volunteer but did not submit the form originally. If you are available, we would really appreciate your support...!

Please follow this link to complete an online booking form to put yourself forward for this along with details of 2 x referees: <https://forms.office.com/e/G15ZS0jVm3> by Monday 20th October at the end of the day. This allows us time to make contact with you and your referees before we close on Wednesday. Thankyou

PE Kit Update – Request from Mrs Biggs

As the weather is getting colder, we kindly ask that parents send a 'warm' PE kit into school for their child(ren). This includes a warm jumper and leggings or joggers, as PE will still be undertaken outside if the weather is suitable to do so.

We also ask that earrings are taken out of children's ears on the morning of their PE lesson, if the child is unable to do this themselves in school.

As with our usual policy, we kindly ask that children with hair shoulder length or longer has this tied back for school. This is not only safe for PE but for breaktimes / lunchtimes and movement around school. Thankyou!

Y4 Remembrance Service – 11th November 2025

This year, our Y4 class will be hosting the Remembrance Service in the hall on Tuesday 11th November at 10.40am – 11.10am approx.

Parents / family members (a maximum of 2 per child please) of children in Y4 are welcome to join us for this service. No booking is required, however we will count visitors in at the door to ensure fire safety. Tea and coffee may be available for a small cash donation.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 13th October 2025

Monday 20th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow Team Non-Uniform day (optional) – see above Lancaster Guardian – Reception Photograph – see above
Tuesday 21st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Swimming (AM): Please make sure swimming kits are in school Y3 / 4 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm – LAST SESSION Y1/2 Athletics at BLA @ 3.30pm – please see letter home for those involved Y6 Acro-Gymnastics Team Pairing: 3.15 – 4pm – please see email if involved
Wednesday 22nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foodbank Collection – all donations appreciated Last day of Autumn 1 Term
Thursday 23rd October	School is closed for October Half Term Thursday 23 rd October – Monday 3 rd November
Friday 24th October	
Monday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Autumn 2 Term ***Please ensure all consent and payments are complete for the whole school panto trip via ParentPay that is due to take place on 4th December***
Tuesday 4th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Boy's Football (friendly match against Bolton-le-Sands): 3pm on St Peter's school field – letter due to be sent home next week Y5 / 6 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm – see email confirmation
Wednesday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nasal Flu Vaccinations – see emails and ensure you have completed the online consent form
Thursday 6th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Ball Games: 3.15 – 4.15pm – see email confirmation Girl's Football @ BLA: 3.30pm – letter due to be sent home next week
Friday 7th November	

Autumn Term 2025 – Key Dates

- Friday 31st October: Deadline for Young Voices £5 deposit and consent to be paid for those signed up for this event.
- Tuesday 11th November – Y4 Leading Remembrance Worship @ 10.40am – 11.10am (approx) – see above details.
Please note – swimming for Y4 will not take place on this day. It will, instead, be offered to Y6 children who wish to participate in an informal swimming gala – letters coming home for those interested.
- Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November – Parents Evenings (details to follow).
- Thursday 18th November – Y4 trip to Heysham Power Station – please see letter home (including details regarding school uniform / trousers to be worn).
- Thursday 4th December (AM): Whole school trip to the Dukes Theatre (Lancaster) for our annual pantomime visit ‘Snow Queen’. Please see letter / email for details and ensure all consent and payment is complete by Monday 3rd November where possible.

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 EYF5 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.

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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.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2025

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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.



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