



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 18th November 2024



Headteachers Message

Happy Half Term!

This week we need to say a HUGE thank you to The Friend's and parents for their wonderful fundraising. Penny Wars has been a great competition for the children and families to take part in. Once we have the grand total, we will make sure that these are reported and celebrated in school.

Despite the wet weather on Wednesday, we still managed to have some fantastic activities around school. Annie, from More Music joined us to continue to work on The Birds of the Bay Song linked to our class names. Sarah and the team in the kitchen also served over 120 portions of fish and chips! We also got a shout out on Radio Lancashire! Thank you for your donations. We raised £124 for Morecambe Bay Community Partnership and The Bay Search and Rescue. We have posted our song on the school Facebook page.



The Oystercatchers would like to say a huge thank you to Felicity and her dad who brought Pepper the bearded dragon and Peaches the chameleon into class last Friday. We loved meeting these amazing creatures and it really enhanced our learning about reptiles. We think Felicity might be the next David Attenborough!

Did you see Turnstones and Eider Ducks around the village on Thursday? As part of our history curriculum both classes were walking around the village and church to find out key historical knowledge about where we live. Year 3 are loving their history unit which focuses on the life of an enslaved child at Heysham Vicarage.

We do hope everyone has a wonderful half term. As a general reminder, the attendance rules have changed, so if you are planning a break away, please ensure your child is back in school for Monday 28th October and that you are not accumulating days of unauthorised absences.

Have a lovely weekend and half term,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's



Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focused on:

Kindness – We live in a diverse world. Treat others with kindness, respect and dignity.



In connection with Black History Month, this week we explored the life of Mary Seacole and her dedication to nursing. The children were amazing at recognising the Christian Characteristics that Mary demonstrated throughout her life and recognising the injustice and discrimination she faced. Despite these challenges she showed kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, brought joy to many lives. She was resilient and persevered. We reflected on these characteristics and the passage from Matthew 7:12, which outlines "Do to others what you would want them to do for you."

Rev. Mark joined us on Monday and led a great worship on making people feel welcome. This linked well to our previous day and how we create a welcoming environment within our school! We also learnt a new song. – Welcome Everybody.

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Request from Reception Team



Our Reception team are kindly asking for donations of games appropriate for 4-5 year olds. They are looking for Orchard Toy style games that encourage co-operation, turntaking and communication skills. If any parents / carers have any that are no longer needed needed within your households, please could you donate to our Reception Class.

Thank You
Mrs Daly and The Reception Team

House Points – Bronze, Silver and Gold



As we are on the last day of the half term, we have celebrated our Bronze, Silver and Gold House point champions.

Bronze Champions	Sanderling: Alice E Oystercatchers: Vicky N, Sophia May, Eider Ducks: Samuel C, Turnstones: Eliahs Dunlins: Alfie P-R Lapwings: Amelia Curlews: Ruben
Silver Champions	Sanderling: Eden Oystercatchers: Flynn C, Eider Ducks: Kian H, Turnstones: Thomas Dunlins: Samuel C Lapwings: Bella Curlews: Martyna
Gold Champions	Sanderling: Charlie Oystercatchers: Greta Eider Ducks: Felicity L Turnstones: Aoife Dunlins: Bobby Lapwings: Theo C Curlews: Blake

House Point Totals

We are pleased to announce that the winning house team for Autumn Term 1st half is **Blue Team**. Well done to the whole team for earning credits through your determination, kindness, respect and wonderful work.

Blue Team team have a non uniform day on Friday 1st November.



Sporting Achievements

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament

This week our Y5 and 6 girls showed great enthusiasm, determination and resilience in representing the school. We had 3 girls football teams that attended the tournament! A huge achievement for girls football. Thank you to the staff, children and parents that enable these opportunities to take place!



Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Tournament

Well done to our football team who played in the county qualifying tournament this afternoon. Mrs Biggs said they played fabulously, especially in their first game as a newly formed team. Today just wasn't their day for getting the ball in the net! Mrs Biggs has also reported impeccable behaviour and attitude - we couldn't ask for anymore. Great work boys.



The Bear and the Bat



Some of you may remember that last year we had a visit from an author who used to attend St Peter's Primary School. Kirsty Duncan has now completed the sequel to 'The Bear and the Bat'. It has just gone live on pre-order!. It's called 'The Bear and the Bat go to Bat Town' and she has created a discount code for parents of St Peters to use to give them £2 off!

The discount is per book so people can buy multiple books and still get the cumulative discount. The discount code is STPETERS – all you need to do is add it at checkout and the discount will be automatically applied.

Kirsty hopefully will be joining us in the future to share her book with the children in school.

The discount applies to the [new book](#), and also the [Bear and the Bat bundle](#). (Just click on the blue text to take you to her store.)

ASDA Rewards

We still have 43 days remaining to earn additional funding through the ASDA rewards app.

We've hit **£402!** For every person that downloads the Asda Rewards app and chooses St Peter's Heysham as their Cash pot school of choice - we get £1! Yes, £1 without even shopping at Asda.



If you already have the app you can still choose St Peter's and £1 gets added to our total. Please encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles too. This initiative doesn't affect your own Asda rewards so please do support us with this campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

Parking Around School



Thank you for your co-operation with the parking around school. We definitely had an improvement this week. Please continue to work with us at making School Road safe for our children.

Admission Arrangements for 2026 Onwards - Consultation

Our proposed admission arrangements for 2026 are on the school website and we are currently in a consultation time frame. Over the past two years, our admission numbers have been lower and data indicates that the birth rate in our district is lower for future years. There are enough school places within the area, therefore we have requested to reduce our pupil admission number (PAN) to 30 from 2026. We are also in consultation for changing some of the admission criteria to the school. This has been discussed and approved by our governors, however, we now seek responses from parents. If you wish to respond to the consultation we kindly ask for your views to be submitted by email to:

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bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk with the subject as **Admission Consultation 2026.**

The full proposed admission arrangements is available at:

<https://www.stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions-and-appeals/consultation-proposed-admission-arrangements-2026>

Weekly Food Bank Collections

This week we made a huge donation of food and goods to Morecambe Bay Food Bank. The volunteers who collected the items asked for us to pass on their gratitude for the support we have received from our parents and children!

Thank You! We will resume weekly collections when we return to school on the 21st October.

Autumn 2 Clubs

Thank you to those who have expressed interest so far in Spanish (Y4,5 & 6), Dance (Y5) and Ball Games (Y3) clubs in Autumn 2 Term. We have sent a final reminder out to make sure we can fill the places. Therefore we will inform everyone in the first week back to whether their child has secured a place.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 28th October 2024

Monday 28th October	Y6 Trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque
Wednesday 30th October	Y5 trip the Nature Reserve – please see trip letter for more information
Thursday 31st October	Y3 – Ball Games Club 3:15 – 4:15 (places will be confirmed on Monday 28 th October) 15:45 - Y3/4 Football Tournament – Information in the letter for participants.
Friday 1st November	1:30pm School Tour for Reception 2025 intake

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

- **Monday 28th October – School Re-Opens**
- **Monday 28th October - Y6 Trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque**
Please see letter sent home and via email, ensuring ParentPay is completed by Friday 11th October.
- **Wednesday 30th October - Y5 Trip to Heysham Nature Reserve**
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- **Tuesday 5th November - Bonfire Night Themed Lunch**
Please ensure all pre-orders for this meal are submitted online via the order form before lunchtime on Friday 18th October.
- **Monday 11th November - Y6 Leading Remembrance Worship @ 9am**
Y6 will be hosting the Remembrance Service for worship in the hall after registration on this day. Parents / family members (a maximum of 2 per child please) of children in Y6 are welcome to join us for this worship. No booking required, however we will count visitors in at the door to ensure fire safety.
- **Monday 18th November – School Disco – Details will be sent out the week commencing the 28th October.**
- **Wednesday 4th December (AM) - Whole School Panto ‘The Borrowers’ at the Dukes Theatre**
Letters have gone home for this now – thank you to all those who have returned slips already. We would be very grateful for parent volunteers if available – please see the letter for more information.
- **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. *Reminder – first instalment date to pay by is 30th September.* Thankyou

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Boils, Plague and Pox Judges Lodgings Museum



Friday 25 October 25
Free Half Term Fun
Drop in handling and craft sessions
Anytime 11am – 12.30pm and 1pm – 4pm

Discover gruesome historical treatments, see curious medical marvels and make your own Georgian inspired scented pomanders to ward off evil smells.

Standard admission charges apply to visit the rest of the museum:
Adults £5/ Children Free.
Plus 50p Halloween Trail includes a chocolate treat!

Judges' Lodgings Museum, Church Street, Lancaster, LA1 1YS
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Family art drop in with Lela Harris



Saturday 19/10/2024

(Multiple sessions available between 11:00am and 3:30pm)

Create your own masterpiece with artist Lela Harris with a portrait or story book about Afamefuna, the local teenage hero who escaped slavery for freedom.

Drop in anytime between 11am - 12.30pm and 1- 3.30pm.

Supported by the Association of Independent Museums and National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery Players.

Admittance
Free event - no booking required.

Standard admission charges apply.
to visit the rest of the museum:
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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'.

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With **Parentkind**

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