



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 20th September



Headteachers Message

WOW! How did we get to finishing week 3 of the term already! There is some super work taking place around school. It has been particularly nice to enjoy some sunshine this week. Hopefully it lasts over the weekend.

I mentioned last week that we are trialling a new English Scheme of Learning across school called 'Literacy Tree'. So far, we are really pleased with some of the wonderful texts shared in the classrooms and the writing that the children are producing.

This week I have uploaded the 'Meet the Teacher' presentation to our school Facebook account. If you were unable to attend the sessions, please try to go through the presentation and ask the class teachers if you have any queries.

Have a wonderful (and hopefully sunny) weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

KINDNESS,
LOVE, Self-control **JOY,**
FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS,
PEACE,
PATIENCE,

This week we have focussed on:

Mistakes are part of learning

This week our focus has been learning from mistakes. We have focused on **being honest, showing kindness and self control**. We watched a short clip from the Lion King, where Simba realises he has to face the past and be able to move forward in order to learn. This was followed up in class worship with focusing on how Christians believe mistakes should be used to make us wiser. The children discussed examples of this from the Bible. We continue to think about making good choices and considering the feelings of other people.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and led his school worship on how words can hurt us and how what we say impacts on others.

Stars of the Week



It has, once again, been a wonderful week full of positive and caring attitudes along with many other examples of how our school principles and values are being embedded daily. Well done to the following stars of the week...

Class	For
Sanderling - Mia	Always being ready for learning and having a wonderful positive attitude to all she does.
Oystercatcher - Frankie	Having an amazing start to Y1 and an excellent positive attitude towards everything at school.
Eider Ducks - Harry C	Being kind, caring and bringing joy to the classroom!
Turnstones - Rocco	Being ready, respectful and safe!
Dunlins - Mollie P	Remaining focused and ready for your learning. Well Done!
Lapwings - Luna G	Shining brightly every day. You are always lovely, caring and industrious.
Curlews - Emma	Showing resilience and always being polite.

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Y6 Secondary School Admissions and Faith Interviews - Reminder if you missed this last week

The application process for secondary school places (September 2025) is currently open. If you are intending to apply for Ripley Church of England Primary school you need to download the Ripley Supplementary Information Form from their website.

<https://ripleysthomas.com/app/uploads/2024/05/ADMISSIONS-POLICY-and-Supplementary-Form-2025-26-September-2025-intake-1.pdf>

Message from Reverend Mark and Irene Charlton (Church Warden)

Reverend Mark would like to use Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October from 4pm to 7.30pm to hold faith interviews. There will be 15 minute slots for each family. Irene will then be able to hand deliver the completed and signed applications to Ripley St Thomas before the 31st October deadline.

Please can Y6 families email heyshampja@gmail.com and arrange a time if they wish to attend.

Please bring your child(ren) to the meeting so that they can be part of the discussions and plans for their high school placements.

Earrings

We are seeing a number of children in school who have had their ears pierced over the summer or recently. Please can we remind parents that the children should only be wearing spacers or small studs. For the first 6 weeks, they need to be covered up with tape / plasters for PE. Please do this before your child comes to school.

After 6 weeks, children need to be able to remove them independently or not wear them on PE days. This has become a small issue over recent weeks in some classes. The above policy is in place for health and safety reasons and to prevent your child from injury.

RECEPTION CLASS PARENTS – PHONICS WORKSHOP

Mrs Daly and Mrs Parker will be running a parent workshop for **NEW RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY**. This will be on Wednesday 2nd October in the Skylarks Classroom from 5-5:30pm. During this session, the staff will explain our school approach to phonics and early reading. Please try to arrange childcare and come along.

We know that reading and reinforcing positive reading experiences at home is crucial in language development, communication and improving outcomes. It is also a lovely opportunity to see the classroom again and catch up with other Reception parents. Please arrive from 4.50pm for a prompt start at 5pm.

TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars)



This week Mrs Owens, our mathematics leader talked to the children in Y3 – Y6 about the relaunch of TTRS. All children in Y3 – Y6 will have login details that they can access TTRS from home. It is a fantastic way to learn times tables, secure the facts and have a bit of fun!

Please can parents / carers from Y3- Y6 encourage their child to actively take part in the challenges at home.

Our Y4 children will have to complete a Department for Education Multiplication Check (MTC) in June 2025. The expectation is that children in Y4 should have secured all multiplication facts up to 12x12 and be able to answer questions within 6 seconds. TTRS is highly effective in ensuring children have fun whilst securing this mathematical knowledge.

Morecambe Bay Day – 16th October 2024

We are so proud to live and work in such a beautiful part of the country and are delighted to see that there is a dedicated day to celebrate Morecambe Bay! As a school, we are excited to be exploring ways in which we, too, can join in with celebrating Morecambe Bay Day on 16th October and will communicate soon.



In the meantime, please see the link below to find out more about what is going on in the area to mark 250 years of 'Morecambe Bay' first appearing on a map all the way back in 1775..!

https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/what-we-do/stories/morecambe-bay-day?mc_cid=5894bd57d5&mc_eid=319f323bf3

Macmillan Coffee and Cake Morning – Friday 27th September (AM)



The morning will run from 9am until 11.40am and you can call in at any time in the morning, however each class will have their own time slot of 20 minutes so you may wish to time your visit to coincide with your child's class.

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes / biscuits / buns to be made towards our coffee morning, which can be delivered on Thursday (PM) or Friday morning before 8.45am. There will also be a box for monetary donations. Please see the schedule below for when each class will be in the hall to enjoy this wonderful event:

9am – 9.20am	Skylarks
9.20am – 9.40am	Sanderlings
9.40am – 10am	Turnstones
10am – 10.20am	Oystercatchers
10.20am – 10.40am	Curllews
10.40am – 11am	Eider Ducks
11am – 11.20am	Dunlins
11.20am – 11.40am	Lapwings

Thank you in advance for supporting this fantastic cause!

Thankyou

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Hargreaves for very kindly assisting with the transportation of our new tables for the Y4 classroom in recent weeks – we very much appreciate your time and generosity. This has helped us greatly and we couldn't have don't it without you. Thankyou ❤️

Birthday Treats Reminder

It is lovely to see children come into school so excited about celebrating their birthday. This is such a joyous occasion and we do not want to dampen spirits when children wish to bring birthday sweets and treats into school for their classmates. That being said, we do need a consistent approach to keeping all children safe and healthy, so we kindly request that distribution of any birthday treats is carried out at the end of the school day, directly via parent to parent. This enables all those who consent to their child receiving such lovely treats to do so in real time and avoids any allergy risks. We do hope you understand and respect our position to not distribute treats in the classroom and thank you for your continued support.

Autumn Term Illness Strikes Again

We have noticed an increase in illness in both children and staff this week. Autumn colds, coughs and a sickness bug are doing the rounds. We are increasing hand washing and sanitising in school to look at preventing the fast spread of viruses and to minimise children and staff becoming unwell.

The DFE letter to schools for managing mild illness does state that children who have a temperature should remain at home until their temperature falls without controlling it with Calpol etc. This is in addition to the usual guidance of keeping your child at home for 48 hours following the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. More information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Food Bank Friday

Alongside St Peter's and St James' churches, we continue to make regular donations to Morecambe Bay Foodbank. We allocate weekly collections per class for those who are able to make a donation.

On Friday 27th September, we kindly ask if any parents / carers of **Y5 Lapwing Class** could make a donation but only if able to do so. Thankyou

Date	Class
Fri 27 th September	Lapwings (Y5)
Fri 4 th October	Harvest – any donations from all classes welcome
Fri 11 th October	Oystercatchers (Y1/2)
Fri 18 th October	Dunlins (Y4)
Half Term	



Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 23rd September

Monday 23rd September	
Tuesday 24th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Tour 3 @ 9.15am - bookings are being taken at the school office • Y4 Swimming - please make sure swimming kits are in school at drop off • Y4 Dance Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation
Wednesday 25th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Tour 2 @ 1.30pm - bookings are being taken at the school office • KS2 JAM Club @ 3.15pm - please collect a JAM Club form from the office if your child wishes to join this club
Thursday 26th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancaster Guardian taking Reception 2024 Photograph • Y2 Multi skills Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation
Friday 27th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 9am - 11.40am Please see above for information

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

- **Tuesday 17th September Onwards - School Tours for Reception 2025 New Starters**
Please see the school calendar for all tour dates and times up to Christmas.
- **Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning**
This takes place annually in our school hall, with classes having allocated slots for parents / carers to join them for this wonderful fundraising event. Please see above
- **Tuesday 1st October - Y4 Trip to Heysham Power Station**
Please note – swimming will still take place at the usual time, and the coach will drop the children off at the Power Station, so kits are still required in school. Thankyou
- **Wednesday 2nd October – Reception Parents Phonics Workshop**
This workshop will run from 5pm – 6pm in Skylarks classroom – please see above information.
- **Thursday 3rd October – Sanderlings Harvest Worship @ 9.15am – approx 9.45am**
Sanderlings class will be hosting this year’s Harvest Worship assembly (venue TBC). 2 x spaces max are available for family members of children in Sanderlings – no booking required.
- **Thursday 3rd October – ‘Hello Autumn’ Themed Lunch**
Please check your email for the link to pre-order your child’s meal on this day, should they wish to have it.
***Today is the last day for pre-orders – please ensure you have completed yours online here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/3zBzaV7q1K>
- **Monday 7th October - Individual and In-school Sibling Photographs**
On this day, Tempest come into school and take photographs of each child in each class. They also take photographs of any sibling pairs / groups, which are then made available afterwards for purchase.
- **Wednesday 9th October - Whole School Flu Vaccinations**
Please check your emails for the online links to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination.
- **Wednesday 16th October – Morecambe Bay Day**
See above for information – further details will be supplied
- **Monday 21st - Friday 25th October – October Half Term (School Closed)**
- **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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Hello Autumn
3rd October

Toad-in-the-Hole
(Vegetarian option available)
with
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Peas
& Gravy
or
Cheese Pasty
with
Mashed Potatoes
& Baked Beans
~
Strawberry Mousse

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Judges' Lodgings

Lego Robotics
at Judges Lodgings Museum

Saturday 5 October, 11am – 3.30pm
Free

Let the kids be inspired with making, coding, and programming their Lego robots.

Use Lego kits to inspire your child to learn creativity, programming, and coding in this free family session. Spend time together, have fun and gain new skills. What are you waiting for?

This event is part of Lancaster Fun Palaces, thanks to Lancashire Adult Learning.

Free – no booking required.

This event is free but charges do apply if you wish to go around the rest of the museum (£5 adults or children free)

Judges' Lodgings Museum, Church Street, Lancaster, LA1 1YS
01524 581 241 judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk

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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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