



Flourishing together

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

St. Peter's Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025



Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

It makes such a difference to have the sun shining and the children enjoying their time outdoors. You may have noticed that there are some classes busy with growing and planting. This week Y5 have planted a wildflower area with the help of parents and staff and we are excited to see how it turns out..!

Thank you

There are lots of thank you messages this week! We really appreciate the support of The Friends and our parents.

We have a wonderful art workshop arranged for Eider Duck class on Monday. The artist, Molly Bland, will then take the children's ideas and paint them on a wall in the playground. Thank you to Mr Kitchen, the parents who joined us last weekend and Bob Howard for getting the wall ready! I am sure it will look fantastic once finished.

Today, we are enjoying a wonderful, colourful non-uniform day! Thank you to The Friends for organising it and to all the parents for your generous raffle donations!

On Thursday, Mrs Owens took a small group of Year 5 children to a story-writing workshop at Lancaster University. This is part of the Year 5 local history story project. All of our Year 5 group are involved in creating a local story based on our area. The long-term goal is to have the final version published in a book compiled by local primary schools and, hopefully, displayed as an interactive story walk around the village. The children involved were highly commended for their attitude, enthusiasm and behaviour.

Next week, Year 5 will have an amazing adventure at Lakeside! Please bring your child to school at the normal time with all their belongings. The Year 5 team will be ready to direct the children to where they should place their belongings and to hand any medication to the staff. We then ask parents to say goodbye and leave the site promptly so we can manage the children and prepare them for their adventure. We appreciate that some children may be feeling a little anxious, but we find that they soon settle.

Next week will be very busy in school, with some staffing changes. Mrs Owens, Mrs Smith and Mr Carter will be at Lakeside all week, while Mrs Edmonson and Mrs Russell will be there for part of the week. Mrs Parker and Mrs Dodd will be planning visits and adjusting staffing as needed. Mr Side and Mrs Biggs will be covering Year 3 between them, alongside other staff supporting throughout the week.

Additionally, we have Lancaster Town Hall singing events next week, with many staff involved. With so many changes and staff helping in different areas, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Stars of the Week



We are celebrating the hard work, commitment to learning, resiliency and positivity of children across school this week.

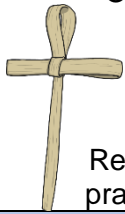


Our Stars of the Week are...

Skylarks <i>Benjamin</i>	Sanderlings <i>Isaac</i>	Oystercatchers <i>Darcy-Rose</i>	Eider Ducks <i>Sophia P</i>
Turnstones <i>Nell</i>	Dunlins <i>Aiden</i>	Lapwings <i>Archie</i>	Curlews <i>Sophie</i>

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Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



On Monday we learnt about St Patrick and the characteristics he demonstrated. We heard how he was brave, courageous and remained faithful. The children considered how we show these characteristics within our lives - standing up for our beliefs, respecting others, overcoming challenges.

Rev. Mark led a wonderful peaceful worship on Tuesday. We continued to learn about prayer and practiced being quiet, still and praying. All the children did exceptionally well with this.

Sporting Achievements – News

It has been a wonderful week for sports! The children attending the football on Monday represented the school exceptionally well, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship across their matches, with a mix of wins, draws, and losses.



Meanwhile, the Netball team displayed fantastic energy and positivity, making their school proud with their effort and determination. Well done to all the players for their hard work and dedication!

The swimming gala on Thursday evening was also a fantastic event! The children represented the school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, delivering outstanding performances in the pool. Their incredible effort led to some brilliant victories, ultimately securing the title of overall district champions. We are thrilled to have the trophy back at St Peter's - congratulations to all the swimmers for their hard work and dedication!



Easter Gardens and Egg Rolling

It is that time of year again where we prepare for Easter. Our school traditions of creating Easter gardens and competing in Egg rolling will take place again this year!

All children / families can create an Easter Garden to enter into our Easter Garden competition. This year we have added an extra challenge...can you make a *sustainable* Easter Garden? This is in line with our aim to be less wasteful and think about how we care for our planet. Gardens will be showcased in the hall from Monday 31st March, with the judges making the decision on 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on Thursday 3rd April.



Children can decorate a hard-boiled egg to roll. These need to be brought into school for Wednesday 2nd April.

There will be Easter Egg prizes for the egg that rolls the furthest in each class.

Parental Expectations and Conduct

It saddens me to write this section of the newsletter, especially as so many families and parents speak positively about the school. However, there are growing concerns regarding discussions among some groups of parents. I am aware that other local schools are also facing similar issues concerning parental behaviour towards school policies, procedures and staff.

We are incredibly fortunate at our school to have a strong, stable team of dedicated staff who strive to provide the best possible education for your children. Many go above and beyond to ensure we take part in sporting events, often giving up their personal time to do so. The quality of education at our school is high and standards across the school are consistently good.

However, in recent weeks, several parents and carers have taken to WhatsApp, engaged in playground discussions and voiced concerns to other parents in a manner that is sometimes negative, rude, or disrespectful towards staff and the school. Some staff members have also experienced direct rudeness, challenges to their professional decisions, and general disrespect from parents. Understandably, this has left them feeling upset - particularly when they are working hard to support all the children and are deeply committed to the school community.

It appears that discussions are taking place about other children's behaviour, how staff manage behaviour, the support provided for children and the allocation of places on sports teams, among other topics. While we acknowledge that parents naturally talk, we must emphasise that not all the information being shared is accurate or appropriate. If you are involved in such discussions, we ask you to reflect on the impact of this and be mindful that much of what is said often finds its way back to the school.

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As a school, we find this behaviour unacceptable and it is becoming increasingly damaging to both our community, the staff team and the teaching profession as a whole. All other professions have clear boundaries and while we recognise that we may not always meet every parent's expectations, we work exceptionally hard to do our best, always keeping the children at the heart of what we do.

Parents and carers may not always be fully aware of how schools operate, the provisions in place, and the time and effort required to ensure children have a wider range of opportunities, make progress, feel safe, and feel valued. Our staff work tirelessly with the resources available to them and we ask that this is respected.

We live in a society where we teach children to be respectful and responsible and we kindly ask that parents support us in setting this example by working collaboratively and respectfully with all school staff.

Enhanced Curriculum Opportunities - Reminders

Please see below any updates to our club schedule for week commencing 24th March:

- Monday: YR Little Builders Club – finishes at 4pm
- Tuesday: **No STEM Club as per update email sent last week**
- Wednesday: KS2 JAM Club
- Thursday: Y5&6 Morecambe Community Sports and Y2 Super Ball Paul



Lunch – Important Updates

Themed Days

Wednesday 2nd April 2024 - Easter Lunch:

No pre-order is required for this themed day, however please be aware that the normal lunch menu will not be available on the day this menu is on.

Healthy Lunchbox

We kindly ask that all parents who send their child to school with a packed lunch consider healthy, nutritious alternatives to sugary / processed foods and always remember that we remain a nut-free school due to allergies.

Food Waste

Our Planet Protector team have been monitoring food waste in the school hall at lunch times, to identify certain items that are being disposed of and they have fed this information back.



This is assisting us in our continued efforts to reduce food waste and ensure children are offered menu items that they will enjoy! We will be sharing our new Summer menu shortly, once it has been finalised.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Reminders

We kindly ask that **all** outstanding payments for Breakfast and Afterschool Club are fully cleared by Thursday 27th March for Spring Term 2025 (our current term).

Forms for Summer Term 2025 have been distributed and we ask that all are completed and returned by Friday 28th March at the very latest, to allow for confirmation emails to be sent and ParentPay to be updated accurately.

If you do not have a booking form but wish to book your child onto either club, please collect one from the school office and return by 28th March as above. Requests received after this date are not guaranteed to be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Food Bank – Donations



The Foodbank have asked us to pass on their gratitude this week to all those who have donated – they very much appreciate the continued support from our families.

Collections will continue to be consolidated into Key Stages and carried out twice a month (typically on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month). These will take place on the following dates:

- Friday 28th March – Key Stage 2 donations.

We ask for no further donations beyond Friday 28th March, to ensure any perishable items are not left in school over the 2 week Easter break which takes place from Monday 7th April.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 24th March 2025	
Monday 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lakeside Trip Y5* • Parent Led CBT Session 7: 9am – 12noon (for parents who are confirmed on this cohort) • YR Little Builders Club (3.15-4pm) – last session today
Tuesday 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 swimming – kits in school please, including lifesaving week items (see email) • KS1 (Y2) concert rehearsal (Town Hall) during school – please ensure your child arrives at school on time • Y2 children (if enrolled) performing at Lancaster Town Hall @ 7pm
Wednesday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 JAM Club (3.15-4.15pm)
Thursday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 (Y4) concert rehearsal (Town Hall) during school – please ensure your child arrives at school on time • Y1 Superball Paul! Club (3.15-4.15pm) • Y5/6 Morecambe Community Sports Club (3.15-4.15pm) • Y4 children (if enrolled) performing at Lancaster Town Hall @ 7pm
Friday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lakeside Trip Y5 Return – we anticipate children will be back at school in time for pickup as normal, but we will communicate if this is likely to be any different* *KS2 Food Bank Donations Please – please only give if you can*

Key Dates for Spring Term 2

- Y2 & Y4 Lancaster & District Singing Festival: 25th March (Y2) and 27th March (Y4). Parents of all children who are confirmed to attend require a ticket for the event. Please ensure this has been collected by the day of the concert and ensure this is brought to the event itself to ensure entry is granted.
- Friend's AGM: Tuesday 1st April. This will be held at school @ 5.15pm. All are welcome – please see letter for more info (which was sent with last week's newsletter).
- Eiderducks Class Worship (including Y2 children who participated in the Singing Festival): Thursday 3rd April. Includes a lovely encore of some of the songs performed at the singing festival. Maximum of 2 spaces per Eiderducks child / Y2 singing participant. Starts shortly after registration at approx 9am. Refreshments may be served for a small donation whilst you wait.
- Mother's Day Celebration Event: Friday 4th April. The booking window has now closed and all those who have booked will have had this item added to ParentPay. Please ensure this item is paid for by Friday 21st March at the very latest. This will secure the place at the event.
- Last Day of Spring Term: Friday 4th April.

School will be closed for Easter Break from Monday 7th April and will re-open for Summer Term on Tuesday 22nd April.

School Trips Taking Place in Summer Term (so far)

- Selected Y6 Cohort only Outdoor Adventure Day: Tuesday 1st April. See letter for details.
- Y3 Trip to Abbeystead: Tuesday 29th April. Please ensure all ParentPay actions are complete.
- Y3 Trip to Tower Wood: Thursday 1st May. ParentPay due date for final payment is Thursday 1st May. *Please ensure all 5 instalment dates have been met and all actions are completed on ParentPay by the date of the trip.*
- Y2 Trip to Blackpool Zoo: Thursday 8th May. ParentPay due date is Friday 4th April.
- Y4 Trip to the World Museum, Liverpool. ParentPay due date is Friday 25th April.

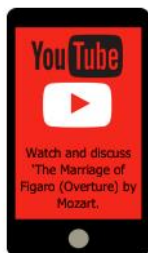


HOME INFORMATION



March's Musician of the Month

*Wolfgang
Amadeus Mozart*



About: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical period. Despite his short life, his rapid pace of composition resulted in more than 800 works of virtually every genre of his time. Many of these compositions are acknowledged as pinnacles of the symphonic, concertante, chamber, operatic, and choral repertoire. Mozart is widely regarded as among the greatest composers in the history of Western music. His Requiem was largely unfinished by the time of his death at the age of 35, the circumstances of which are uncertain and much mythologised.
Genres: Classical, Opera, Chamber, Choral
Active from: 1764-1791
Origin: Salzburg, Austria

Books to read...

If you like Mozart, try...



- Giuseppe Verdi
- Marianna Martinez
- Felix Mendelssohn

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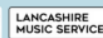


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