



Headteacher Welcome

Good afternoon,

We've had another busy and exciting week across the school as we begin preparations for the Christmas festivities!

Reception Class have been busy learning the songs for their Nativity Sing-Along, while Year 1 and Year 2 are working hard to practise their parts for their own Nativity performances. We are looking forward to sharing these special events with you soon.

Year 4 have enjoyed a range of enriching experiences this week. They had a fantastic visit to Heysham Power Station, where they took part in a variety of learning activities. Despite getting very wet on the walk back, they remained positive and enthusiastic! Today, they also had a brilliant session with Go Velo, practising their safer cycling skills. We are very grateful for the free Bikeability offer from Go Velo. Next week, Year 3 will also have the opportunity to take part in this experience.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who represented the school at athletics last Friday. They performed exceptionally well and scored the highest points among all the schools - what a fantastic achievement!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Worship

Christian Values – Autumn 2 – Gentleness and Goodness



Our focus was on making positive choices by showing courage and standing up for what is right, showing goodness. Inspired by Joshua 1:9, we were reminded to "be strong and courageous" and trust that God is with us wherever we go. Courage isn't always easy, but it empowers us to choose what is good and just, even when it's hard.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and led worship on hopes and dreams which inspired the children to consider their future wishes.

Stars of the Week



We are celebrating children who have settled back to school and are demonstrating our high expectations for behaviour and learning.



Stars of the Week receiving a Headteacher Award are...

Skylark Classes <i>Lily K</i>		Oystercatchers <i>Elle S</i>	Eider Ducks <i>Felicity D</i>
Turnstones <i>Hannah</i>	Dunlins <i>Jack R</i>	Lapwings <i>Amelia-Rose</i>	Curlews <i>Jamie</i>

Illness – Reminder

We politely request that if a child has had any episode of sickness or diarrhoea, that they remain at home until they are fully clear of the **48hr** period following their last episode. This is to ensure that any bugs are not spread to other children or staff members. Thankyou

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Reminders

Whilst we work hard to accommodate the needs of as many families as possible at both clubs, we do need to ensure that the wraparound care is paid for, preferably in advance or at the very least, in a timely manner following a session being taken.

Moving forward, we must see that there are contributions being made towards the amount due via ParentPay for ad-hoc bookings in particular. Without this, we will no longer be able to accept ad-hoc bookings, if we have not seen amounts being paid for during the term the request has been made.

Please remember that ad-hoc bookings are only available when there is a space and these are not guaranteed. We do require as much notice as possible – before 12noon on the day of the request at the very latest for Afterschool Club, in order for the club manager to respond as to whether the space is available on that day. Our clubs are becoming very popular and some days are full, so please consider this when placing a request via the inbox of the club only, as the school office cannot confirm spaces over the telephone:

breakfastclub@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk

afterschoolclub@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk

As we accept and begin to confirm places for Spring Term 2026, we do ask that payment for the full term is received in advance wherever possible but we appreciate this can be difficult for those who pay with childcare vouchers. At the very latest, we ask for the fixed pre-booked care to be paid for before the half term break of the term that is being charged. This allows for payments to be made via childcare vouchers, appreciating the process for this can take some time to go through the system and be received in our school account.

Please ensure that if you require a space for your child(ren) in Spring Term 2026, that your form is returned to school by Monday 1st December at the latest. This allows for staffing to be put in place and time for parents to be contacted and ParentPay to be updated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reception Update

This week, we informed Reception parents about Mrs Daly's absence from school. Starting Monday 24th November, Mrs Parker will teach Reception Class every morning, with additional staff supporting the cohort during afternoon sessions.

To accommodate these temporary changes, Mr Side will teach Eider Duck Class on Mondays and Year 3 on Wednesdays, helping to share some of Mrs Parker's workload. These arrangements aim to maintain consistency for our Early Years children as much as possible.

Mrs Parker will respond to any SEND enquiries and parent communications as soon as possible; however, please be mindful that she is teaching every morning and that additional responsibilities are being shared between Senior Leaders. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Reception Nativity Sing-Along

This year, our Reception children will delight us with a selection of songs that tell the Nativity story. They will be provided a costume from school and will be seated in a nativity scene.

After the sing-along, there will be time to take photographs and enjoy a drink and a biscuit with your child(ren) before they return to class. This will be held on **Wednesday 3rd December @ 9.30am** in the school hall.

You are welcome to come to the school hall just after drop off. A small wait may be required whilst we ensure every child is in school before greeting parents into the hall, where we aim to have tea and coffee available for a small donation to enjoy, whilst you wait for the children to join us.

Due to safe capacity and ensuring the children are not too overwhelmed, we are able to welcome a **maximum of 4 adults** to this sing-along per Reception child.

No booking will be required, however we will check individuals off the class list to adhere to fire regulations.

Elf Run



We are excited to support St John's Hospice with their annual Elf Run!

This year, we've planned something a little different and hope it all goes ahead (weather permitting).

Our **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3** children will take part in the Elf Run on the school field, with music and festive fun around the track. We hope to do this in the first week of December, however this will be weather dependent.

For **Years 4, 5, and 6**, the plan is to complete the Elf Run (walk, jog or run) with some staff along the prom. We aim to do this on **Wednesday 3rd December**, starting at the bottom of the hill on Knowlys Road at **1.45pm**. The route will be approximately one mile before turning back. Staff will be joining or marshalling and supporting throughout.

This experience has been risk assessed in line with our local visits procedures and therefore we would like every child to take part. Even if they walk the route! If, for any reason, you do not wish your child to participate, please inform the office and the child will have to remain in school.

Closer to the time, we'll confirm details based on the weather and share any updates. We hope parents can join us to cheer the children along the route! We'll also add some backup dates and times to the diary just in case.

The sponsorship link will be shared early next week via email.

School Lunch – Menu Changes

Thank you for your feedback and lunch suggestions. We will be meeting with Lancashire Catering in the coming weeks.

Please note: **All children in Reception to Year 2** are eligible for a **free hot school lunch every day**. Please take up this offer!

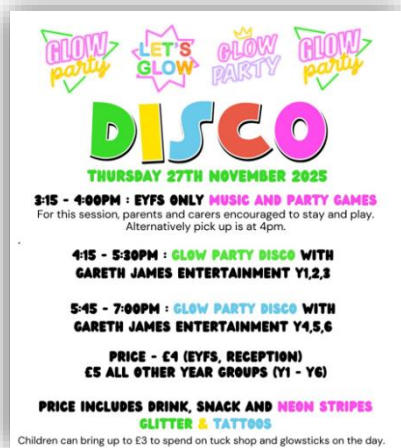
Next week, we will be on Week 1 of the menu. Please see the options below:

Week 1 Week commencing	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
3rd November 24th November 15th December 5th January 26th February 16th March 9th April 20th April	Traditional Choice Big Brunch Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Free Range Omelette Crispy Potatoes & Baked Beans	Loaded Mild Beef or Vegetable Chilli Nachos with Mixed Rice & Salad Selection	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	British Beef or Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges, Sweetcorn & Tomato Ketchup	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Lancashire Butter Pie with Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
	Jacket & Sandwiches Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Toffee Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Marble Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Brownie Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

We also have a menu change for Lancashire Day on Thursday 27th November. Please see the poster below for menu choices that day (also available on the outside noticeboard). No pre-order is required and no other options will be available on the day:



Friends Update



The Christmas Card and Product Shop will reopen for a 'second chance window' on **today** and close again on 1/12. This gives a second chance to purchase items for those who missed the first wave. Anyone who has lost their sample card and needs their unique reference number can text 07917 275767 before the closing time, and the Friend's Chair, Lauren, will provide your child's code from the portal.

Shop Link - <https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/>

A big thank you to *The Friends* for organising our upcoming school disco!

Today is the last day for the disco money and slips to be returned to school – please ensure you have sent these in or bring them into the school office at drop off today.

Children in Need Thankyou

A huge thank you to all our families who raised a wonderful **£374.87** last Friday for Children in Need!

Please see our Facebook page for the photos of the fun we had on the day.

We are very grateful for all donations given for our fundraising events and activities – we are truly blessed with such a generous and caring St Peter's family.



Christmas Events – Seats / Bookings

As we begin to prepare for our Christmas events in school, we would like to clarify how many family members we are able to accommodate for each event:

EYFS Nativity Sing Along – As above, a maximum of 4 family members per Reception child can attend. No booking required.

KS1 Nativity – A maximum of 2 family members can attend per child performing, per show. As this includes 3 x classes, please book seats ahead of the day via the school office so that we know how many chairs to put out.

Y6 Carol Service – As this is held at St Peter's Church, Y6 families are welcome but please consider the size of the church. No booking required.

Y3 Christingle Service – A maximum of 2 family members per Y3 child is welcome. No booking required.

Y3, 4 & 5 Carols by Candlelight – As this event is held outside, all are welcome! Please, however, consider that we may need to revert to a booking system, should the weather dictate the need for us to hold this inside. This is likely to be a 2 x adults per child approach, however we hope that this will not be required. If it is, we will provide as much notice as possible.



For the events taking place during the school day in the hall, we will do our very best to provide tea and coffee for a small donation towards the school.

Please see the December diary below for the date and times these will be held, in order for you to book time off / inform family members where applicable .

We are very much looking forward to sharing the efforts of our wonderful children and staff and thank you all in advance for supporting these special events!

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 24 th November 2025	
Monday 24th November	
Tuesday 25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Swimming (AM) – kits in school please. • Y5/6 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm.
Wednesday 26th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bags2School Collection Day. Please drop bags off behind the wall closest to the grey gate at drop off. This will be collected in the morning.
Thursday 27th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Ball Games Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm. • Y4/5/6 Young Voices Practice: 3.15 – 4.15pm. • Friends Glow Party Disco: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Years (Reception): 3.15 – 4pm - Y1, 2 & 3: 4.15 – 5.30pm - Y4, 5 & 6: 5.45 – 7pm <p>Please see flyer for all other details and ensure prompt collection</p>
Friday 28th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foodbank Collection – all donations will be gratefully received • Y3 Go Velo – see email communication and ensure you have consented online


December Key Dates 2025

We have supplied as much information as we know so far to enable time off work to be booked, but will continue to add detail and tweak this information when we have more information to share.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3 EYFS Nativity @ 9.30am Y4,5 & 6 Elf Run (first attempt)	4 Whole School Panto AM Please ensure you have completed consent and payment via ParentPay	5
8	9	10 KS1 Nativity @ 2pm	11 KS1 Nativity @ 2pm	12
15 Y6 Carol Service @ Church 5pm	16 Y3 Christingle Service @ 9am	17 Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 5pm	18	19 Last Day of Term in School
22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break
29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Christmas Break

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

The Cosy Christmas Grotto



Enjoy a magical Christmas experience with Santa & his Elves

Saturday 13th December | Sunday 14th December

Slyndales, Slyne Road, LA2 6ST

Booking is essential, more details on the back

£15 per child



Scan QR Code to book or visit: <https://cancercare.org.uk/get-involved/calendar>

CancerCare

SANTA DASH

Sunday 23rd November
1.30pm
Market Street
Lancaster




Join our annual Santa Dash 1 mile fun run around the city centre as part of Lancaster Christmas Lights Switch On. Santa hat and medal included



Child who raises the most sponsorship switches on the Lancaster Christmas Lights



Scan here or visit to book <https://cancercare.org.uk/get-involved/calendar>

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Christmas IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 6th December, 12-5pm
Sunday 7th December, 12-5pm
The Royal Heysham Hotel Car Park
Pedestrian access via Royal Fold on Main Street, LA3 2RN

Only £1 entry per adult*

- Thwaites Shire Horses (Saturday)
- Wreay Alpacas (Sunday)
- Father Christmas and his joyous crew are here to make your dreams come true
- Angel Trail around village
- Visit our 27 talented Artisan stalls selling handmade gifts and local festive treats
- The Royal Heysham will be serving festive food and drinks
- Carol singing and live music in the heated tent!



*Cash only for entrance fee. All proceeds from this event will be reinvested back into the community.


PLEASE WALK TO VISIT US WHERE POSSIBLE. FREE PARKING IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE CAR PARK, LA3 2RW.

For more information, get in touch at: heyshamevents@gmail.com


Follow our Facebook page for updates! Scan the code or search Heysham Neighbourhood Community.




<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ho-ho-ho-its-confirmed-we-are-so-excited-santa-is-coming-to-heysham-registration-1844924421609?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=&utm-share-source=mobile-search-results>




Soccer School



HEYSHAM BLUESTAR ARE LOOKING FOR 4, 5 AND 6 YEAR OLDS (RECEPTION AND YEAR 1) WHO WANT TO TRY FOOTBALL. OUR SOCCER SCHOOL RUNS EVERY SATURDAY 10-11 IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR CONTACT 07824786910



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