



# St. Peter's Newsletter

## Flourishing Together

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024



### Headteachers Message

Good afternoon,

What a wonderful but cold week it has been in school. Christmas is definitely on its way with rehearsals for the wonderful productions fully underway across all year groups! Please check the dates and times below in the 'Christmas Diary' so that you do not miss the opportunity to see your child in their performance. For the majority of performances, a maximum of 2 family members may attend per child for their own class performance only. This shouldn't be necessary for the KS2 'Carols by Candlelight' performance unless the weather dictates otherwise, nor should it be limited for the Y6 Carol Concert at St Peter's Church. We do, however, request that you book for the KS1 performance with a maximum of 2 spaces per performance per child via the school office in person, via emailing [bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk) or via telephone.

A huge thank you to 'The Friends' for organising a wonderful School Disco! The children who attended had so much fun and enjoyed the evening. The entertainment was great and the parental support to ensure these events take place is truly appreciated!

During the disco, there was the opportunity to take part in 'guess the number of sweets in the jar'. We are pleased to announce that Dottie from Skylarks class is the winner! Well Done 😊. Dottie will be coming home with lots of treats and a great Mickey Mouse teddy!

Did you see 'Curly' the Snowman on Facebook? Curly is our school snowman that has been lovingly created by Mrs Longdon and Mrs Smith using children's work and old school uniform (thank you both for your wonderful work) and has been taken to Lancaster to be part of this year's Snowman Trail. A 'Love Lancaster' booklet came home this week with the locations of the Snowman Trail. If you are visiting Lancaster over the next few weeks, please take your booklet and find the different snowmen. You can also vote for your favourite (Curly of course! 😊)



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focused on:



#### Gentleness and Compassion

Mrs Dodd led our Monday worship where we considered how we can't always see what people are thinking, feeling or what they have experienced. We considered how we can be gentle, kind and show compassion to support others.

Rev'd. Mark led worship this week on 'The Calling of David'. This is the story of how God chose David, Samuel's most unlikely son, to be the King of Israel. Even though David was the smallest, God had a special job for him to do - be the King of Israel. David went on to be brave and a great king, even though he didn't look as though he could be a king at the beginning - especially compared to his big brothers.

The children reflected on the qualities that are needed for a good king (Fruits of the Spirit) and how some things aren't always as they appear on the outside (i.e David was small and a shepherd boy).

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## Lost Property

All lost property is now located in the main school entrance, so if you would like to look for any items belonging to your child, please come to the main door and not the side door, which is now only to be used by school staff.

Any unnamed items will be taken to the Uniform Hub within the next couple of weeks before Christmas, so please ensure you carry out a final check before this happens. Please also ensure that you have fully labelled every item belonging to your child, ensuring it can be returned to them quickly and doesn't end up getting donated unintentionally!

## Stars of the Week



Another great week filled with lots of hard work, confidence and kindness – well done everybody 😊

Class	For
Skylark - Cohen	Showing fabulous respect for the classroom
Sanderling - Eden	Bringing so much joy with her wonderful singing
Oystercatcher - Sophia-May	Putting a great effort into her Maths this week – well done!
Eider Ducks - Lexie	Always being kind and gentle with her words and actions
Turnstones - Jaxon	Having a great attitude to learning
Dunlins - Ivy	Being consistently ready for her learning
Lapwings - Tommy	Always doing the right thing confidently
Curlews - Ted	Outstanding RE work – well done!

## Friends Fundraising Update

### ASDA Cashpot

Asda Cashpot for schools has just 9 days left. Here's some text you might like to share on your own social media so we can maximise the last few days of this initiative... 😊

If you haven't already, please choose [St Peters School Heysham](#) before you do your weekly shop this weekend. If you are doing any shopping in Asda in the next 9 days and use the Asda app - please select [St Peter's School Heysham](#) in the Cashpot for Schools section if you don't have a school of choice already. We really think we can make it to £750 but we need a few more supporters to make this a reality!

Cashpot for schools

Heysham St Peter's Church of England Primary School

You have helped raise

**£632.04**

⌚ 9 days left



[See progress](#)

### Tuck Shop

As long as it stays dry the Friends will be selling off the last Tuck Shop stock from the disco at pick-up - we have around 100 items left so when it's gone, it's gone 🐼🐼🐼

Sweet cones £1.50, Crisps 50p, 2 bags of Haribo for 50p, Rainbow Drops 50p

Parents of KS1 children may want to come on your way in, before you go to the lower playground 🐼🐼

### Christmas Cards – Final Call

Final deadline for ordering is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – please see email sent this week for details if you have misplaced your child's proof card. Thankyou

## Professor Tuesday History Visits



Oystercatchers class has an amazing time with Professor Tuesday from the Museum Services on Thursday morning. Through drama, storytelling and lots of fun, she brought the events of the Great Fire of London to life. The children were totally engrossed! Thank you to the parents who contributed towards this workshop. By doing so, we are able to provide these wonderful enrichment activities.



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## Road Safety – Important Message

During these colder months with some unpredictable weather, darker afternoons / evenings and poor visibility, we ask that all those dropping off and collecting children remain **extra vigilant** when parking and moving vehicles. An incident occurred at the roadside yesterday with a child from this school at the end of the school day. We can assure you that the child is thankfully fine, however the incident could have ended differently had the driver of vehicle been moving any faster. It is essential that all drivers take great care, particularly at peak times of the day to ensure children are kept safe.

## St John's Hospice – Reindeer Rush 2024



Every year we take part in the annual St John's Hospice – Reindeer Run. This is a charity that is very important within our local community that not only supports people with cancer but their families and children.

We will be getting all the children out to take part in the Reindeer Run on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, where every child will run around the school track to raise funds via sponsorship from family and friends.

If you are able to donate to this charity, please do so via the link below. Please share the link with family members and friends who may also wish to sponsor your child for their involvement and raise funds for such a wonderful cause this Christmas. Thank you as always for your continued support

<https://stjohnshospicelancaster.enthuse.com/pf/suzie-walker>

## Reading, Reading, Reading



We are continuing to notice that a number of children are not frequently reading at home. Please can we ask that parents / carers / family members in every year group makes a conscious effort to listen to their child read at home. We know it is not feasible every night, however would recommend 3-4 times per week.

You can also help develop your child's love for reading, books and vocabulary by sharing a favourite story or non-fiction text together, or even visiting the library.

## School Lunch Changes

### Elfie Lunch – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

You will all have hopefully received the Elfie Lunch online booking email and form. This special lunch will take place on the day of the school panto (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December) and requires a pre-booked meal for every child. To book, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/ahV7PzABAZ>. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on the poster which is on the outside notice board upon entry to the playground. **Please submit all pre-orders by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest.** Any orders received after this date will not be fulfilled and your child will be offered a jacket potato only, if they do not come to school with a packed lunch on this day.



### Lancashire Day

There will be a change to the menu on Wednesday next week (27<sup>th</sup> November) to celebrate 'Lancashire Day'. The choices on this day will be Corned Beef Hash or Cheese and Potato Pie or Jacket Potato. Please note that the usual offering of Roast Chicken or Chickpea Curry will not be available on this day.

## Charity Update – Thank you



We all had a fun filled, superhero day with a special visit from Pudsey for Children in Need last week. Together, the school raised a fantastic **£273.15** for the wonderful cause – thank you so much!

We will provide an update on the total raised for the Poppy Appeal as soon as we have received it from the Royal British Legion charity.





## 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: [bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto: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>

### Winter Clothing

As we are now starting to feel the cold and have some days where the temperature has definitely dropped we ask that you please ensure your child is in warm clothing and has a coat which **has been labelled**. If your child has gloves, hats and scarfs these will also require labelling and naming so that they don't go missing...

We also recommend that parents send some joggers / leggings and warm jumper for PE during these colder months, that can be worn over the usual kits, particularly if the lesson takes place outside (dry weather permitting).

### Weekly Food Bank Collections

We continue to want to embed our school vision to care for creating and support others within the community. Please can you donate to the foodbank collections where possible. Whilst we have allocated classes, anyone can donate at any time. Every little helps and it was truly appreciated last half term.

Day	Class
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Lapwings
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Oystercatchers
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Dunlins
Week Commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> December	No Donations as we will be arrange a pick up this week.

#### Urgently needed food items

Tea Bags  
 Instant Mash  
 Small jars of Coffee  
 Tinned Tomatoes  
 Tinned Baked Beans

### Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	*Elfie Lunch Pre-Orders Due*
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	• Y5 / 6 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	• KS2 Singing Club: Lunchtime • KS2 JAM Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm • Y4 / 5 / 6 Spanish Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm • Y5 / 6 Athletics Practice: 3.15 – 4.15pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	• Y2 / 3 Ball Games Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	• School Tour No.15 for Reception 2025 intake: 1.30pm – 2pm • Y3 Trip to Judges Lodgings: See letter and email for details • Y5/6 Indoor Athletics League: 3.30 – approx 5pm. See letter for details

### Reminder of Key Dates for the remainder of Autumn Term 2

- **Every Friday afternoon until 6<sup>th</sup> December** - School Tour for Reception Intake September 2025 @ 1.30pm. Please call the school office to book on. Please share with any friends or family members.
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Y3 Trip to Judges Lodgings** – See letter and email sent home for details
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Indoor Athletics League** @ LMC from 3.30pm.  
 This is the first date of the competition, with another scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Please see letter.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Author Trip to Ripley St Thomas** – See letter and email sent home for details

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# CHRISTMAS DIARY



WED 4TH DEC. WHOLE SCHOOL TO THE DUKES TRIP

THURS 5TH DEC. EYFS NATIVITY 9:30

WED 11TH DEC. 2PM - KS1 NATIVITY (1)

WED 11TH DEC 5:30PM - KS2 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

THURS 12TH DEC. 2PM - KS1 NATIVITY (2)

MONDAY 16TH DEC. 6PM Y6 CAROL CONCERT

TUES 17TH DEC. YEAR 3 PARENTS ONLY  
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

WED 18TH DEC. CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND JUMPER DAY



## Upcoming Festive Events in the Local Area

### Christmas

IN  
HEYSHAM  
VILLAGE

DROP IN!  
No need  
to book!

£1  
voluntary  
donation.  
All ages  
welcome!

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Sunday 1st December, 2-4pm  
Heysham Village Institute  
Main Street, LA3 2RW

Help get your village  
ready for the festive  
season.

Come and decorate your own  
angel for display in this year's  
Heysham Village Angel Trail.

Make an afternoon of it and  
join in with other activities on  
offer including:

- Making Tree Decorations
- Other Angel-inspired crafts



Follow our Facebook page for  
updates! Scan the code or search  
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For more information, get in touch at:  
heyshamevents@gmail.com



### Christmas

IN  
HEYSHAM  
VILLAGE

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 7th December, 12-5pm  
Sunday 8th December, 12-5pm

The Royal Heysham Hotel Car Park  
Pedestrian access via Royal Fold on Main Street, LA3 2RN

Only  
£1  
entry per  
adult\*

- Alpacas (Saturday)
- Thwaites Shire Horses (Sunday)
- Father Christmas
- Angel Trail
- The Royal Heysham Hotel:  
open for food and drinks inside  
and outside in the heated tent.
- Carol singing and live music  
in the heated tent!



\*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.

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**More Music**

**FREE**

**WEST END WINTER LANTERN PROCESSION**  
AN UPLIFTING COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LIGHT & MUSIC

The procession will wind its way around the streets of the West End led by Baybeat Streetband, starting and ending with light and music performances at More Music. Please wrap up warm and wear appropriate clothing for all weathers!  
*Hot drinks available.*

**PROCESSION START**  
Parliament Street by More Music,  
13-17 Devonshire Road,  
Morecambe, LA3 1QT

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[www.moremusic.org.uk](http://www.moremusic.org.uk)

**Saturday 7th December**  
5pm - 7:30pm

- 4pm Alexandra Park Illuminated
- 5pm Event start | Collect your lantern | Performances
- 6pm Procession
- 7pm Celebration outside More Music
- 7:30pm Close

**GET INVOLVED!**

**DESIGN A BIRD**

We're gathering your Curlew designs to join a colourful, patterned flock created by local community groups and schools. The flock will form a light installation which will be projected onto More Music's Building.

To join in, download the template, then take photos of your designs, email them to [info@moremusic.org.uk](mailto:info@moremusic.org.uk) and display in your window for everyone to enjoy on the procession.

**LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS**  
Saturday 23, Sunday 24, Saturday 30 November  
10am to 4pm  
Make a beautiful willow and paper lantern to carry in the procession. This year's theme is wildlife of the bay.

**TAMBOO BAMBOO WORKSHOPS**  
Saturday 23 November  
11am - 12pm / 1pm - 2pm  
Come and learn about and play Trinidadian Tamboo Bamboo music with Bob and Cyn from Cocophony Arkestra! We'll be preparing a short performance to be shared at 5pm and 7:15pm at the Lantern Procession event.

**CONTINUE YOUR NIGHT**

**BAKED A LA SKA**  
Ska of Wonder  
Saturday 7 December  
8pm  
Tickets £15  
The "heavy heavy" sound of Manchester. A super-charged TI-headed ska monster on a rampage through the dance floors of the UK.

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**THE MAGIC CHRISTMAS TOYSHOP**  
A walk-through experience for children!

Come and visit us  
at Lancaster Castle!

**Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December**  
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm  
No booking necessary

**FREE ENTRY**

A Three Left Feet production

**CHRISTMAS TALES**  
with **MRS CLAUS**

with **MRS CLAUS**

1pm & 3pm, 7th & 8th December  
11am & 1pm, 14th & 15th December

Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park

Scan for tickets!

[www.threeleftfeet.co.uk](http://www.threeleftfeet.co.uk) @threeleftfeetuk info@threeleftfeet.co.uk

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