



# Flourishing together

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

## St. Peter's Newsletter

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



### Headteacher Message

Good Afternoon,

We hope everyone has had a lovely week. We have recently undertaken a thorough review of individual children's attendance at school. We know there has been a number of illnesses over the past few months and this will be accounted for, as we know that this can't be helped. We do, however, have a number of children who are 'persistently absent' and this is impacting significantly on their education. We carefully monitor attendance and in line with our policies there may be occasions where the staff team will carry out home visits to check on children / families. Letters will be sent home to acknowledge absences which are becoming a cause for concern, with a view to raising awareness and offering the opportunity to support and work alongside families to improve attendance.

Our Skylark (Reception class) have had a wonderful week! They have been celebrating Chinese New Year in class and have had a special visit from Mr Lane (Parent and Postman) who talked to the children about his job. All of our Reception children then went on a local walk to the post box to post some of their letters and also gave school all of their mail. Thank you to Mr Lane for coming in to teach the children about your role.

This week Oystercatchers have been on a local walk and visited Judge's Lodgings as part of their History curriculum. They had a wonderful time and it was fantastic to hear all about their historical learning and the knowledge they gained!



Turnstones have had a visit from Professor Tuesday who gave the children an insight into what life would have been like in the Stone Age. The children thoroughly enjoyed this immersive history experience. We still have the voluntary item open on ParentPay for those who wish to contribute to these on-site educational visits, which will help us to continue to provide this offer for our children. Thank you to those who have contributed already.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Year 5 Lakeside Information Evening

Mrs Owens will be holding a Lakeside information evening on **Tuesday 11th February from 5pm - 6pm.**

Please feel free to come along to the Y5 classroom if your child will be attending the Lakeside trip - no booking required.

### Valentines Theme – 'Love'



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, the theme of the day will be Love. We have been working hard to show love and care for our community and world. Therefore, on this day we kindly ask if families can donate to Animal Care, that they bring Harrington's dry dog food. Thank you!

In addition, all the children are welcome to come into school in red or pink clothing. Even if it is a 'dash' of the colour. The kitchen will be making heart shaped biscuits as part of the school lunch.



### Reminders

#### EYFS – Skylarks Class

Mrs Daly and the Skylarks team would like to politely remind parents that the children should not be bringing teddies or small comfort items / toys into school. Whilst we understand that some children may use these at home, over the recent weeks some items have become a distraction in class. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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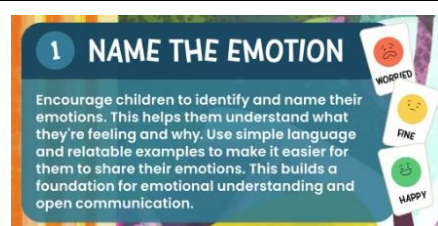
## Star of the Week



We have had another wonderful week in school, full of hard work – particularly in Maths and English. Well done to all of our stars this week!

Class	For
Skylarks - Teddy U	Always following the school expectations and working hard in all areas.
Sanderlings - Eden	Spreading peace through the classroom with her kindness.
Oystercatchers - Rohan	Super work in Maths, History, Literacy and PE lesson. You are always working hard!
Eider Ducks - Hugo	Huge improvements in writing across all subjects. We are very proud of you!
Turnstones - Kiki	Being a fantastic role model and always showing you are ready to learn.
Dunlins - George	Working fantastically in a group to generate some wonderful persuasive writing.
Lapwings - Lucy	An amazing new-found confidence, especially in Maths. You are flourishing!
Curlews - Jacob M	Working incredibly hard on your presentation. You've persevered and it has been worth it!

## Keeping Safe Online – Emotional Literacy in the Digital World



As we grow up, we're inevitably exposed to new and challenging feelings – whether it's sadness, fear or rage. These emotions can be tough but are all normal. The world we live in has many complexities around the digital world and our children have to learn how to handle these complexities.

Emotions are normal and we need to educate our children on how to regulate their emotions, process their emotions and have healthy ways in which they can manage them. This free guide provides you with expert tips on teaching children to recognise their own emotions and deal with them in a mature manner (National College of Online Safety):

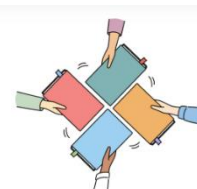
<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/emotional-literacy>

## Up and coming World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The theme will be 'A book at bedtime' and on the day, the children are welcome to wear PJs / lounge wear. They can bring their favourite bedtime book to share. Please ensure this book is labelled clearly with their name so it can be returned home at the end of the day.

The Student Council also would like to arrange a 'Pre-loved book sale' for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

During this week children can bring in a book they no longer read to donate to a book sale. We ask that all books being donated to the sale are in school by the 5<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest. Then on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day), children can bring 50p to school where they can choose a book from the selection of books that have been donated!



## School Menu

We are continuing to make tweaks to our school meals menu in order to reduce food waste and also ensuring our children have choices that they like. All children in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to take a free school meal. We strongly encourage this.



Next week we are on **Week 1:**

	Red	Green	Blue
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Pork or veg meatballs with rice & veg	Macaroni cheese with crusty bread & salad	Filled jacket potato with salad
<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Lancashire butter pie with peas & carrots or beans	Ham pizza with herby wedges & salad	Filled jacket potato with salad
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Roast chicken or quorn with gravy, roast potatoes & veg	Tomato and mascarpone pasta with herby bread & salad	
<b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Beef or veg burger with paprika wedges & sweetcorn	Pasta twists in tomato sauce with dough balls & salad	Filled sandwich roll with tortilla chips & salad
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Fish fingers with chips & peas or beans	Pizza margherita with chips & peas or beans	Filled sandwich roll with tortilla chips & salad

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## Up and Coming Events

Over the next few weeks there will be further correspondence in relation to...

- **Sporting Events.**

*We politely request that parents are mindful about what they share on the WhatsApp groups, as we have recently been made aware of negative views surrounding sporting events. To clarify, when sporting events take place, school ensures that practices are arranged as required, in advance of a competition or tournament. We ask parents to please trust school's judgement of the allocation practice sessions.*

- Parents Evenings - 4<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> March. The booking system will be available on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – further details will follow.
- World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The theme will be “Books at Bedtime” and children will be able to attend school in their PJ's.
- Y2 (Children who wish to take part in Lancaster Music Festival) – Event is at The Town Hall 7pm – 8pm (more information to follow).
- Mother's Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will be celebrating and inviting Mothers or significant people to a stay and play session with your child from 1.30pm onwards. Please put the date in your diary!

## Food Bank – Donations

### Urgently needed items

Nappies Size 5+  
Nappies Size 6  
Nappies Size 6+



Thank You to all the parents and families that donated during the Autumn Term. As a school we continue to be committed to support our community and live out our Christian Vision of having a positive impact on the world around us we ask for donations. Please only donate where you can.

Date	Class – Food Bank Friday
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Turnstones (Y3)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Skylarks (YR)
No Donations as we will organise a collection from the Foodbank for this week. School Closes for Half Term on Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	

## Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Led CBT Session 1 @ 9.15am – 12noon <i>This is for parents who have secured a space on the current cohort.</i></li> <li>• Y5/6 Football League @ BLA – as per letter, this is straight after school. Approx. finish time 5.30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 Swimming (AM) – please ensure swimming kits are in school.</li> <li>• Y2 Art Club (3.15 – 4.15pm). Places have been confirmed via email.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JAM Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> <li>• Spanish Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> </ul>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1 Lil Beatz Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> <li>• Y4 / 5 Ball Games Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)</li> <li>• Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament @ BLA Astro Pitch at 3.45pm – approx 6.15pm – please see letter</li> </ul>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	





## Reindeer Rush 2024 - the results are in! 🦌

Back in December, we had **71 schools**, nurseries, and childcare providers from across our community joining in the festive fun, with **14,137** of the cutest reindeer recruits donning their antlers and completing a sponsored run for St John's Hospice.

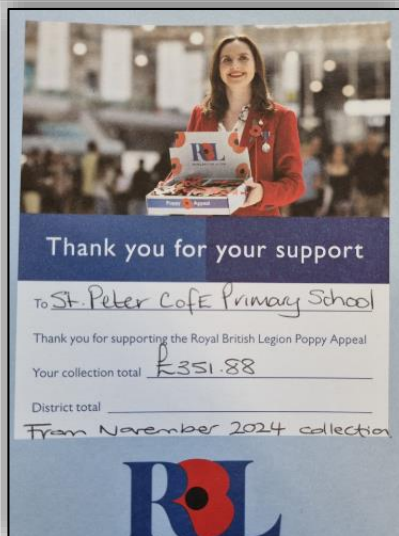
We are absolutely thrilled to reveal that, **together**, we have now raised an **INCREDIBLE £62,076.41!**

WOW! We are completely blown away by this total and want to extend our thanks to YOU and all the schools, nurseries, and childminders who participated, every child that took part and every person who supported this event by sponsoring a child. Special thanks to our event sponsors [Lancaster & Heysham school sport](#).

Reindeer Rush 2024 was nothing short of magical – and it's all thanks to YOU!

Your generosity will make such a difference to the care and support we provide to those who need it most.

Thank you





**Lions Clubs**  
from across North England,  
the Midlands and Wales  
are holding a



# MUSIC COMPETITION

**For SOLO INSTRUMENTALISTS**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**  
MONDAY  
24th FEBRUARY  
2025

All entries welcome from  
school years  
1- 6, 7-11 and 12 - 13  
to perform at

University of Cumbria  
Lancaster Campus Chaplaincy Centre  
Bowerham Road, Lancaster LA1 3JD.

**Saturday 8th March 2025**  
10.30 am - 4 pm

Contact Susan Dodgson on  
[music@lionsclubs105cn.org.uk](mailto:music@lionsclubs105cn.org.uk)

**CASH PRIZES**




Link to On-line Booking Form  
and Competition Rules

<https://form.jotform.com/222826150797361>

(THE QR CODES WILL TAKE YOU TO THE SAME LOCATION)

Dance yourself dizzy & help the animals at our...

## 80S MUSIC QUIZ & DISCO NIGHT

WITH PREMIUM MC EVENT HOST

**DJ DANNY MATTHEWS**

IN AID OF ANIMAL CARE

**SAT 29TH MARCH**  
**@7.30PM**

AT THE GREGSON, LANCASTER  
ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY £10  
BOOK USING QR CODE





QUIZ STARTS @ 8PM!  
DANCING A MUST!  
FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

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