



# St. Peter's Newsletter

## Flourishing Together

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



### Headteachers Message



It has been a wonderful week in school where we have really thought about other people in our community and around the world. Our Sanderling class were brave, confident and delivered a wonderful Harvest Worship this week. Thank you to all the parents and family members that came along. We are also extremely grateful to Rev. Mark and St Peter's Church for allowing us to use this space.

Last week we held our Macmillan Coffee morning. We are astounded by the generosity of families and have raised over **£750** for the charity! We want to say a huge thank you for all you contribute to the school and community. Today, we have a wonderful Harvest table full of food and donations for Morecambe Bay Community Foodbank. As you will see in the newsletter, we are all committed to charitable work and to think of others. This is part of our Christian Vision and ethos where we care for creation and think of others in need.

Year 4 had a very busy day visiting Heysham Power Station this week. Since returning back to school, we have already had three history workshops in school too! It is a very busy term with lots of curriculum opportunities.

We also want to say a huge thank you to all the Reception parents who came along to our phonics workshop this week. It was designed to help parents understand the way in which we teach phonics, reading and writing, so we hope you found it useful.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

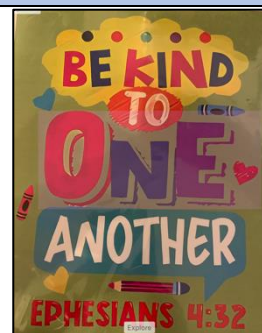


This week we have focussed on:

**Kindness – We think about others in need and show kindness to each other.**

This week our focus has been on kindness. During our worship we have focussed on Harvest, thinking of other people and showing our kindness in words and actions.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday. The children thought about how we use salt for flavouring but also how we are 'the salt of the earth.' How do we bring flavour and positivity to the lives of others? The children talked positively about our Christian Characteristics and how we can show kindness, bring joy and goodness to our school and communities.



### School Council 2024 - 2025

Thank you and well done to all the children who applied for a place on the School Council. You showed courage and confidence in the campaign and shared some brilliant ideas on how to improve our school. Congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors for this academic year:

- Year 2: Hudson and Scarlett
- Year 3: Kiki and Joseph
- Year 4: Samuel and Olivia
- Year 5: Isabella and Alex
- Year 6: Isla and Dylan

I look forward to working with you all!  
Mrs McGirl



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## Stars of the Week



There is so much positivity in school and some wonderful work. It was lovely to visit Y3 this week to read some of their wonderful writing. We have some wonderful art work displayed this week by Oystercatchers too. It is always hard to identify our Stars of the Week as we have a school full of wonderful hardworking children. However, we are pleased to announce...

Class	For
Sanderlings - Nellie	Always being polite and making good choices. Well Done!
Oystercatchers - Stanley	For excellent writing – well done!
Eider Ducks - Bella G	Showing brilliant engagement during carpet time. You always have your hand up ready to answer.
Turnstones - Maisie	Showing determination and resilience with your learning.
Dunlins - Rowan W	Being such a positive addition to class. You are kind, respectful and listen to others. You share fantastic ideas in class.
Lapwings - Arabella P	You are always so hardworking, conscientious and smart! You are always ready to learn and always do the right thing.
Curlews - Blake	Actively taking part so enthusiastically in all lessons.

## Sporting Events

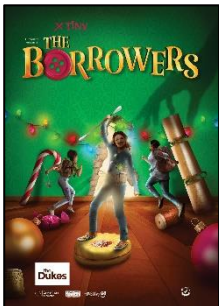


This week we had some of our Y5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Heysham and Morecambe Sports group Aquathlon.

The team were amazing! They stayed focused and we are all proud of their achievements. We are very pleased to get our first trophy of the school year! Well Done!



## School Panto - Reminder



You will hopefully have received our whole school panto trip letter for our exciting visit to the Dukes Lancaster on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not yet returned the permission slip, we ask that you please do this ASAP as we have now reached the deadline for slips to be returned. Payment is required by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November via ParentPay which we would be most grateful for at the earliest opportunity, to ensure we can pay the theatre in advance and secure our tickets.

We still require a couple more parent volunteers, so if you are available in the morning (until approx. 1pm) and are happy to join us, at a reduced parent ticket cost of £6.50, please contact the school office or add to your return slip if you have not yet sent it into school. Thank you very much 😊

## ASDA Rewards

Thank you to all of our parents who have linked their ASDA cash pot to ASDA rewards. We have managed to raise over £300.

**Heysham St Peter's Church of England Primary School**

You have helped raise

**£316.36**

Ⓞ 57 days left

See progress



We've hit £316! For every person that downloads the Asda Rewards app and chooses St Peter's Heysham as their Cash pot school of choice - we get £1! Yes, £1 without even shopping at Asda.

If you already have the app you can still choose St Peter's and £1 gets added to our total. Please encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles too. This initiative doesn't affect your own Asda rewards so please do support us with this campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

## Themed Lunches

Today we have emailed another link to pre-order lunch for your child(ren) for our next themed lunch which is to celebrate 'Bonfire Night'. As always, we politely request that you complete the link within the deadline (which, for this lunch, is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October): <https://forms.office.com/e/5KpE2GgrcC>

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If we do not receive a pre-order for your child(ren), we will only be able to offer jacket potato as an option on the day if they do not bring a packed lunch to school.

We need to remind all parents that once a pre-order is submitted for a themed lunch, charges will apply even if they bring a packed lunch and prefer to eat that. This is because the kitchen order stock specifically for these lunches and school is charged accordingly.

### **Admission Arrangements for 2026 Onwards - Consultation**

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**.

#### **Rationale and Context**

Our current admission number is 35 children per year. This means that we have mixed-age classes in EYFS and KS1. The proposal will mean that we will be a single-form entry primary school with an admission number of 30 children from 2026. This impacts the school as we propose reducing one class in the future. Staff are fully aware of this and have been consulted as part of this process. Due to the reduced birth rate and reduced numbers in school, the school finances have been greatly impacted over the past two years. Therefore, this proposal will enable the school to provide the following:

- Single form entry with 30 children in each class from 2026 onwards.
- Reduced class sizes in KS2 in line with our other local schools (as the 2026 cohort progress through school).
- Stability of the school's finances by not having 'empty' places and meeting the birth rate needs in the area.
- Admission criteria that is broadly in line with many of our local Church of England Primary schools within our district.

**The proposed admission criteria is...**

**1: (1a) Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children.**

**(1b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.**

**2: Siblings**

**3: Children whose parents / guardians worship at St. Peter's or St. James', Heysham or Children whose parents / guardians worship of other churches in membership of Churches Together in England, Free Churches Group, the Evangelical Alliance or the North West Gospel Partnership of Churches.**

**4: Children of staff**

**5: Other Children**

We are putting our proposed admission arrangements on the school website from today and will be sharing our proposal with all of our stakeholders including our other local schools. We will be allowing a 6 week period for consultation from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

**The full proposed admission arrangements is available at:**

**<https://www.stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions-and-appeals/consultation-proposed-admission-arrangements-2026>**

**We welcome your views**

## Staff Charity Work Out of School

***Our vision is to see our children go out into the world with the skills and confidence to succeed and the love, compassion, and advocacy to make a positive impact on the world around them.***

As part of our vision and our personal beliefs, many of our staff continue to make a positive impact on the world around them through raising money for charities that are important to them.

We therefore wanted to share what some of our staff are doing and if you are able to and wish to, you can donate to their fundraising pages. We do recognise that we have had a lot of fundraising take place this half term so our main aim is to raise awareness, to share what the staff are involved in and to celebrate their achievements.

As we move into the Spring term we will be looking at ways in which we can do further charitable work to support some of the charities that are important to our staff.

### **Mrs Rigby**

Mrs Rigby and her dog Teddy are walking approx. 5km per day all through October in order to raise money for the MS Society. Again, this is a charity that is extremely important to Mrs Rigby. As a staff team, we are going to be completing a walk with Mrs Rigby and below we have details of a parent well being walk event prior to the end of half term.

[https://mymswoof.mssociety.org.uk/fundraising/stefanie-and-teddys-fundraising-page?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=PostOffice&utm\\_campaign=DS\\_EVENTS-LFC\\_Trans\\_PageCreated](https://mymswoof.mssociety.org.uk/fundraising/stefanie-and-teddys-fundraising-page?utm_medium=email&utm_source=PostOffice&utm_campaign=DS_EVENTS-LFC_Trans_PageCreated)

### **Mr Kitchen**

All in One Day - Riding the Dales - Middlesbrough to Reeth, sponsored cycle ride - Rob Kitchen and friends. As you will see from the link below, Mr Kitchen is completing a cycle ride with friends to raise money for a charity that is extremely important to him. We will look later in the year at how we can also have a fun day in school, cycling to support the charity in the spring term.

<https://communityheartbeat.enthuse.com/cf/robkitchenallinadaydefib>

## Parent Wellbeing Walk

**WEATHER DEPENDENT!**

Mrs Rigby is walking 5km per day and we would like to invite any parents to join her on a wellbeing walk on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm. The walk is an opportunity for parents to chat along the way, talk about any concerns and get advice and guidance from Mrs Rigby whilst out and about enjoying the area that we live in! It is an opportunity to meet other parents and feel the benefits of walking / chatting and maybe a stop off for a coffee.

We would kindly ask parents to book on the walk via the school office, to ensure we do not set off and leave anybody behind! The plan is to leave school, head to the prom and walk for 2.5km then head back. There is an option of stopping at The Dispensary on the way back and enjoying a coffee together. The Dispensary will do a deal of Coffee and a Cake!

## Weekly Food Bank Collections

Thank you for all your donations that go to Morecambe Bay Community Food bank. We are extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity.

We do understand that some families already make contributions to the church and it is not always possible. Therefore, please only give what you can.

Date	Class
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Oystercatchers (Y1/2)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Dunlins (Y4)
<b>Half Term</b>	

## Friends Meeting

Thank you to all those who joined the online Friends of St Peter's meeting this week. We will be sharing the minutes from this meeting on the school website so please read through for an update on the agenda items / future activities and more...

<b>Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual and in-school sibling photos – please arrive on time as these will start straight after registration</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Tour 7 @ 9.15am - bookings are being taken at the school office</li> <li>• Y4 Swimming - please make sure swimming kits are in school at drop off</li> <li>• Y4 Dance Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole school flu nasal vaccinations – please see email and ensure you have completed the online consent form if you wish for your child to be vaccinated</li> <li>• School Tour 8 @ 1.30pm - bookings are being taken at the school office</li> <li>• KS2 JAM Club @ 3.15pm - please collect a JAM Club form from the office if your child wishes to join this club</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y2 Multi skills Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final date for Y5 and Y6 trip ParentPay actions</li> <li>• Final date for Autumn 2 Spanish Club (Y4,5,6) responses to be in</li> </ul>

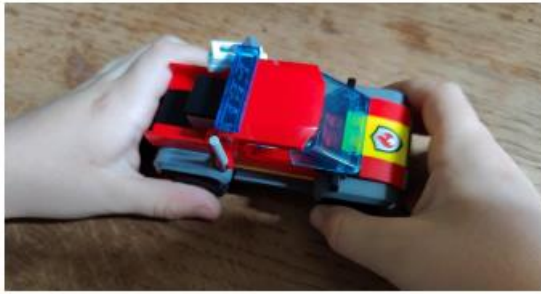
### **Reminder of Key Dates for Autumn Term / Academic Year 2024-2025 so far**

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October - Whole School Flu Vaccinations**  
Please check your emails for the online links to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination.
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Morecambe Bay Day**  
See above for information – further details will be supplied
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – October Half Term (School Closed)**
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 Trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque**  
Please see letter sent home and via email, ensuring ParentPay is completed by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 Trip to Heysham Nature Reserve**  
Please see letter sent home and via email, ensuring ParentPay is completed by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> September.\* Thankyou



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

lancashire.gov.uk



## HEYSHAM BLUE STAR CLUB FUNDRAISER RACE NIGHT

Get ready to witness the thrill of the races at our upcoming Horse Racing fundraiser.

Join us for an evening filled with racing adrenaline, DJ entertainment, and the best in virtual equestrian sports.

### Friday 11th October 2024

#### Heysham Golf Club

The first race starts at 8pm so please arrive from 7:30pm to get settled and place your bets!

**£5 entry (Adults only - this is an over 18's event)**

Tickets from Age: 16+ or 18+ (without betting fee)

Buy tickets by scanning the QR code or website: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/heysham-blue-star](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/heysham-blue-star)



**CAN'T MAKE IT? YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!**

Horses available to sponsor - £5 per horse - For sale ahead of the night

Also seeking business owners to sponsor one of the races - £30 per race

If you've never been to a race night, it's really, really, simple. We show the horses being ridden, you bet on the horse you want to win and if it does, you take home the cash. The best bit is easy to understand - you just add one of these horses and decide how much you want to bet, starting from just 5p!



## 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](http://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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.

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- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



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