



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing together

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

Friday 5th September 2025



Welcome Back to School

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to our new parents and children who have joined the St Peter's family! We aim to send a newsletter with important updates to all parents who have shared an email address with us every Friday afternoon wherever possible. We also add important dates at the end of the newsletter for your diary, so please pay close attention to these to ensure nothing is missed.

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer break. It's been wonderful to see the children settling back into school life so confidently this week. A huge thank you to Lauren and the Friends for preparing the lovely welcome gifts for our new starter parents – they were very much appreciated. We've really enjoyed welcoming new children and families into our school community.

KINDNESS,
LOVE, Joy,
FAITHFULNESS, Self-control
GENTLENESS,
GOODNESS,
PEACE,
PATIENCE,

This week we have been focusing on setting **high expectations for both behaviour and learning** across the school. Staff and pupils have been working together to **revisit and establish our school rules**, practising them both **in classrooms** and **around the school**. We are proud of how well the children are embracing these expectations and look forward to seeing this positive attitude continue throughout the year.

We are also delighted to welcome **Mrs Boot** to Year 3, **Mrs Durnan** in her expanded role within EYFS and **Mr Side**, who will be supporting us over the coming weeks. We are phasing Mrs Stainton's return to work and therefore, Y5 are taught by Mrs Stainton, Mr Side and Mrs Biggs. Mr Side will also be covering some other classes across the school as staff have subject leadership time to plan subject and curriculum developments for this year.

Many of you may recall that Mrs Rigby was absent from work in the last part of the summer term. We cannot put a timeframe on when Mrs Rigby will be able to return, as her health and well-being must be a priority. We are in touch with Mrs Rigby, and she misses school and is upset that she is not well enough to return at this stage. She is in our thoughts and we continue to send her positive messages. Mrs Parker and Mrs Dodd are exploring ways in which we can put further support in place for the children during this time. **We kindly ask that you speak with class teachers as a first point of contact.**

We have a busy and exciting year ahead and we would really love for parents to join us at our **Meet the Teacher** sessions on **Wednesday 10th September** (more details can be found below). It's crucial that we all work together throughout the year to support your children in doing their very best and making the most of their time at school.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

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...



Once EYFS are established then they will have their star of the week nominations.		Oystercatchers Stanley R-K	Eider Ducks Bella G
Turnstones Vicky	Dunlins Rocco	Lapwings Meri	Curlews Annie

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Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders

A gentle reminder that school starts promptly at 8.45am and the gates will be **closed** at this time. Gates open at 8.35am, allowing children to enter the playground. Our updated expectation is that all children line up quietly when the bell rings at 8.40am. This routine has always been in place for KS1 and is now being extended to KS2.

KS2 staff will guide the children into the building in a calm and orderly manner, encouraging a quiet, respectful line and helping to manage congestion as they move to their classrooms. Please ensure your child is on the playground and ready to line up by **8.40am**.

Children in KS2 (Years 3 - 6) are expected to say goodbye to parents at the double blue gates and make their way independently into the playground. Staff will be on duty to support them. We understand this is a big change for our Year 3 children, but it's an important step in building independence.

Parents and Carers of Reception and KS1 children should make their way to the lower playground. When the bell rings, please accompany your child to their classroom door. We kindly ask that you always supervise your child, especially if they are using the play equipment in the morning. If your child is using the equipment, please ensure they are doing so safely and appropriately.

Walking Home Independently

Year 6 children may walk to and from school independently, but please ensure the walking home and mobile phone agreements are completed and returned. Year 5 children may begin walking home independently from the summer term.

Pick-up Procedures

- EYFS and KS1 children are collected from the bottom playground. Please wait until staff release your child to you.
- KS2 children are collected from the top playground.

We kindly ask that pick-up is prompt, as we need to secure the site for afterschool club activities by 3.30pm. For safety reasons, we ask that the school grounds and equipment are not used for extra playtime after school.

Going Home Arrangements Forms

These were sent home before the summer holidays and we have re-sent these home with children who still have not returned their completed forms. We kindly ask for these to be returned at the earliest opportunity, as these are essential for our safeguarding practices when sending children home with family members / friends who are authorised to collect your child from school. We will not release a child into the care of an adult who is not named on the list we have for the current academic year, so it is very important that class teachers have a copy for every child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Phone Free Zone – Playground

The Power of Talk – A Gentle Reminder

Last year we introduced a simple but powerful idea: being present and ready to greet your child with warmth and positivity at the end of the school day. A smile, a hug, or a simple "How was your day?" can mean the world to them.

In today's busy world, it's easy to get distracted by phones or conversations, but those first moments of connection are so important. Children thrive when they feel seen and heard and they are excited to share their day and spend time with you.

Talking regularly with your child supports their language development, boosts their confidence, and strengthens their mental wellbeing. That's why we kindly ask parents to help make our playground a **mobile-free zone wherever possible**, so we can all focus on what matters most: our children.

Medical Updates

As we start a new academic year, it is essential that we have up to date details for children with medical conditions. Please ensure that you provide an update to school at the earliest opportunity if your child has a medical condition and / or a health care plan that has been subject to any changes since the last review.

This could be in the form of medication changes, allergy information, further guidance from medical professionals, asthma plans etc. This information can be shared via the class teacher and Mrs Newton may then follow up with a call or meeting to obtain further details. Thank you.

Our New PSHE Scheme of Learning and Health and Well Being Workshops

Upcoming PSHE Workshops & Parent Information Session

We're excited to welcome the team from Coram Life Education, a leading children's charity that supports schools with Health and Wellbeing Education. They will be visiting us on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September** to deliver a series of Mental Wellbeing-focused workshops for all year groups. This is part of our new PSHE scheme of learning that will be implemented over the coming year.

These interactive sessions will help children understand how the brain works and how this influences their mental wellbeing. Each workshop is tailored to the age group and builds on key themes year by year:

Year 1: Emotional self-regulation

Year 2: Gratitude

Year 3: Acceptance

Year 4: Protective behaviours

Year 5: Understanding the brain and managing stress

Year 6: Aspirations and building confidence

The aim is to equip children with the tools and attitudes they need to be resilient, manage challenges and develop lifelong habits that support positive mental health.

Parent Drop-In Session

We warmly invite parents and carers to a short information session on Wednesday morning from 8.45am to 9am in the school hall. This will be led by Coram Life Education staff, who will share an overview of the workshop content and answer any questions you may have. **Please come to the school hall to access the short session. No booking is necessary.**

Optional Bookmark Purchase

As part of the workshops, children will have the opportunity to purchase a mental wellbeing-themed bookmark for £1, if they wish. Please send your child in with £1 in a labelled envelope if they wish to purchase one on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Allergy Awareness

At our school, the safety and well-being of all our children is our top priority. We are a **nut-free school**. This means we kindly ask that parents **do not send any nut products** (including peanut butter, Nutella, snack bars containing nuts, etc.) into school.

We also have children with other types of allergies. To help keep everyone safe:

- Please ensure that children **do not swap or share food** at lunch or snack times.
- If your child has an allergy, it is vital that you **inform the school** as soon as possible.
- Please provide **full details** about the allergy, including its **severity** and the **required response** in the event of a reaction (e.g. medication or action plan).
- If you have previously notified school that your child has an allergy but this has changed in any way, please notify school at the earliest opportunity so that we can update our records.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school a safe environment for every child.

Keeping Information Up to Date

Contact Details

In line with our new academic year request for updated information, we are asking that if your contact details have changed over the summer, such as your address, phone number, or emergency contacts – please let the school office know or email us as soon as possible. It's essential that we have **at least two emergency contact numbers** in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Changes in Circumstances

If there has been a change in circumstances that may affect your child, for example, a separation, bereavement, house move, or other significant family changes – please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the class team. All information will be treated confidentially. Sharing these updates helps us to monitor and support your child's emotional wellbeing effectively.

Meet the Headteacher / Teacher sessions Parents in Y1 – Y6 ONLY (Not current Reception Class)

On Wednesday 10th September, we invite parents / carers to meet the teacher sessions.

This year I will be delivering a short presentation to parents on our school journey, expectations and working together. Due to capacity, we will only be able to fit 1 parent per family in the hall.

An email has been sent about this. The format is:

- 5pm – 5.20pm (approx) – Meet the Headteacher – Mrs Dodd presentation to parents
- 5.20pm – 5.40pm – Visit Teacher 1
- 5.45pm – 6pm – Visit Teacher 2

Food Bank Donations



This year we are continuing our close links with our local churches, **St Peter's and St James'**, who make regular donations to **Morecambe Bay Foodbank**.

We know September can be a particularly challenging month for many families and the Foodbank's stocks are currently very low. Next week, we would like to **help the Foodbank further** by collecting donations from our school community.

If you can contribute, please consider bringing in:

- **Tinned food** (e.g. soup, beans, vegetables)
- **Dry goods** (e.g. pasta, rice)
- **Baby wipes and toiletries**

Every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference. Please only give if you can. Let's work together to **build up supplies for local families in the run-up to Christmas**.

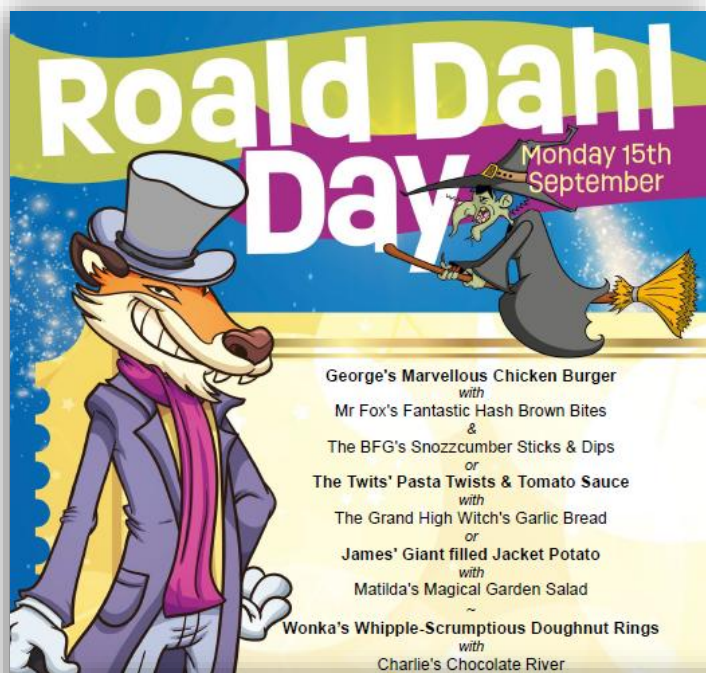
Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing

Monday 8th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Children having lunch: Pick up at 1.20pm• Y6 need PE Kits in school: Dodgeball
Tuesday 9th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Children having lunch – Pick up at 1.20pm• Y4 Swimming begins: Please make sure swimming kits are in school• PSHE Workshops in school
Wednesday 10th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.45am - 9am: Parent PSHE Wellbeing Session in the Hall – Please come along• Reception Children having lunch: – Pick up at 1.20pm• 5pm: Meet the Teacher Sessions – Come to the Hall
Thursday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Children having lunch – pick up at 1:20pm• Y5 need PE Kits in school: Dodgeball
Friday 12th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Children first full day: Pick up at 3.15pm• Y6 Stop Frame Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm. See email confirmation

Reminder of Key Dates for the Next Half Term – I will be updating the calendar for the year and will make sure dates are put on the online calendar.

Autumn Term 2025 – Key Dates So Far...

- Y4 - Y6 Young Voices Group: Letters have been given to children interested. Please ensure these are returned ASAP.
- Monday 15th September: Roald Dahl Day – See menu change below and on the playground noticeboard.
- Friday 26th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to follow)
- Thursday 9th October: Fishy Music Workshop in School
- ****School Closes for Half Term from Thursday 23rd October – Monday 3rd November****
- Wednesday 11th November and Thursday 12th November – Parents Evenings (details to follow)
- Thursday 4th December (AM): Whole school trip to the Dukes Theatre (Lancaster) for our annual pantomime visit 'Snow Queen'. Information will be sent home shortly (including a request for Parent Volunteers).



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