



# St. Peter's Newsletter

## Flourishing Together

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December



### Headteachers Message

Good afternoon,

It has been another wonderful week in school with lots of preparations for the festive performances. All the children, staff and volunteers had a wonderful time at The Dukes Theatre, watching 'The Borrowers.' We really appreciate the financial support from 'The Friends' to enable this trip to take place. It also would not be possible to do this trip without the volunteers who come along. A HUGE THANK YOU for taking time out to ensure this annual whole school outing can take place.

We also have to say a huge 'Well Done' to our Reception children, who did exceptionally well to perform in front of their families on Thursday. It was lovely to see them enjoying their first school performance with huge smiles and great singing! Thank you to all the family members that came along.

We have such a busy Christmas Diary that we have sent a separate email which itemises each event with additional detail. Please take time to read that to ensure nothing is missed. The only 'bookable' event is the KS1 nativity, due to the number of classes being involved in the performance during school time. Please contact the school office before the first performance, if you wish to book a maximum of 2 spaces on each performance.

There will be tea and coffee available before each performance, that you are welcome to help yourself to for a small donation. For the Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight, the 'Friends' will be selling hot chocolate and mulled wine from the hall. We kindly ask that if you are bringing younger children that you always keep them under your supervision and that they are not disturbing the performance.

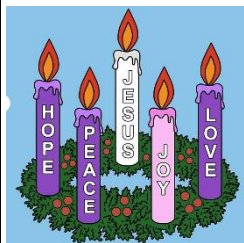
Breakfast and Afterschool Club forms are now available in the school office. If you wish to book a space for your child(ren) for Spring Term, please ensure you complete and return a form by the end of next week, so that final numbers can be calculated and communication to confirm places can take place. If you have outstanding balances on ParentPay, please clear these as we cannot offer a space for Spring Term until your balance is either at zero or in credit.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focused on:



#### Hope

This week we lit the first candle on our advent wreath to represent Hope. The children considered 'What does hope mean?' We discussed how hope is a strong emotion that at tough times of our lives we hope for different things. We also considered the hopes of people across the world, whose circumstances may differ from our own.

### Musician of the Month

As part of our Music Development Plan and curriculum for Music we have introduced 'Musician of the Month.' This is part of allowing children to gain a greater knowledge and understanding of a wide range of musicians both nationally and internationally. Each month we explore the music of our focus musician and find out about their musical style / genre etc.

**This month our Musician of the Month is Sir Elton John**



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## Stars of the Week



It has been an amazing week in school with lots of positivity and children showing how amazing they are.

Class	For
Skylark - Iris	Having amazing enthusiasm for learning!
Sanderling - Maxwell	Working hard and showing positivity all week! 😊
Oystercatcher - Eloise	Brilliant work across all subject areas and a wonderfully positive attitude towards school life!
Eider Ducks - Katie	Showing great confidence in class and in your 'deputy supervisor role'; 😊
Turnstones - Esamae	Being a super star. You are kind, helpful and caring! A fantastic member of the class.
Dunlins - Maisie	Always being ready, a superstar!
Lapwings - Willow	A brilliant, positive attitude and mature attitude to school. Keep it up Willow!
Curlews - Alice	Really trying hard to stay focussed – well done!

## Mrs Rigby's Update

I wanted to share a snapshot of what has been happening with the pastoral side of things this half-term within school.

I have been running whole class, group, and one-to-one interventions while also providing family support. Rebecca Bateman (Barnardo's - Moving Mindset) has been running a Five Ways to Wellbeing group, working with a small group of children.

We have Elspeth (Wise-Up) running Play Therapy sessions with a couple of our children, and we have just allocated two more children for January.

Moving Mindsets ran a workshop with me and Y6 on Relationships and Friendships; this was extremely powerful.

I attended the Mental Health Champions Cluster Network meeting, enabling me to liaise with outside agencies. I have also been attending training (via LCC) to keep my work up to date for you and your children.

I have met with staff looking at how I can best support them pastorally.

We (Rebecca Bateman and I) are starting the Parent-Led CBT course in January. If you want to access this course, please contact the office - places are still available.

We have CFW coming into school running a Positive Parenting course in the new year. It starts on 07/01/25 and will be from 1 - 3 pm in the school hall. It will run every Tuesday for six weeks. I will be available at these sessions.

I am away from school from 11th December 2024 until we return in January. I will prep all the children (I work directly with) next week. I will keep checking in with the children I work with via Mr. Carter and Mrs. Dodd.

I wish you all a lovely Christmas, and I can't wait to see you all in 2025! You are wonderful.  
From Mrs. Rigby

## St John's Hospice – Reindeer Rush 2024



Thank You to Mrs Michelle Dixon for coming today to share the wonderful work of St John's hospice. This is a wonderful local charity which supports so many families in our locality.

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 can 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. I am sure the children will have a wonderful time rushing around the track with their reindeer headbands..!

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

## Uniform and Hair Styles

**Please ensure uniform is clearly labelled with their name.** Lost property is extremely full! We will be donating all unlabelled lost property to the uniform hub at the end of the term. If you are missing items, please come to the school office and have a look through the box.

We kindly remind parents that any child with hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied up. We are also noticing more boys with lines shaved into their hair. This is not something we encourage in school. If you are considering doing this over Christmas, please allow enough time for them to grow out before returning to school and avoid having this done during term time.

## Winter Illness

This week, we have been hit with a number of illnesses spreading across both the staffing team and children. Whilst we know attendance at school is important, we also have to make sure we balance the spread of infections and illnesses.

If your child has a temperature / fever and is receiving calpol / ibuprofen to bring the fever down, they should not be in school. We also request that every parent / carer follows the 48 hour rule in relation to sickness and diarrhoea, to stop this spreading around school. Further advice and guidance is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Weekly Food Bank Collections

**Please note that there is a change to the donations. The last day for food bank donations will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We have had a wonderful amount of donations over the past few weeks and we want to make sure that this gets to the food bank. Thankyou to you all!**

### Urgently needed food items

Tea Bags  
Instant Mash  
Small jars of Coffee  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Tinned Baked Beans  
Cup-A-Soup

Day	Class
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Oystercatchers
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	No Donations as we will be arranging a pickup this week.
Week Commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> December	

To support the Christmas appeal, you may prefer to donate some selection boxes / mince pies / Christmas pudding / Christmas cake / Savoury crackers / crisps, which will go a long way to those in need.

## Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 Ripley St Thomas Author Trip – please see letter / email for details</li> <li>• Year 5 Dance Club – 3.15 - 4.15pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS1 Nativity (Show 1) @ 2pm – see email for details</li> <li>• Spanish Club and JAM Club 3.15 - 4.15pm</li> <li>• KS2 Carols by Candlelight @ 5.30pm – see email for details</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS1 Nativity (Show 2) @ 2pm – see email for details</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraiser Reindeer Dash – see details above</li> </ul>

# 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

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## Spring Term 2025 Diary Dates So Far...

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Oystercatchers Class Worship 9am start

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Lakeside Trip

***We have now released the term dates for academic year 2025 – 2026. Please see the school website for this information, which is now available to view.***

## Upcoming Festive Events in the Local Area

**No booking required**

# VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

AT  
JUDGES LODGINGS MUSEUM

**SATURDAY 7- SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER, 11AM - 4PM**

Bringing you the magic of Christmas with traditional music, beautiful decorations, kids craft and a visit to Santa. Plus you can enjoy a festive treat at the Friends pop-up Tea Room (12-3.30pm only).

Admission incl Santa: Adults £5/ Children Free  
Tearoom: Payment by donation.

Visit [bit.ly/JudgesLodgingsLancaster](https://bit.ly/JudgesLodgingsLancaster)  
or [judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk)  
or call 01524 581241

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)

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County Council

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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 lanterns | 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.



SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE

**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.



**More Music**  
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**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.  
For more information, get in touch at: [heyshamevents@gmail.com](mailto:heyshamevents@gmail.com)

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



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Join us this Christmas for the BID Snowman Trail!

Can you find the locations of our snowmen hidden in the windows of city centre businesses?

Trail runs:  
23rd November 2024 -  
5th January 2025

A big thank you to all the schools below who designed the snowmen:  
Dallas Road, Lancaster; Christ Church, Lancaster; Caton St Pauls; St Josephs, Lancaster; St Bernadettes, Lancaster; Ellet St Johns, Galgate; Lancaster Road Primary, Morecambe; West End Primary, Morecambe; Morecambe Bay Primary, Morecambe; St Marys, Morecambe; St Peters, Heysham; Trummacar Primary, Heysham

sponsored by **St Nics**

A Three Left Feet production

# CHRISTMAS TALES

with **MRS CLAUS**

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

Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park

Scan for tickets!

[www.threelleftfeet.co.uk](http://www.threelleftfeet.co.uk) @threelleftfeetuk info@threelleftfeet.co.uk

## 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**

Three Left Feet

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