



Headteacher Message

Good Afternoon,

This week we have had exciting news! We have managed to secure 10 places to visit The Houses of Parliament in June this year. We will be planning this day trip to London over the coming months and offering this opportunity to our KS2 Student Council plus a few more children who have demonstrated an interest in this area. This is a wonderful opportunity and hopefully something that we may be able to do on an annual basis.

We have introduced the children to our February Musician of the Month and have appraised some of the music by Reem Kalani. Information has been added below.

Our planet protector group met this week and have decorated some new bird boxes that they are aiming to have up by the time we break for half term. The group are also keen to explore reducing food waste in school. They are going to monitor the food waste at lunches and make recommendations in order to help us be more sustainable. They have also emailed all staff to outline that they would like staff to reduce the use of laminating pouches in school. I am sure they will be monitoring the display boards around school.



We continue to have a big push on reading across school. The children continue to enjoy Book Club, every Thursday morning and our Skylarks class had a wonderful trip to the library this week. Please can we ask that you continue to encourage reading at home and in EYFS and KS1, be listening to your children read frequently.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics

The focus of this week's school worship was 'Peace and Forgiveness'. As part of our Monday worship we considered what it means to say and show that we are sorry. We thought about the importance of forgiveness and how we can repair with friends after falling outs. We listened to the parable of 'The Unforgiving Servant' (Matthew 18) and reflected on being forgiven and showing forgiveness.



Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and led worship on learning from our ancestors. The children considered how we might inherit features of our ancestors. The children heard the story of Jesus and his Special Friends and some of the children did a wonderful job of acting this out.

Illness Across School

You will recall a number of emails we have sent out recently regarding the Invasive Group A streptococcal disease (iGAS), also known as the 'Strep A' virus. Thankyou to the parents who have kindly informed school that their child has a confirmed diagnosis of this – it helps us to inform other parents and work with the Health Protection Team.

We continue to ask all parents to be vigilant and if your child develops a mild infection such as a sore throat, mild fever, skin infection or rash, we advise that you take them to see their GP. The GP can arrange for your child to be tested if necessary and treated with antibiotics. If so, your child will also need to remain off school/nursery for 24 hours following the start of the antibiotics.

There is also an increase in cases of chickenpox across the school at the moment, which, if it develops in a child who also has confirmed 'Strep A', could become a severe infection.

We politely ask that parents continue to be vigilant and take precautions where they suspect their child has either of the illnesses above, seeking medical advice at the earliest opportunity. These links maybe able to help guide you further:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Sporting Events

We have so much to reflect on and celebrate when it comes to our recent sporting events...

Last week our Y5 and 6 Athletics group had a fantastic night! They did exceptionally well and worked hard to gain points for the team. They came first!!!! Well done to all our athletes for showing courage and determination.

This week we had two sporting events:

On Monday evening our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Football League.

Mr Carter reports that they were exceptionally well behaved and played some great football. Well done to our Y5 and 6 children for representing the school and showing great sportspersonship.

On Thursday evening our Y5 and 6 children represented the school in Tag Rugby.

WOW! What an fantastic event, where our two teams ended up playing against each other in the final! A huge success for St Peter's who retain the trophy for another year. A very special mention to Harper W who was amazing!

We are very proud of all of our children who have represented the school!

Please see our Facebook page for photos

Valentines Theme – 'Love'



On Friday 14th 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 **non-uniform**, which we recommend being 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.

Star of the Week



We have had another wonderful week in school, full of progression in learning and hard work, along with excellent representation of our school once again. Well done to all our stars this week!

Class	For
Skylark - Whole Class	Being amazing this week – well done to you all!
Sanderling - Maxwell	His willingness and determination to improve his reading.
Oystercatcher - Arthur	Showing a real improvement in your independent writing. Keep up the great work.
Eider Ducks - Leo S	Showing enthusiasm and confidence in class. Mrs McGirl is proud of your 'stock car' presentation.
Turnstones - Seth	Being a wonderful member of the class who has worked hard in all areas this week!
Dunlins - Zoey P	Demonstrating a consistently positive attitude to everything. You are a joy to have in class.
Lapwings - Megan H	Being conscientious, hardworking and a kind friend.
Curlews - Zack	Excellent Maths and English this week.

Online Safety News



It has been brought to our attention that a number of children are playing on Roblox. Whilst this is an age appropriate game for some children there is content that needs to be monitored.

At present within Roblox, there are games which emulate 'Squid Games'. As we know Squid Games is not appropriate for the children. Therefore, we kindly ask that Roblox use is monitored and assessed by parents.

It has also been brought to our attention from other schools that there is a large 'Snap Chat Group' which contains children from a range of schools. They are sharing information, images and unkind content. The group is too large for children to be identified by each school. However, we ask that parents continue to check and 'police' their children's devices, as we have an increasing number of children that are putting themselves at risk with online and phone behaviour.

Up and Coming World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day in school on Thursday 6th 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 3rd 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 5th March at the very latest. Then on Thursday 6th 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. **If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and balanced. We have noticed again children bringing several high sugar items including large chocolate bars. A lunch box should only have a small chocolate biscuit.**



Next week we are on *Week 2* of our lunch menu:

	Red	Green	Blue
Monday 10th February	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Herby Potatoes & Beans	Loaded Pizza Pocket with Tortilla Chips & Veg Sticks	Cooks choice of filled Jacket Potato with Salad
Tuesday 11th February <i>Safer Internet Day</i>	Crispy Chicken (or Veg) Burger with Paprika Wedges & Veg	Pasta Spirals with Tomato Sauce & Dough Balls	
Wednesday 12th February	Pork (or Veg) Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes & Veg	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Tortilla Chips & Salad	
Thursday 13th February	Chicken (or Veg) Curry with Rice & Naan Bread	Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta & Herby Bread	Cooks choice of filled Jacket Potato with Salad
Friday 14th February	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips & Peas	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips & Beans / Sweetcorn	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Chips & Veg Sticks

Up and Coming Events

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

- Sporting Events
- Parents Evenings - 4th March and 5th March **This is now live. Please book your appointments here:**
<https://stpeterscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- World Book Day - Thursday 6th March. The theme will be "Books at Bedtime" and children will be able to attend school in their PJ's.
- Y2 & Y4 (Children who wish to take part in Lancaster Music Festival) – please see emails for updates and ensure you have consented to your child attending if you wish for them to participate.
- Mother's Day - Friday 4th April. Please see the leaflet below, which is also on our notice board outside. You can book using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/2P89UsyziN>

Food Bank – Donations

Thank You to all the parents and families that donated during the Spring Term. There will be no collection this week due to half term, however we will recommence our collection / donation schedule when we return for Spring Term 2.

Families are still welcome to bring any of the Harrington's dry dog food to support Animal Care, should they wish to contribute or bring something in to help in our community by Friday 14th February.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 10th February

Monday 10 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Led CBT Session 1 @ 9am – 12noon <i>This is for parents who have secured a space on the current cohort.</i> • Reception and Y6 Heights and Weights <i>Please check the email for guidance</i>
Tuesday 11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Swimming (AM) <i>plus</i> Y5/6 children who are doing the gala trial session – please ensure swimming kits are in school • Y5 Lakeside Information Evening for Parents @ 5pm – no booking needed
Wednesday 12 th February	<p>*Spring 2 Club Slips to be returned by today wherever possible please*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAM Club (3.15 – 4.15pm) • Spanish Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)
Thursday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Internet Day – lunch menu as normal, no pre-order required • Y5 Transatlantic Slave Trade Trip – please see letter • Oystercatcher's Class Worship <i>Starts at 9am. Max of 2 spaces per child, no booking needed</i> • Y6 (only) Tag Rugby Tournament @ LMC – please see letter for pickup times • Y1 Lil Beatz Club (3.15 – 4.15pm) • Y4 / 5 Ball Games Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-uniform day – children can wear something red / pink or even a splash of the colour

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!



Mother's Day Celebration

Friday 4th April 2025

To celebrate Mother's Day with loved ones, we will be holding a games / craft / coffee and cake afternoon at school for Mum / Grandma / significant family member.

This will comprise of a range of calm, reflective games, craft activities and outdoor games (weather dependent). The afternoon will include a tea / coffee and cake for adults with juice and biscuit for children at a total price of £4 per adult.

The method of payment will be via ParentPay, which will be made available after the booking window closes and numbers are confirmed on Friday 7th March 2025.

Payment for this event will then be required to secure the space by Friday 21st March 2025. If payment is not received by this date, spaces will be offered to other families and entry on the day will unfortunately not be permitted, without payment having been received.

The event will be bookable on a first come first-served basis and we are only able to offer 1 adult space per child / sibling set. This is a strictly pre-bookable event, so those who have not pre-booked cannot be accommodated on the day.

Please scan the QR code below if you would like to book a space for the Mother's Day Celebration Afternoon and submit your online form by **Friday 7th March**. 1 booking form per family please.

Thankyou!



Scotforth After School Club

FEBRUARY HALF TERM PLAYScheme

WELCOMING CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS AGED
4 - 12 YEARS
OPEN 8AM TILL 6PM

17TH - FRIENDSHIP & KINDNESS, ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS
18TH - SPORTS & GAMES FOR ALL
19TH - HEALTHY SAVOURY COOKING & BREAD MAKING
20TH - ALL ABOUT WOOL, CRAFTS, CROCHET & GAMES
21ST - MINDFULNESS CRAFTS, YOGA, DANCE & MUSIC GAMES

OUR STAFF AND SUPPORT:
> STAFF QUALIFIED IN EARLY YEARS, TEACHING & YOUTH WORK
> YOU CAN BE REASSURED YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER AND HAVE A GREAT TIME IN OUR CARE

FULL DAY: £27
HALF DAY: £16
BREAKFAST: £3

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"I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness," John 10:10



HOME INFORMATION



February's Musician of the Month

Reem Kelani



About: Reem Kelani is a British Palestinian musician, born in Manchester, England but raised in Kuwait. Initially influenced by the jazz music her father played on his record player, her interest in Palestinian music was sparked by the music at a family wedding in her maternal home in Galilee in the 1970s.

Genres: Arabic, Folk & Jazz

Active from: 1990 - Present

Origin: Manchester, United Kingdom

Books to read...



If you like Reem Kelani, try...

- Lena Chamamy
- Dhafer Youssef
- Amira Kheir

