



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 8th November 2024



Headteachers Message

Good afternoon,

School continues to be a hive of busy learning activities and next week we have parent's evenings where we can share how your children are doing! The booking window has now closed.

Some classes have earlier appointments based on their class sizes. We have tried to make sure the teacher workload has been balanced fairly and that the staff still manage to get home at a reasonable hour for their own families. There is a tight time frame and we will be discussing learning, progress, attitude to learning, well-being and behaviour for learning. Mrs Parker and Mrs Rigby will be based in the school hall, therefore, if any worries or concerns are raised you can pop up and chat with them. Mrs Parker is our SEND leader and therefore, if a teacher has concerns about a child's needs, they will raise them with her and also let you know next steps.

We kindly ask all parents to come to the main entrance and book into the hall. We have some Y6 children who are going to make sure they take you to the correct rooms to meet the teacher. All our KS2 staff are going to be based in the hall for the full evening. Afterschool club provision is going to be running from the Mitchell Building on the day.

Thank you to all the parents and children who have bought poppies this week! Remembrance is such a special time where we remember those who have served and the sacrifice of those who have defended our freedom and protected our way of life. We will be having remembrance worship on Monday led by Y6, which starts at 10.40am. We welcome Y6 parents to join us – please arrive via the school office to be accounted for.



We hope everyone has managed to have a safe week and if you are enjoying more fireworks this weekend, please continue to keep safe.

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focused on:

Gentleness and Compassion - Can we be friends with everyone?

Compassion
Kindness
Humility
gentleness
AND
patience

This week we learnt about Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19). We considered why Jesus would show compassion, kindness and gentleness towards a man who was disliked by many. The children answered our key question thoughtfully. They understood that there are times in our lives where other people may not show kindness, humility and compassion. This may be for many reasons. However, reaching out to others, checking in and recognising that whilst we don't have to be friends we can be kind, compassionate and consider the thoughts and feelings of others. This was a great example of our British Value – Mutual Respect.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and led worship on the historical significance of Bonfire Night.

Children in Need

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The School Council are holding a colouring competition to raise money for Children in Need.

Entry to the competition is 50p and many children have already brought their money into school. The student council will be distributing the colouring sheets today to those who have brought their entry fee in.

Children can be as creative as they like with their colouring..!

The deadline for the competition is next Wednesday (13th November), so please make sure your child has returned their colourful creation by this date.

There will be 1 winner from EYFS + KS1 and 1 winner from KS2. They will be decided by the Student Council and announced on the 15th November.

There will also be a non-uniform day on Children in Need Day, Friday 15th November. 'The Gladiators' are promoting Children in Need this year, so the theme this year is 'Superheroes'. The children are welcome to come as a super hero or simply non-uniform. Please donate towards Children in Need – all monetary donations are welcome for such a great cause.

Stars of the Week



We continue to see wonderful attitudes and behaviours by so many of our children and this week, we are delighted to announce our Stars of the Week;

Class	For
Skylark - Teddy S	Being very helpful to others when they have been in need.
Sanderling - Gabriel	Always being kind and considerate towards others.
Oystercatcher - Oliver	Excellent attitude to your learning in every lesson.
Eider Ducks - George	Showing a positive attitude to learning both in school and at home.
Turnstones - Isla H	Showing a brilliant attitude to learning. You are a superstar.
Dunlins - Orin	Completing a beautifully descriptive piece of writing in the role of a character.
Lapwings - Ada	Always trying your best. You are a helpful, hardworking and conscientious member of the class. Keep up your hard work.
Curlews - Ashleigh	Excellent maths this week – keep believing in yourself.

Admission Arrangements for 2026 Onwards - Consultation

Our proposed admission arrangements for 2026 are on the school website and we are currently in a consultation time frame. 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 with the subject as **Admission Consultation 2026.**

The full proposed admission arrangements is available at:

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

Lost Property

We are collecting a lot of lost property again at the moment. Please ensure your child's items are clearly labelled, as this is the easiest way to get the items back to your child.

Please note that if you need to access lost property, please do so via the main school office door. This is to ensure we can safeguard our children and reduce further damage to the side door, which has been attempted to be opened without formal access using the secure code (used by staff only). Thank you

Friends Update



Cashpot for Schools

22 days left

Heysham St Peter's Church of England Primary School
School Road Heysham, Morecambe, LA3 2RF

UK total raised
£538.61

Asda

Thank you for your continued support of the Asda initiative. With your help, we have raised £538! We still have more than 20 days to continue earning into this scheme. The process is simple!

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'. Once opted in and you've selected our school, Asda will add £1 to your chosen school's Cashpot just like that!

Carry on to fundraising:

Shop in-store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan. The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to our school Friends account to spend on what we need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

We have 22 days to go - can we get to **£750?!**

Easy Fundraising

As we know many will be starting their Christmas Gift Shopping we are also asking you to sign up to Easy Fundraising.

The principle is the same as the Asda Rewards system and does not affect any discount codes or offers you receive.

1000's of online retailers will give money back to the Friends through this initiative. We currently have 49 registered parents / carers and so far we've raised £649 through this initiative.

Imagine what we could raise if 200 more school families signed up!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/friends-of-st-peters-school/







School Disco

We have received lots of slips and money for the school disco so far which is great. Please remember, if you would like your child to attend the school disco, to bring your consent slip and correct amount of money in a clearly labelled envelope into school, ideally by Friday 15th November.

For those who have not yet brought a disco flyer home, we have plenty of spares in the school office, so please feel free to collect at drop off or pickup. Thank you

Christmas Card and Products

Proof cards have been sent home this week - haven't the children done a fantastic job    - last day for orders will be 11:59pm on Sunday 17th November. Instructions of how to order have been supplied.

Bags to School

The next Bags to School collection will be Thursday 21st November. We receive 20p for every kg so please do fill the bags with suggested / accepted items during your pre-Christmas clearouts. The school office have plenty of spare bags if you need more. Please leave your secured bag of donations next to the wall, behind the outdoor school notice board, en route to the school playground. Thankyou

www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect

Weekly Food Bank Collections

We continue to embed our school vision to care for and support others within the community. All donations are appreciated, so if you are able to, please donate wherever you can. Whilst we have allocated classes in the table below, anyone can donate at any time.

Collection Day	Class
Friday 15 th November	Skylarks
Friday 22 nd November	Curlews
Friday 29 th November	Lapwings
Friday 6 th December	Oystercatchers
Friday 13 th December	Dunlins
Week Commencing 16 th December	No Donations as we will be arrange a pick up this week.

Urgently needed food items

Instant Rice
 Instant Mash
 Jam
 Peanut Butter
 Cup-a-soup

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 11th November

Monday 11th November	• Y6 Leading Remembrance Worship: 10.40am – 11.10am approx.
Tuesday 12th November	*Y5 / 6 Dance Club Cancelled due to Parents Evening* • Parents Evening 1: 2pm – 6pm
Wednesday 13th November	*All Pudsey colouring sheets due in today* • Parents Evening 2: 2pm – 6pm • KS2 JAM Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm • Y4/5/6 Spanish Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 14th November	• Y3 Visit to Heysham Library – please see letter for more information • Y2/3 Ball Games Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 15th November	*Children in Need Day – Non-uniform day, superhero theme!*
	• School Tour No.13 for Reception 2025 intake: 1.30pm – 2pm

Reminder of Key Dates for the remainder of Autumn Term 2

- **Every Friday afternoon until 6th December** - School Tour for Reception Intake September 2025 @ 1.30pm.
Please call the school office to book on. Please share with any friends or family members.
- **Monday 18th November - Friends School Disco** - See information above / details supplied on the flyer
- **Thursday 21st November - Bag2School Collection** - See information above for more information
- **Friday 29th November - Indoor Athletics League @ LMC** from 3.30pm.
This is the first date of the competition, with another scheduled for 31st January 2025. Please see letter for the full details.

CHRISTMAS DIARY



WED 4TH DEC. WHOLE SCHOOL TO THE DUKES TRIP

THURS 5TH DEC. EYFS NATIVITY 9:30

WED 11TH DEC. 2PM - KSI NATIVITY (1)

WED 11TH DEC 5:30PM - KS2 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

THURS 12TH DEC. 2PM - KSI 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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