NEWSLETTER— FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

'JESUS IS AT THE HEART OF ALL THAT WE DO'

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children and staff return refreshed, happy and ready to get stuck into their learning. There is plenty to look forward to during this second half of the autumn term, from our Remembrance service next week to the many special celebrations and activities we will share together during Advent.

Sacramental preparation and Remembrance

On **Tuesday 10 November at 3.30 pm**, Father Peter will meet with families of children in **Year 4** who would like their child to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Families of children in Years 5 and 6 who would also like their child to make their First Holy Communion are very welcome to attend.

The following day, **Wednesday 11 November**, Father Peter will join the children and staff to lead a special service of Remembrance. We will take time to remember all those who have lost their lives in war and to pray for peace.

Following the service, Father Peter will meet with parents and carers of children in **Year 6** who would like their child to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you for supporting Mary's Meals

Together, we raised an incredible **£1,701.35** on our Trust charity day! The children really embraced this cause and were so enthusiastic about helping to provide meals for children in need.

Thanks to your generosity, St Peter's has raised enough to provide meals for **more than 87 children for an entire year**. Across the Trust, we hope to raise enough to provide meals for a whole school in Zambia for a year. What a wonderful achievement!

We are also collecting **used postage stamps** to support the charity. Please cut stamps from their envelopes, leaving a small border of paper around each one. We can accept ordinary postage stamps on their backing paper. Please do not send loose stamps, printed postage labels or franking marks.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PTFA and Christmas events

There is lots to look forward to as we begin our Christmas preparations! Please make a note of the following dates:

- **Friday 13 November – Break the Rules Day:** We are looking forward to some Friday fun, organised by our wonderful PTFA.
- **Tuesday 1 December – Christmas Pottery Painting:** The Sewing Institute will be running this session. Children can attend without a parent or carer, and places will be limited. Further booking details will follow.
- **Friday 4 December – The Big Christmas Raffle:** Another exciting opportunity to support our PTFA and be in with a chance of winning!

Monday 7 December – Christmas Cake Competition: This is fast becoming a St Peter's tradition! So many families told us how much they enjoyed baking together last year, and the children certainly enjoyed tasting the results. We can't wait to see what you create this year!

We are also looking forward to our **whole-school Christmas pantomime**. A huge thank you to the PTFA for generously funding the transport and helping to keep the cost of this special experience down for families.

Nativities and Advent service

Our Reception Nativity performances will take place in the morning this year. We know how busy and tiring this time of year can be for our youngest children, so we hope that performing during their usual school day will help them feel more settled and enjoy the experience. Year 2 will have two opportunities to perform, with both a morning and an afternoon performance.

Please see the dates and times below:

Reception Nativity:	Weds 9 and Thurs 10 Dec at 9:10am
Year 1&2 Nativity:	Tues 8 Dec at 9:10am and Weds 9 Dec at 2pm
Advent Service	Tues 15 Dec at 6pm—St Peter's Church

We look forward to welcoming you to these special celebrations as we come together to enjoy the joy and excitement of the Christmas season. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness and generosity. It is wonderful to see our school community working together so positively.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gili-Ross

SCHOOL LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tues 10th	Y3 Dance Festival
Tues 10th	First Holy Communion meeting 3:30pm
Weds 11th	Confirmation meeting 3:30pm
Fri 13th	Break the Rules Day
Mon 16th	Y6 & Reception Class Mass 10am
Wed 18th	Y6 Bikeability
Thur 19th	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 23rd	Y4 Class Mass 10am

DECEMBER

Tues 1st	Christmas Pottery 3.30pm-5pm
Fri 4th	Rocksteady concert 10am
Fri 4th	Christmas Raffle
Mon 7th	Christmas Cake Competition
Tue 8th	Year 1 & 2 Nativity— 9.10am
Wed 9th	Year 1 & 2 Nativity—2pm
Wed 9th	Reception Nativity—9.10am
Thur 10th	Reception Nativity—9.10am
Fri 11th	Whole School Panto trip to Lowther
Tues 15th	Advent Service—6pm—St Peter's Church
Fri 18th	School Closes for Christmas—2pm (NO ARK)

SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR KS2 PUPILS

Brown/White toast	25p
Crumpet	35p
Tea Cake	45p
Orange/Apple juice	50p

PE DAYS

REC	FRI
Y1	MON & THURS
Y2	MON & TUES
Y3	MON & TUES
Y4	TUES & FRI
Y5	WEDS & THUR
Y6	WEDS & THURS

Battery Recycling available at School

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AUTUMN 2 – 2026

Day of the week	Year Group	Club name	Finish time	Pick up from
Mon	Y3 – Y6	Dance	4.30pm	Front entrance
Weds	Y1 – Y2 Y3 – Y6 Y3 – Y6	Football Skills Tag Rugby Forest School (book direct)	4.15pm 4.30pm 5pm	Front entrance Front entrance Green shipping container
Thurs	Y4-6 Kindergarten (from age 4) – Y6	Netball (book direct) Jujitsu	8am start 4.30pm	KS2 playground drop off Front entrance
Fri	Y3 - Y6	Choir	4.30pm	Front entrance

FOR SAFETY REASONS, MAY WE POLITELY REMIND PARENTS NOT TO DRIVE INTO THE CARPARK WHEN PICKING UP

COMMUNITY INFO & EVENTS

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based at Our Lady's Catholic High School

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CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE



School Nursing Team Drop In

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour.

When?

Monday 7th Sept 10am- 11:30 am

Monday 5th Oct 10am- 11:30 am

Monday 2nd Nov 10am- 11:30 am

The Drop In takes place at Lytham Hall Park



