

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! I hope the new year has started well for you all.

It has been lovely to be back in school with the children who, I think, like myself, were glad to get back in a routine. Today we have been able to let the children out in the playground, after a couple of days of it being too slippery. It was delightful watching them play, hearing them giggle and generally seeing their joy filled faces—such a privilege.

We have a long journey towards Easter but a relatively short term this half term. It was lovely to see some of you at 'Book Look' last night. Please don't worry if you missed it, we have scheduled another for the first week back after half term—Wednesday 26th of February 3.30pm-5pm. The staff have been busy writing your child's mid-year 'oil check' reports. This is a short report that highlights where your child is making good progress and where we might need to work together to support them. We will have our second parent's evening prior to the Easter holidays. As always, we are here to chat in-between reports and parent's evenings.

You will see on the next page our new schedule for class masses and our very successful class Friday worships. Please note, these may be subject to change, particularly the class masses, as I need to confirm the dates with Father.

We have lots to look forward to this term with dance competitions, preparation for Shakespeare's School Festival and most importantly, the start of the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will be celebrating this Holy Year with a range of events, including shared masses with our cluster schools, a Diocesan wide art competition and much more.

God bless  
Mrs G-R

## Handy Links

[TERM DATES](#)

[CONTACT US](#)

[ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?](#)

[SCHOOL HOMEPAGE](#)

[FOREST SCHOOL](#)

[SCHOOL NURSING TEAM](#)



Mon 13—9am Mass at  
St Peter's church

**PLEASE TAKE CHILDREN  
DIRECTLY TO CHURCH ON  
MONDAY MORNING, UNLESS  
ATTENDING BREAKFAST CLUB.  
STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE AT  
CHURCH FROM 08:45AM.**

**You are welcome to join us for  
mass.**



Please follow the link below for the LCC SEND Winter Newsletter

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/958481/send-newsletter-winter-2024.pdf>

## SCHOOL LIFE

Class Mass -TBC	Friday Class Worship
Reception March 17 <sup>th</sup>	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1 January 20 <sup>th</sup>	February 7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2 January 27 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3 February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4 March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5 March 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 31 <sup>st</sup>
Year 6 March 17 <sup>th</sup>	January 24 <sup>th</sup>

### ADMISSIONS

Apply for your child's primary school place via the link  
[HERE](#)

**Deadline Wednesday  
15th January 2025**

**SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VIA LINK HERE:**

[https://www.st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk/  
admissions](https://www.st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk/admissions)

### School lunches

Please order via Scopay— next week  
is: **Week 1**

**Menu [HERE](#)**

### PE DAYS

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

## SPRING 1 - 2025

Day of the week	Year Group	Club name	Finish time	Pick up from
Mon	Y3 – Y6	Dance <i>(Performing at 4.15pm – Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April)</i>  <b>NB: NO DANCE CLUB MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	4.30pm	Front entrance
Tues	Y1 – Y2	Digital Art	4:15pm	Front entrance
	Y3 – Y6	Mini Vinnies	4.30pm	Front entrance
	Y3 – Y6	Bracelet making	4.30pm	Front entrance
Weds	Y1 – Y2	Indoor Tag Rugby Club	4.15pm	Front entrance
Thurs	Rec – Y6	Jujitsu (book direct)	4.30pm	Front entrance
	Y3 – Y6	Forest School	5pm	Green shipping container
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**

# LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

TUESDAYS  
AFTER SCHOOL IN TERM TIME

## FYLDE MUSIC CENTRE

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FIND OUT MORE!  
WWW.LANCASHIREMUSICHUB.CO.UK

BANDS ENSEMBLES  
AND INDIVIDUAL  
LESSONS AVAILABLE

UKULELE GROUP, BEGINNER  
VIOLINS, ROCK BANDS  
AND MORE!

WWW.LANCASHIREMUSICHUB  
/FYLDEMUSICCENTRE

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## MUSIC LESSONS

We also have 1:1 music lessons available during the school day that can be booked via the Lancashire Music Service. See website for further information.

<https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/site/>



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MUSIC SERVICE  
FYLDE MUSIC CENTRE



# Little Beatz

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Music Making For All



Pre-school  
children  
welcome!

Tuesdays

4.00pm - 4.30pm

St Bede's RC High School  
Lytham

Contact: Amy.Campbell@lancashire.gov.uk

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

### RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

### KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

### POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

### CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

### TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

### DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids>