

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been so lovely to be back in school after what seemed like a very long break over Easter. The children have loved seeing each other again and playing together in the sunshine.

There are lots of exciting events taking place this term, and here are some important dates for your diary:

- **Whole School Mass** - 9:00am at St Peter's, Wednesday 29th April
- **New Reception Induction Night** - 6:00pm, Monday 18th May
- **St Peter's Got Talent** - Tuesday 19th May, 6:00pm (Auditions week commencing 11th May)
- **Sports Day (provisional)** - Thursday 21st May
- **Poetry Week** - Week commencing 22nd June (including our School Poetry Competition)
- **PTFA Colour Run** - Friday 26th June, 4:00pm
- **End of Year Whole School Mass** - Wednesday 15th July

I am sure there will be other events that pop up along the way, but it is good to have these key dates to look forward to.

We have our first Family Mass of the term this Sunday at 9:15am at St Joseph's. It would be lovely to see you there, particularly our Year 4 children, who will shortly be making their First Holy Communion.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless

Kindest regards

Mrs G-R

TERM DATES



APRIL

- Tue 21 Dance Comp Final
- Thur 23 Whole School Photo day—full school uniform to be worn please
- Fri 24 Birthday table

MAY

- Fri 1 Y3 / 4 Football Competition
- Mon 4 School closed—Bank Holiday
- Mon 11 SATS week
- Mon 18 Induction Night—6pm
- Tue 19 Class school photos
- Tue 19 St Peter's Got Talent—6pm
- Thur 21 Sports Day (provisional)
- Fri 22 School closes for half-term

JUNE

- Mon 8 School re-opens
- Wed 10 Y6 Residential to Winmarleigh
- Fri 19 Krispy Kreme Donuts
- Mon 22 Poetry Week
- Fri 26 Poetry Final
- Fri 26 PTFA Colour Run—4pm

JULY

- Thur 2 Y6 St Bedes Induction Day
- Fri 3 Y4 St Bedes RE Day
- Mon 6 Dance Club Showcase—4.15pm
- Fri 10 Own Clothes Day—Summer Raffle
- Wed 15 Ice Cream Van
- Wed 15 End of Year Whole School Mass

SCHOOL LIFE

School lunches

Please order lunches via Scopay—w.c.
20th April

Week 1 - please see **NEW SPRING/
SUMMER** menu [HERE](#)

Please order via Scopay

WEDS 22ND EARTH DAY LUNCH



Birthday Table for all April birthdays is
Friday 24th April

50p—payable via Scopay

SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR KS2 PUPILS

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

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for Earth Day. It features a smiling Earth globe with a rainbow arching over it, a bee, a ladybug, and various flowers. The text 'HAPPY EARTH DAY 22nd April' is written in large, bold letters. At the bottom, there are logos for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Catering Service.

**HAPPY
EARTH
DAY 22nd April**

**Earth Powered Potatoes
with
a Choice of Filling**

Mild Chicken
Curry

or

Tuna Mayo &
Rainbow Vegetables
or

BBQ Beans & Cheese
*served with
Crispy Onions, Coleslaw
& Salad Selection*

or

Jacket Potato
with standard fillings

or

Oaty Cookie & Milkshake
or
Fresh Fruit

**INTRODUCING...
SPUDBROS**
Coming to your school soon.....?

Lancashire County Council LANCASHIRE CATERING SERVICE

Vacancy: Casual Catering Staff (LCC)

LCC are currently looking for casual catering staff to join the team. Rate of pay: **£13.45 per hour**.

The position covers schools in Lytham and the surrounding areas, including Ansdell, St Annes and Warton.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Christina Gordon** on 07585 983948.



SCHOOL LIFE

FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. However, some families who are on low income and meet a certain criteria, are also eligible for supermarket shopping vouchers during school holidays and free holiday club places. Eligible families will continue to receive free school meals after Year 2.

Some families with children in Key Stage 1 do not claim as they are already getting free school meals, however they are missing out on the other benefits so please double check.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=1>

PE DAYS

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



Battery Recycling available at School

We're pleased to let you know that we now have a battery recycling box located in the school entrance.

Important Reminder – Update Your Details

Please ensure the school office is kept up to date with any changes to your contact information, including your address & telephone numbers. It is also essential that we are informed of any new medical conditions or dietary requirements for your child.

If you have any updates, please email the school office at

bursar@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

Child
UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child
OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

St. Josephs Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham

This Sunday 19th April

9:15am at St. Joseph's

Sunday Morning Mass



All Welcome!

Children's Liturgy at the 10:30am
mass at St. Peter's as usual!

STARTING U7 FOOTBALL

IS YOUR CHILD LOOKING TO START PLAYING FOOTBALL?
Do you know a child who would like to join our team?

Now Recruiting!

GIRLS TEAM SUNDAYS (3v3)
MUST BE AGED 6 ON 31/8/26

BOYS TEAM SATURDAYS (3v3)

First come, first serve!
www.lsaymcafc.co.uk
luke.weafer@gmail.com

WhatsApp icon: **Luke Weafer 07572124750**

Blackpool Scorpions Rugby League

COME AND JOIN OUR U12S TEAM

MAKE 2026 DIFFERENT WATCH YOUR CHILD GROW

WARNING:
TRAINING SESSIONS MAY CONTAIN -

- MUD AND GETTING DIRTY
- KIDS HAVING FUN
- LEARNING NEW SKILLS
- BECOMING PART OF A TEAM
- JOINING THE SCORPS FAMILY
- FALLING IN LOVE WITH RUGBY LEAGUE

THIS IS OPEN TO BOYS IN SCHOOL YEARS 6 OR 7

TRAINING EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30PM-8PM AND GAMES ON SUNDAYS

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED ALL ABILITIES WELCOME CONTACT THE PAGE OR TERRY ON 07915745292

South Shore Cricket & Squash Club, Mad Nook, Common Edge Road FY4 5DY

COMMUNITY INFO & EVENTS

LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE



Phone: 07856 928694
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today (15/01/26) I attended your child's school to provide an assembly on behalf of the Lancashire Music Service. It was a pleasure to meet the children and talk about the fantastic opportunities in music we have on offer in the Lytham St. Anne's area.

As Head of the Fylde Music Centre, I am currently promoting and expanding the ensembles and lessons that we have on offer to children in the local area. Our music centre runs on Tuesday evenings from 4pm until 7pm, at St. Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham.

We have the following groups and ensembles at Centre that your child can access, mostly with no prior experience:

- 'Little Beatz' 4.00pm - 4.30pm (for young children, 3years +)
- 'Ukulele Group' 4.30pm - 5.30pm (all ages and stages)
- 'Beginner Band' 4.45pm - 5.15pm (all ages and stages)
- 'Senior Band' 4.00pm - 4.45pm (for players around grade 2 standard)
- 'Senior String Group' 5.30pm - 6pm (for players around grade 2 standard)
- 'Beatlab' (creative music tech) 4.45pm - 5.15pm (limited places - enquire!)
- 'Young Voices' choir 5.15pm - 5.45pm (all stages, approx. 7 years +)
- 'Rock Band' 6.30pm - 7.30pm (all ages and stages)

To access the senior groups or beginner band, children need to be having lessons on their chosen instrument (lessons can be anywhere, not necessarily at centre). Beginner band is suitable from their first tutored lesson.

Please do come along to the centre to try out one or all of our groups. Ensembles cost just £30 per term; this fee covers access to ALL of our groups at centre as well as the "Inspire" ensembles that run at alternative times.

If you would like to know more, please see our website and Facebook pages – search 'Fylde Music Centre'. Register your interest / book onto lessons or ensembles via this website.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

We hope to see you and your child at our centre very soon!

Gemma Wiseman
Email: gemma.wiseman@lancashire.gov.uk



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?

11th Feb 2026 @ 9.30am- 11:30am

11th March 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am

22nd April 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am

Where?

Oak Tree Children's Centre
Sydney Street
Lytham St Annes
FY8 1TR



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

The focus is on delaying access to smartphones and social media, while recognising that the internet can be positive and enriching when it is age-appropriate and supervised.

[HERE](#)

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—ON-LINE SAFETY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDLOADED BANNED APPS

'Sideloading' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

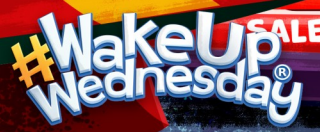
App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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