

NEWSLETTER— FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

‘JESUS IS AT THE HEART OF ALL THAT WE DO’

Dear Parent/Guardian

The end of another week, time really does fly when you are having fun! It was lovely to see so many parents at our celebration worship and hear the Year 6 children speak so eloquently, if a little quietly, about their fantastic trip to Castlerigg and their History Drama workshop. Please feel like you can drop into our Friday worship, we are always happy to see friendly faces at the back of the hall.

Next week our Mini Vinnie group will be speaking, as it is the feast of St Vincent de Paul their patron. Please see overleaf the timetable for the rest of the classes.

This week we had our annual PTFA AGM and it was lovely to welcome some new faces. Our next meeting is on Monday 4th November at 7pm, at Wetherspoons, Station Road. Why not pop the date in your diary and come and join us! The PTFA are funding Drama Hut to come in and work with all our children this year. Drama Hut deliver fantastic workshops linked to what the children are learning in history. Year 6 had a virtual session this week and Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will have a face-to-face session on October the 4th. Reception and Year 1 will have theirs later in the school year. We are so grateful for this support to help enrich all our children's experience at school.

We have had a huge clear out of our outdoor store and have started to collect tyres ready for the start of our Opal Play outdoor project and it will not be long before I am able to call on you all to help prepare different areas or donate resources. A couple of our staff went to see another Opal School in action and came back full of ideas and excited to transform the playtime experience for our children. Watch this space.

Please can you be mindful that we have children within the school who have nut allergies. Please do not send your child into school with anything that contains nuts. Can you be especially mindful of cereal bars. Thank you.

Finally, we are happy for well-behaved dogs to come onto the playground on a lead but please can we ask that if possible, they do not foul on school grounds. We have had a few incidents where we have had to pick up poo to avoid a disaster in school.

Thank you.

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](#)

PE DAYS

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





The dates for this term's Friday Celebration Worship are;

Year Group	Celebration Worship 9.05am	Class Mass 11.00am
Year 6	Friday 20th September	Monday 25th November
Year 5	Friday 1st November	Monday 7th October
Year 4	Friday 15th November	Monday 30th November
Year 3	Friday 8th November	Monday 23rd September
Year 2	Friday 22nd November	Monday 4th November
Year 1	Friday 29th November	Monday 18th November
Reception	Friday 17th January 2025	Monday 25th November
Mini Vinnies	Friday 27th September	



St Peter's Primary School

SEPTEMBER

11th-13th Y6 [Castlerigg](#)
 16th School Photos
 16th PTFA AGM
 18th School mass 9am St Peter's

OCTOBER

2nd Open Day Reception 25
 8th Am Rec/Y1/Y2 Harvest
 Festival Service - Pm Afternoon
 Tea for Grandparents
 11th Homework Check In
 15th and 16th Parent's Night
 16th PTFA Break [The Rules Day](#)

NOVEMBER

1st Homework Hand In
 6th and 7th [Bikeability](#) Year 6
 11th Remembrance Service In [school](#)

DECEMBER

5th Christmas Raffle and Fair Day
 6th Rocksteady Concert-new date
 9th Book Look and Homework
 10th Reception Nativity 9am/6pm
 12th Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
 9am/6pm
 13th Panto and PTFA Disco
 17th Advent Service 6pm St Peter's
 20th School closes 2pm

OTHER INFO

Class Masses-On a rota-
 Please check the weekly
 newsletter and your child's
 class Seesaw.

Parish Family Masses
 During Term Time-
 1st Sunday of the month at
 St Peter's Lytham 3rd
 Sunday of the month at St
 Joseph's [Ansdell](#).
PTFA Events please also
 check out our St Peters
 Lytham PTFA Facebook
 Page.

Book Looks-Books [will be](#)
[made available](#) in the
 classroom giving you an
 opportunity to look at them
 alongside your child.

Please note dates may be
subject to change.

JANUARY

School Reopens
 6th January 2025

FEBRUARY

14th-School Closes 3.30pm
 24th [School Reopens](#)

MARCH

19th and 20th [Parent's](#)
 Evening.
 Tuesday 26th time tbc- Lenten
 Prayer Stations-

APRIL

2nd/3rd [Parent's](#) Evening
 10th St Peter's Has Got Talent
 17th 3.30pm School Closes
 for Easter
 28th School Re-opens

MAY

5th [School closed](#)-May Day
 W/C 12th Year 6 SATS
 School closes 23rd May

JUNE

School reopens 9th June
 11th-13th Year 6
[Winmarleigh Trip](#)

JULY

9th July Sports Day TBC
 11th [Summer Concert](#)
 15th and 16th Year 5/6
 Production
 18th July Year 6 Leavers
 Worship 9am
 School closes 2pm

COMMUNITY INFO & EVENTS

Apply for your child's secondary school place via the link

[HERE](#)

Deadline Thursday 31st October 2024

If applying for a Year 7 place at St Bede's, please also complete a supplementary form —see separate attachment



Saint Bede's
Catholic High School
Fons Sapientiae – Fount of Wisdom



**OPEN EVENING
2024**

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
6:00pm - 8:30pm
PRESENTATION BY MR MARSDEN, HEADTEACHER, AT 6:30PM AND 7:30PM

Saint Bede's Catholic High School
TALBOT ROAD, LYTHAM ST ANNES, FY8 4JL | TEL 01253 737174

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



Follow us on Facebook for
up to date information on up
and coming events.

‘St Peter’s RC Primary
School Lytham PTFA’



School lunches

Please order via Scopay—next week is **Week 3**

Menu [HERE](#)

Birthday Table for September Birthdays will be **Fri 27th**—cost is 50p payable via Scopay



SPARE CLOTHES APPEAL

We are looking for donations of joggers/leggings, socks and underwear (age 3-5) for our Kindergarten children. If you have any spares, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you
The Kindergarten
Team

READY STEADY COOK.
We will be creating quick easy and fun to make recipes that we will then be able to enjoy with our friends and try out at home. Yummy!

LET'S GET ARTY
Each week we will choose from a selection of creative and crafty activities to create our own masterpieces.

Let's Dance
We will be moving to the beat each week, learning new dances from a variety of genres. We hope to discover new talents and most of all have the most fun!

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!
Supporting the very ethos of our school, we will be being of service to others through a range of activities, which will include card making, litter picking, upcycling and maybe even applying for a Blue Peter Badge!

FUN, FIRES, FRIENDSHIP
Forest School style activities in the woods with Katy and Willow. Fun around the fire, den building, wood whittling and stillness in our sensory walk and so much more.

FILM CLUB
Together we will watch a range of short films which will help to promote discussion and a deeper understanding of different cultures, views and lives. We will write/draw and express a response to the films we watch. We may even create our own short film.

Enrichment Friday 2024-2025

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
16

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

FREE TRIAL

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

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