

## NEWSLETTER— FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024

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

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been lovely to see the autumn sun this week and we have made the most of it preparing areas of the grounds for our OPAL project, showing prospective families around the school and making the most of our time outside the classroom.

This week, has been incredibly busy and each class has enjoyed a visit to enhance their learning. Kindy, Reception and Year One enjoyed a visit from Zoo Lab and were so brave holding, touching and observing all the different animals.

Today we had Drama Hut in the building creating amazing ways for the children to experience different times in history. It has been such an interactive experience and I am sure that this will be captured on Seesaw for you to see.

We have had a very successful Open Day and Evening and those that visited were so impressed with our Year 6 children, who confidently showed our guests around our lovely school. The sun shone and so did everyone in school. Willow was a big hit in Forest School where she sat regally overseeing everything.



Willow

Next week we are looking forward to our younger children leading us in our Harvest Service and then entertaining our Grandparents in the afternoon.

Lastly, A big thank you to all those families that have already contributed to the school building fund, it is very much appreciated!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs G-R x

### Handy Links

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Sun 6	10:30	Family Mass at St Peters
Mon 7	14.30	Y5 Class Mass
Tue 8	09:15	Harvest Worship
Tues 8	14:00	Grandparents Harvest Tea & Bingo
Thur 10		Nasal Flu Vaccination

### PE DAYS

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

## CHURCH LIFE

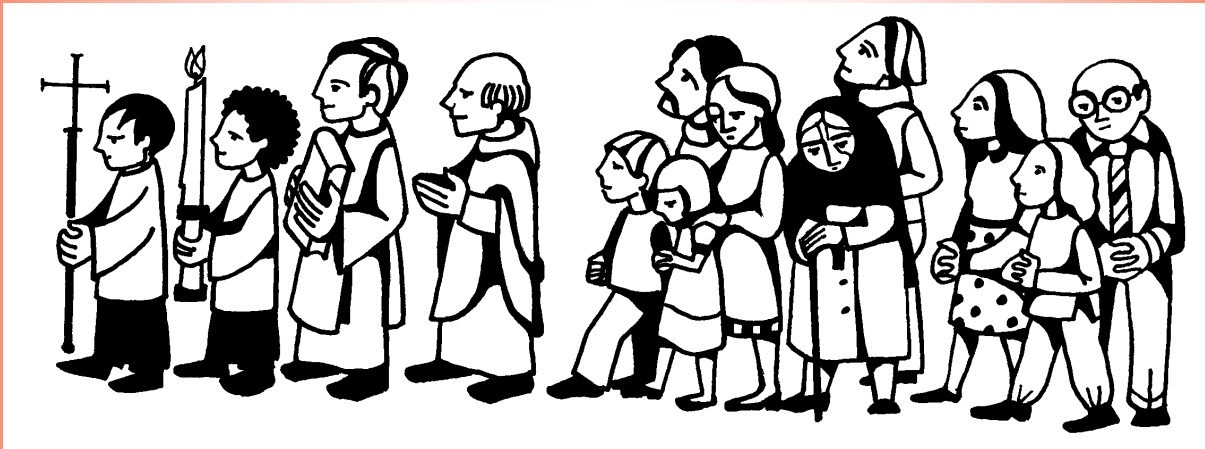
St. Josephs Ansdell and St. Peter's Lytham

This Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

10:30am at St. Peter's

# Sunday Morning Mass

Led by Children from the School and  
from the Parish



## All Welcome!

Children's Liturgy at the 9:15am mass at  
St. Joseph's as usual!



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

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Raffle and Fair Day  
 6<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady Concert-new date  
 9<sup>th</sup> Book Look and Homework  
 10<sup>th</sup> Reception Nativity 9am/6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity  
 9am/6pm  
 13<sup>th</sup> Panto and PTFA Disco  
 17<sup>th</sup> Advent Service 6pm St Peter's  
 20<sup>th</sup> 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-  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at  
 St Peter's Lytham 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 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  
 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## FEBRUARY

14<sup>th</sup>-School Closes 3.30pm  
 24<sup>th</sup> [School Reopens](#)

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

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

## MAY

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

## JUNE

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

## JULY

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

## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

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

'St Peter's RC Primary School  
Lytham PTFA'



**St Peter's**  
**Break the Rules Day**  
16th October 2024

We have a list of rules which can be broken on this day only! But for each rule you break you will be fined 50p.

- Wear your own clothes**
- Have crazy hair**
- Wear trainers**
- Wear nail polish**
- Bring juice in your water bottle**
- Bring a small naughty treat for break**
- Have a temporary tattoo**
- Wear fancy dress**

You can break as many rules as you like, but it is 50p for every rule broken. Put your fine in your class collection jar.



# SCHOOL LIFE

## School lunches

Please order via Scopay—next week is  
**Week 2**

**Menu** [HERE](#)

**New Autumn/Winter starts w/c  
28th October**

Tues 5th November & Weds  
27th November we have a  
themed lunch—see menu



**Birthday Table** for  
October Birthdays will  
be **Thurs 31st**—cost is  
50p payable via Scopay



## BONFIRE NIGHT

5th November

Fawkes Fire Cracking  
Hot Dog  
& Tomato Ketchup  
or  
Catherine Wheel Pizza  
served with  
Smokey Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn  
or  
Baked Beans  
~  
Sparkler Cupcake

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Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

Tuesday 15th and  
Wednesday 16th October.  
Book your appointment  
via Scopay.

## ADMISSIONS

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

**Deadline Wednesday 15th  
January 2025**

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

**Deadline Thursday 31st October**

## Lancashire Day Celebration

Traditional Corned Beef Hash  
with  
Sliced Beetroot & Crusty Bread  
or  
Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie  
with  
Garden Peas or Baked Beans  
~  
Sticky Parkin & Toffee Sauce  
or  
Low Sugar Jelly

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

## DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

## BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

## POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

## COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

## Meet Our Expert

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