

Dear Parent/Carer

Following a productive weekend in school, which resulted in our stage being installed by Brogan Scaffolding—a huge thank you to their team, who travelled from Sunderland to help us, they provided all of the materials and time for free! We also had a team of staff, parents and grandparents who created an incredible mud kitchen cafe for us and we managed to get all of the sheds protected and our Sensory Circuit installed in school. Thank you to all involved!

Our week in school started with a beautiful service of Remembrance, led by our Year 5 children. The children were so respectful and really did understand the enormity of the occasion. Year 6 joined St Bede's for their service and Mrs Jose and Mrs Keegan were so proud of them and impressed by St Bede's pupils too.

Things are starting to get busier and preparations are starting for Nativities and our Advent Service. Please check the calendar on this newsletter so you do not miss anything. Please make a diary note of our Grandparents afternoon and pass this date on to family members who would like to attend.

We are still hoping to have donations of scooters and trikes and we will shortly be looking for donations of tubes, plastic pipes and guttering for our small parts areas. In our small world areas, we would also like any construction toys i.e. LEGO, bricks, characters etc. we will store these in suitcases, which will be easy to store and pack away. Any small suitcases in good condition you have, would also be well received.

God bless
Mrs G-R X

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Mon 18 11am	Year 1 class mass
Mon 18 1pm	Y5/6 Grand Theatre
Fri 22 9.05	Year 4 worship



Birthday Table for
November Birthdays will be
Fri 29th Nov—cost is 50p
payable via Scopay



Diary Dates

NOV

Mon 18 11am Year 1 class mass
 Mon 18 1pm Y5/6 Grand Theatre
 Fri 22 9.05 Year 4 worship
 Mon 25 11am Rec & Y6 class mass
 Wed 27 Lancashire Day lunch
 Fri 29 9.05 Y2 worship
 Fri 29 12.30 Birthday Table
 Sat 30 12.30 School Choir Carol Concert-Art Society
 (opposite Booths)

DEC

Sun 1 10.30 Family mass at St Peter's
 Wed 4 2pm Grandparents Christmas raffle
 Fri 6 PTFA Christmas Raffle—Own Clothes
 Fri 6 10am Rocksteady concert
 Mon 9 3.30 Book look
 Tue 10 9.10 Rec Nativity
 Tue 10 6pm Rec Nativity
 Thur 12 Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Stalls
 Thur 12 9.10 Y1/2 Nativity
 Thur 12 6pm Y1/2 Nativity
 Fri 13 Full school Panto trip
 Fri 13 Christmas Disco
 Sun 15 9.15 Family mass at St Joseph's
 Tue 17 6pm Advent Service at St Peter's church
 Wed 18 Christmas lunch
 Fri 20 2pm School Closes for Christmas
 (NO ARK AVAILABLE FRI 20TH)

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



Why not come and try Brownies?

Trial session will take place on Wednesday 20th November
5.45–7.15pm

Lytham C of E school hall

Girls from Year 2, 3 and 4 welcome

We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS

raffle
prizes
needed!

We are holding a Christmas raffle to raise money for the school playground project and the pantomime visit.

Donations of prizes from parents and local businesses would be much appreciated.

Please drop off any raffle prizes with Rachel in the school office.



School lunches

Please order via Scopay—next week is

Week 2

Menu [HERE](#)

Weds 27th November & Weds 18th December
we have a themed lunch—see menus

CHRISTMAS Lunch.

Traditional Roast Turkey
Chipolata Sausage & Gravy
or
Cranberry Root Roast
Vegetarian Sausage & Gravy
served with
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Roast Potatoes,
Mashed Potatoes
& Seasonal Vegetables
~
Festive Dessert

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PE DAYS

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

Lancashire Day Celebration

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



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>

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful; assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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