

Dear Parent/Carer

This week seems to have passed in the blink of an eye and looking across the calendar for the next three weeks, we don't have a spare moment! Lots of exciting things ahead, not least our wonderful Grandparents afternoon on Wednesday (4th December), please do pass on the invite to the more senior members of your family—we can't wait to make them feel welcome and entertain them. You'll have to warn them that our Year 6 children have plans to sell them some raffle tickets for a special Grandparent's Raffle that they have created! We have sent a form link for you to book a place, please complete so we have an idea of numbers

<https://forms.office.com/e/6mfh8a6UTW>.

Mrs Josi has returned from her maternity leave full of enthusiasm and energy and the children have been so excited to see her. Her feet have hardly touched the ground with a class Mass to prepare, Advent Service and preparations for our Children's Christmas Fair—all good fun.

Next Friday we have the PTFA own clothes day to support the Christmas Raffle - Reception have been asked to bring in fancy goods—i.e. bubble bath, small Christmas gifts—anything goes! Key Stage 1 children (Year 1 and 2) are asked to bring in biscuits/chocolates and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 bottles. The PTFA plan to draw the raffle on Friday. Tickets are still available to sell to friends and family and we hope to raise a significant amount to support tickets for the Panto, as well as other activities and resources for the children.

Have a restful weekend. Our choir will be performing Carols tomorrow—12:30pm at the Art Society Christmas Fair (opposite Booths). I look forward to seeing you at mass, for those of you who are able. This week the family mass is at St Peter's - 10:30am.

God bless
Mrs G_R_X

Handy Links

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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



Birthday Table for December Birthdays will be **Fri 20th Dec**—cost is 50p payable via Scopay



NOV

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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—3.30-4.50pm KS1 / 5-6pm KS2
 Sun 15 9.15 Family mass at St Joseph's
 Sun 15 4pm Carols by the fire in Squirrel Wood—**NEW EVENT!**
 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

School lunches

Please order via Scopay—next week is

Week 1

Menu [HERE](#)

Weds 13th December we have our Christmas lunch—see menu



PLEASE ORDER VIA SCOPAY BY
MON 9TH DECEMBER

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>

**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
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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

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



Kindergarten had a pyjama day today and raised **£175** for the Crackerjacks Children's Trust, which supports children with additional needs and their families.

<https://www.crackerjacks.org.uk/>

Well done Kindergarten!!

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

- * Family Panto tickets for Lowther—Sat 28th Dec
- * Tesco gift card £25 x 2
- * Wetherspoons gift card £20
- * Reformer Pilates class voucher—BALANCE
- * Business Coaching 1-2-1 session with Emma Benyon
- * Island Cinema family ticket voucher
- * Balloon Stacker voucher Azera Events
- * Trevino Lounge £20 voucher
- * Apricot Brunch & Bar £20 voucher
- * Y.M.C.A. Annual membership
- * Bottle & chocolate Hampers and much more!

We are so grateful for the support of local businesses, parents and grandparents. Thank you for your generous donations!



St Peter's PTA  presents our annual **Christmas raffle**

**Friday 6th
December 2024**

*Please come in your own clothes on
6th December in lieu of the following:*

Reception: Fancy goods
Years 1 and 2: Chocolates and biscuits
Years 3-6: Bring a bottle

Raffle tickets have been sent home.
More tickets are available from the office.
All monies and tickets stubs to be returned by the
morning of 6th December.



EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS DISCO

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



KEY STAGE 1: 3.30PM - 4.30PM

KEY STAGE 2: 5PM-6PM

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES HOT DOG, SWEETS
AND A DRINK (VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE)
ARK CHILDREN CAN JOIN THEIR SESSION AT
NO EXTRA COST IF THEY ARE PRE-BOOKED
FOR 13TH DECEMBER

£5 PAYABLE TO SCOPAY
OR THE OFFICE
PRIOR TO THE EVENT



KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN TO BE
DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT DOOR

ALL CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR CLASS DOORS

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

Escape the Christmas madness and enjoy carols around the campfire in our beautiful woodland. Bring a camping chair and a lantern if you have one.

Wrap up warm!

Numbers are limited due to limited space.

Book via form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bUBqrapFWr>



Carols & Christmas Songs in the Woods

Sunday 15th December

4pm—5pm

Please bring a camping chair and wrap up warm!

This event is
weather
permitting

SEW, PAINT DESIGN, CREATE



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES;

LITTLE CREATIVES: 2-4PM

SATURDAY 21ST: CHRISTMAS CUSHION

SUNDAY 22ND: BEANIE HAT & SNOOD

MONDAY 23RD: STOCKING

'MINI MAKERS' CRAFTY CHRISTMAS PARTY: 10.30-12.15

SATURDAY 21ST OR SUNDAY 22ND OR MONDAY 23RD

CERAMICS PAINTING: 10.30-12 OR 12.30-2 OR 2.30-4

FRIDAY 27TH OR SATURDAY 28TH OR SUNDAY 29TH

LITTLE CREATIVES (8 YEARS +)

£15

With over 10 years teaching experience we have got the perfect sessions for young sewers! Aimed specifically at 8-16 year olds... sessions have been designed to develop the following; Introducing children to the sewing machine,

- measuring & counting,
- cutting & following lines with precision,
- exploring different stitches
- Building confidence with the sewing machine
- Learning sewing terminology

MINI MAKERS (4 YEARS +)

Keep your little ones away from screens, using their imagination & developing fine motor skills... Let them make a mess you don't have to clean up after!!! 'Mini makers' sessions are perfect sessions for our youngest creatives! Aimed specifically at 4-8 year olds... sessions have been designed to develop the following;

- fine motor skills,
- cutting & following lines,
- decision making,
- using imagination,
- exploring colour & tactile materials,



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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.



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