

Dear Parent/Carer

Well, we have had a wonderful week at school! The weather has been excellent, and we've made the most of it by launching our much-anticipated OPAL schools project. It has filled us all with joy and made us a little bit emotional to see our children playing together this week. The excitement of children being told they can go anywhere and play with their friends, siblings, and cousins from other year groups has been truly heart-warming. One of our die-hard football fans ran up to me on the playground, beaming, and told me, "This is way better than football, Mrs. Gili-Ross!" Priceless!

We will continue to develop our play offer and introduce new activities as the children become more accustomed to managing the current options. I must just add that we have a school full of children who love to tidy up - so when they tell you they don't know how to tidy their room, toys, etc., we know differently! It has literally taken just five minutes to tidy everything away at the end of lunchtime. A great start! Please check out the pictures, which will be posted soon on Seesaw.

Our plan is to offer a Book Look/OPAL Stay and Play morning in the Summer term. During this time, you'll have the option to look at your child's books with them and also experience OPAL in full swing.

Thursday is World Book Day and we have given the option to come dressed up as a book character or in your favourite comfy clothes/PJs. We'd love for all children to bring in their favourite book. Each class will be using this as a stimulus for activities on the day.

You may have heard in the news and on social media that the DfE has launched an Early Adopter Breakfast Scheme. This scheme aims to fund a positive, calm start to the day for children, including a healthy breakfast. This is available for a handful of schools starting in April but we are not part of this Early Adoption Scheme. At St. Peter's, we already offer an early start with classrooms open from 8:45 a.m. and ready for a 9:00 a.m. start. If this scheme were to be rolled out nationally, it would mean that for a portion of the school community, we would be expected to offer an additional 15 minutes. Currently, the feedback suggests this initiative is not being funded appropriately and would not be viable for the majority of schools.

I must make you aware that, despite what we may be led to believe in the press, funding for all schools has been cut. Our budget for the next financial year has been reduced by over £20,000 compared to last year, even before we factor in increased costs, etc.

Have a restful weekend, and we'll see you, ready to do it all again on Monday!

Mrs. G-R

Handy Links

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MAR

- Mon 3 Y4 Class Mass—11am
- Tue 4 Pancake day lunch
- Wed 5 Ash Wednesday
- Thur 6 World Book Day & Lunch
- Mon 10 Y5 Class Mass—11am
- Mon 17 Y6 & Rec Class Mass—11am
- Tue 18 Y4 Shakespeare The Grand
- Thur 20 Be Happy Day Lunch
- Tue 25 Mothers Day Planters
- Tue 25 Parents eve
- Wed 26 Parents eve
- Fri 28 Y2 Worship

SCHOOL LIFE

Class Mass -TBC	Friday Class Worship
Reception March 17 th	January 17 th
Year 1 January 20 th	February 7 th
Year 2 January 27 th	March 28 th
Year 3 February 3 rd	April 11 th
Year 4 March 3 rd	March 21 st
Year 5 March 10 th	January 31 st
Year 6 March 17 th	January 24 th

PE DAYS

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

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**

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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.

Please click on the link below to see if you are eligible. If you are eligible or have any problems please email Katy (Family Learning Mentor) katy.s@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk so that your shopping vouchers can be emailed to you asap.

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

SCHOOL LIFE

School lunches

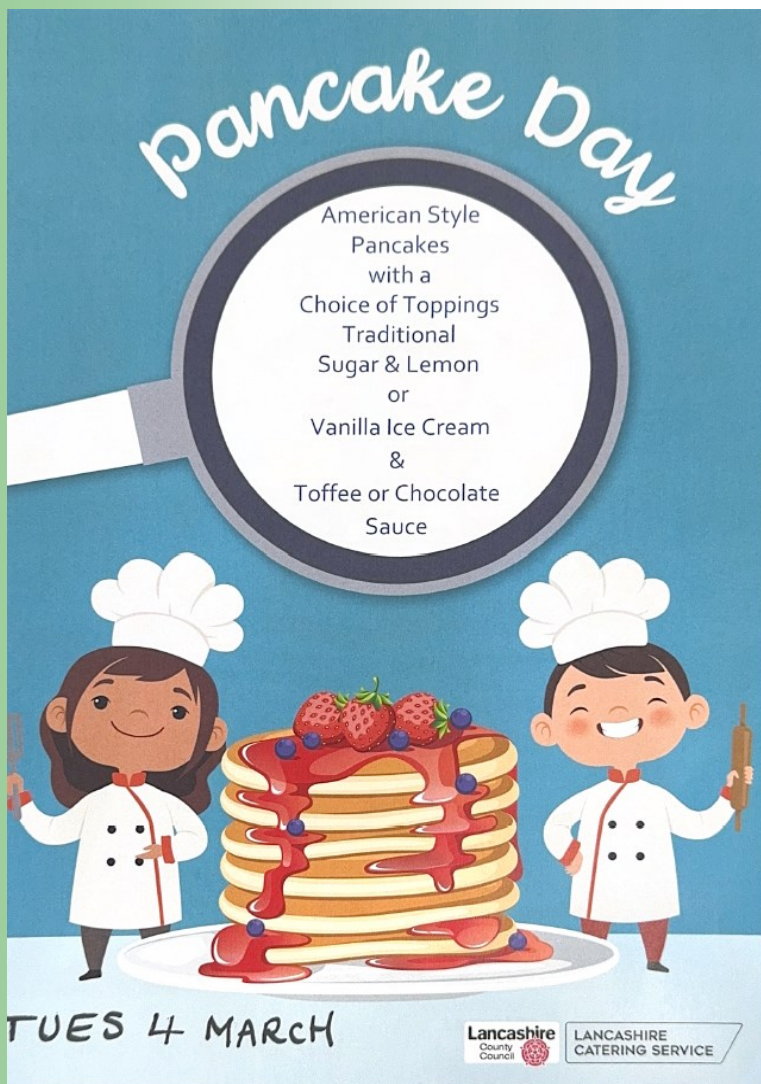
Please order via Scopay— next week—w.c. 3rd March is:

Week 2—Menu [HERE](#)

N.B: As **Ash Wednesday** falls next week, we will be swapping the **Meat-Free Monday** options with the Wednesday menu to acknowledge dietary preferences for this important day.

We also have the following themed lunches on **Tuesday*** and **Thursday**

*change to dessert option only—main as per the main menu



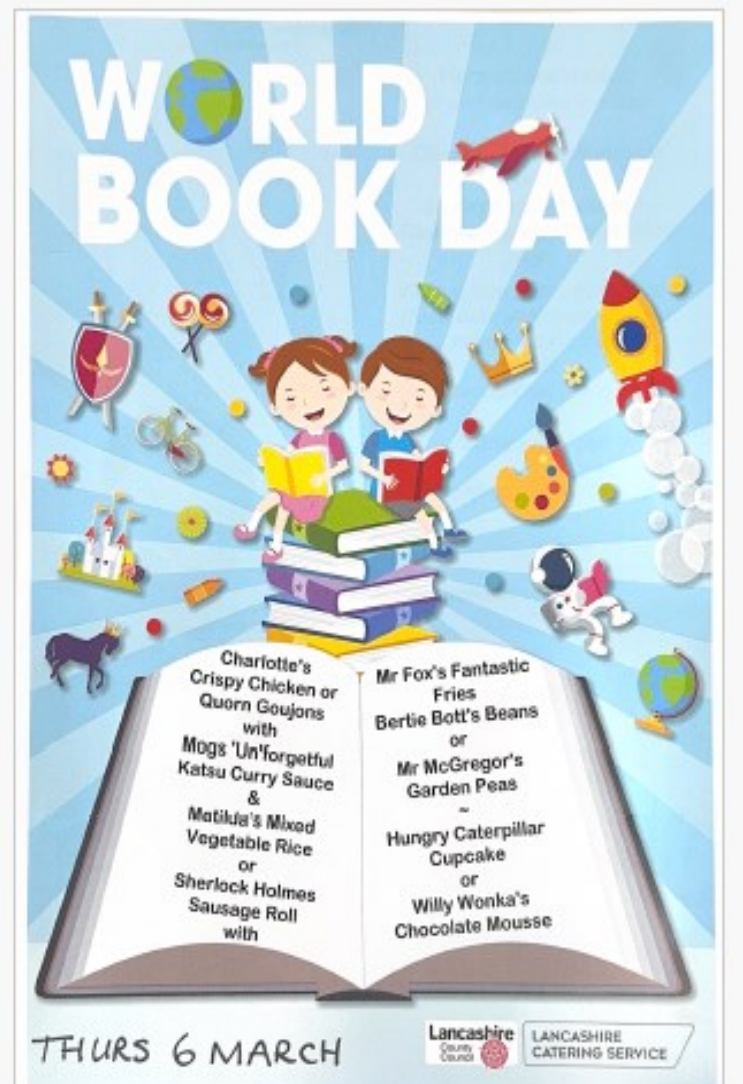
Pancake Day

American Style Pancakes with a Choice of Toppings
Traditional Sugar & Lemon or
Vanilla Ice Cream &
Toffee or Chocolate Sauce

TUES 4 MARCH

Lancashire County Council LANCASHIRE CATERING SERVICE

The image features a magnifying glass over the menu text. At the bottom, two cartoon chefs stand next to a large stack of pancakes topped with strawberries and blueberries. The Lancashire County Council logo is in the bottom right corner.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Charlotte's Crispy Chicken or Quorn Goujons with Mogs 'Un'forgetful Katsu Curry Sauce & Matilda's Mixed Vegetable Rice or Sherlock Holmes Sausage Roll with

Mr Fox's Fantastic Fries
Bertie Bott's Beans or Mr McGregor's Garden Peas
or Hungry Caterpillar Cupcake or Willy Wonka's Chocolate Mousse

THURS 6 MARCH

Lancashire County Council LANCASHIRE CATERING SERVICE

The image shows a large open book with the menu text on its pages. The background is filled with various children's toys and books. The Lancashire County Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

SPRING 2 – 2025

Day of the week	Year Group	Club name	Finish time	Pick up from
Mon	Y3 – Y6	Dance <i>(Performing at 4.15pm – Mon 7th April)</i>	4.30pm	Front entrance
	Y4 – 6	Mixed football	4.30pm	Side gate by Year 4
	Y2-6	LAMDA (book direct)	See separate attachment	
Tues	Y1 – Y2	Digital Art	4:15pm	Front entrance
	Y2 – Y6	Bracelet making	4.30pm	Front entrance
Weds	Y4 – Y6	Netball	08:00am drop off	Year 3
	Y3 – Y4	Tag Rugby	4.30pm	Front entrance
Thurs	Rec – Y6	Jujitsu (book direct)	4.30pm	Front entrance
	Y3 – Y6	Forest School	5pm	Green shipping container
Fri	Y3 - Y6	Choir	4.30pm	Front entrance



The Mini Vinnies club will continue but will run during the school day

FOR SAFETY REASONS, MAY WE POLITELY REMIND PARENTS NOT TO DRIVE INTO THE CARPARK WHEN PICKING UP

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

People We Love Planters

Tuesday 25th March 2025

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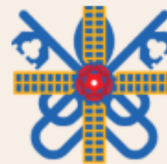


With Greg
from Leafy
Lytham

Book by
Friday 21st
March

Children can create a planter for their chosen person. Maximum one planter per child. Siblings can do a planter together.

Pay via Scopay and complete a booking form. Instructions for 'sibling' planters on the booking form.



To book, complete the form via link below by Fri 21st March:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xz4bsNAbnL>

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

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BOOK
DAY[®]

6 MARCH 2025

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imagination!

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EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



Gazette Young Seaside Schools' Arts & Crafts Exhibition 2025

The following children's artwork is included in the exhibition:

Reception—Elijah

Year 1—Margot & Ray

Year 2—Lily, Wilfred & Jack M.

Year 3—Jenson & Maycee

Year 4—Oliver B. & Oliver J.

Year 5—Noah, Jamie, Ava & Toby

Year 6—Freya, Henrietta, Lana & Sophia G.

The exhibition will be taking place again at:

The Gallery, Blackpool & The Fylde College

Park Road, Blackpool, FY1 4ES

Dates of exhibition: Tuesday 4th March until Friday 28th March

Opening times: 10am—7pm Mon-Thur / 10am—4pm Fri

Congratulations to the winners!!

Elijah - Reception and Noah—Year 5

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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AFTER SCHOOL IN TERM TIME

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WEEK 2: 14th - 17th April (4 day week)
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