



'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16

Weekly Newsletter

3rd October 2025



Happy Friday!!

Capture the Flag

Last Friday, we held our very first Capture the Flag competition! The children had a fantastic time representing their houses with great energy and enthusiasm. A special congratulations goes to [Duxbury House](#), who were crowned the overall winners. And of course, a huge thank you to Miss Stephens for so kindly organising such a fun and memorable event.



School Council



Well done to all the children who took part in the School Council elections! It was an extremely close contest, and we are very proud of everyone who put themselves forward. Congratulations to the following children who have been elected — we look forward to seeing all that they achieve as part of our School Council.

Elm	Rosie & Jenson	Elder	Daisy & Bailey
Almond	Sebastian & Victoria	Cedar	Logan & Ivy-Rose
Birch	Isabelle & Rowan	Chestnut	Amelia & Dawson
Oak	Kenley & Lyle	Beech	Amelia & Jack
Hawthorn	Hallie & Harley		

Church Mission Weekend



St Peter's Church
PARISH MISSION WEEKEND
17th – 19th October 2025

Friday 17th October	Saturday 18th October	Sunday 19th October
An Evening of shared meal and Music Doors Open at 5.30pm Hotpot Served 6pm  La Bamba Band 7pm	All-age Family Fun and Church Open Day 10am – 1pm • Puppet Show • Lego corner • Arts & Craft Activities • Organ Recital • Heritage Corner • Free Cafe 	All-age Eucharist 10am A Family Service with Hymns and Holy Communion Refreshments after the Service 

Free Entry - No Fee or Donation Required
All are welcome

Use this link to know more: <https://forms.office.com/e/87VUnQHLP>

Scan to RSVP 

St Peter's Church, Harpers Lane, Chorley. PR6 0HP

Whole School Harvest Appeal – Supporting Our Local Community

At a time when support is needed most, our whole school is coming together for a Harvest Appeal to help local charities and those in need within our community.

We kindly ask families to donate any dry foods to support our collection such as tins, bags of pasta, cereals, toiletries or biscuits. Every contribution makes a difference, and together we can help bring comfort and nourishment to others.

All donated food will be taken to church on Friday 10th October 2025. Donations can be brought in on any day leading up to Friday 10th October 2025.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who have already supported our appeal—we truly appreciate your generosity!

The Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 12th October 2025 at 10am at St Peter's Church if you wish to attend.



Parents Evening



It is nearly time for our Parents Evening you can book a slot on the system by following this link:

<https://stpeterschorley.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> on either Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd October 2025. You can book either a face to face or a telephone appointment.

If you select a call as close to your allocated time as possible you will receive a call from a withheld number/unknown number. Please enter the number you wish to be called on in the notes section when you book an appointment. Your child's class teacher will contact you please don't contact the school. If you miss the call you will be required to re-organise a call with your child's class teacher via class dojo.

The teacher will take the time to discuss with you how your child has settled into their new class, how they did on their initial assessments and what their current targets are in class. **Bookings will close on Friday 17th October 2025.**

When I Grow Up Day

On Friday, 24th October 2025, we invite all children to come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up.

This is a wonderful chance for pupils to share their dreams and aspirations while celebrating creativity and imagination.

We can't wait to see doctors, artists, astronauts, teachers, scientists, athletes – and many more future stars – walking through our doors!



Bag 2 School

Bag2School is an eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps us to raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness.

Bags have been sent home and should be returned to school on or before Wednesday 8th October. All money raised from your donated items will be used in school on fun events for the children. Items that will be accepted: clothes, shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts.



Author Visit

Key Stage 2 had a FANTASTIC Monday morning! We were very pleased to welcome Sarah-Lou Evans to St Peter's. Sarah-Lou is an author and teacher who visited us to talk about her book 'We Too Have Sharks in the Blue'.



Sarah-Lou shared her journey to becoming an author and how she created her characters. Sarah-Lou talked about how we can sometimes all have worries and how we are all different and unique. It was a wonderful session and Beech class also took part in a wellbeing workshop.

Local History Event



BBC 500 Words 2025!

Exciting news! 500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday 7 November 2025



As a school, we are hoping to get as many entries as we possibly can from KS1 and KS2 so that we can show the incredible writing skills we have here at St Peter's in Chorley. Last year, one of our school entries reached the final stage of the competition which was an incredible achievement. In class, children will be watching a video launching the writing competition with authors who have shared their writing tips. The competition is externally judged and entries must be submitted online. This does mean that all entries must be typed and requires parental consent.

The 500 Words competition wants children to have fun writing their stories, be as creative as they can and make the judges laugh, cry or just be blown away by what they are reading. This year children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. Over the years there have been incredible stories submitted.

There are very few rules on 500 Words but a few points to remember:

All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

Give any personal details of the child, including their name.

Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration).

Be created, written or developed by AI.

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

Submissions are now open for the competition. Please note all stories must be typed and can only be submitted by an adult. It must be all the children's own work.

The link below will allow you to submit your child's entry via the BBC website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/login>

If you are unable to submit the entry yourself, please email your child's entry to Mrs Tillotson's email address Jayne.Blackburn@stpeters.lancs.sch.uk and she will submit it. Please include your child's name and age so that I can submit it to the correct age group within the categories. This year, the two age categories will be 5–7 year-olds and 8–11 year-olds.

Please note, if you send the writing via email to me you are consenting to your child's work being submitted and to the terms and conditions of the competition. Please ensure that you have read these.

The closing date for the competition is 9pm on Friday 7 November 2025. Entries after this date cannot be accepted. Good luck everyone!

Admissions

We are just saying hello to our new starters and it is time to think about September 2026! Admissions for next year is now open via the LCC website. If you are interested in a place for your 4-year-old for next September, please do get in touch with us with any questions or to arrange a visit and a tour of school with Miss Brown.

High School Open Evenings

High School Open Events are currently advertised as follows:

St Michael's: Thursday 9th October – 9:30am – 12 noon

Holy Cross: Thursday 16th October 2025 - 4.30pm - 7pm

It is important that you visit the schools websites and check if you need to book.

Please remember all High School places must be applied for by Friday 31st October 2025 at the latest.

Please ensure that you carefully read the High School's admission policies which you will find on the individual school websites.

Careers Fair



St Peter's C of E Primary School Chorley is hosting a



On Thursday 23rd October 2025

From 1pm until 3:20pm in our school hall

For all our Junior Children

We are hoping to have as many career stands as possible to help raise our children's aspirations and give them the opportunity to speak to a wide range of professionals

If you are able to support us and have a stand please email:

office@stpeters.lancs.sch.uk

Please join us to play an important part of shaping our young children's minds.

Mini City Role Play Day

We're excited to host a *Role Play Mini City Day* on Tuesday 13th January 2026 for children in our Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. Pupils will explore fun role play zones, taking on community roles while building key social and communication skills.

To support this event, we kindly ask for a £2.50 donation per child via ParentPay by Monday 24th November 2025. The event relies on contributions to go ahead — thank you for your support!

Junior Parents Reminder

Please pay for the Elf musical as soon as possible via ParentPay. Thank you!



Reading Rucksack "I'm wondering what to read next."

Matilda, Roald Dahl

The Reading Bears are looking forward to going on new adventures. Don't forget to share a photograph with us.



Reflection Time

Jesus spent his life teaching others about God's love and how we should care for one another. Jesus did not want us to be critical and judgemental in attitude as this can be a negative force in a community. He wanted us to have humility and encouragement towards others that will in turn inspire and motivate.

"Do not judge others so that God will not judge you"

Matthew 7.1-5

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Take care and stay safe and remember you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards

Miss Brown

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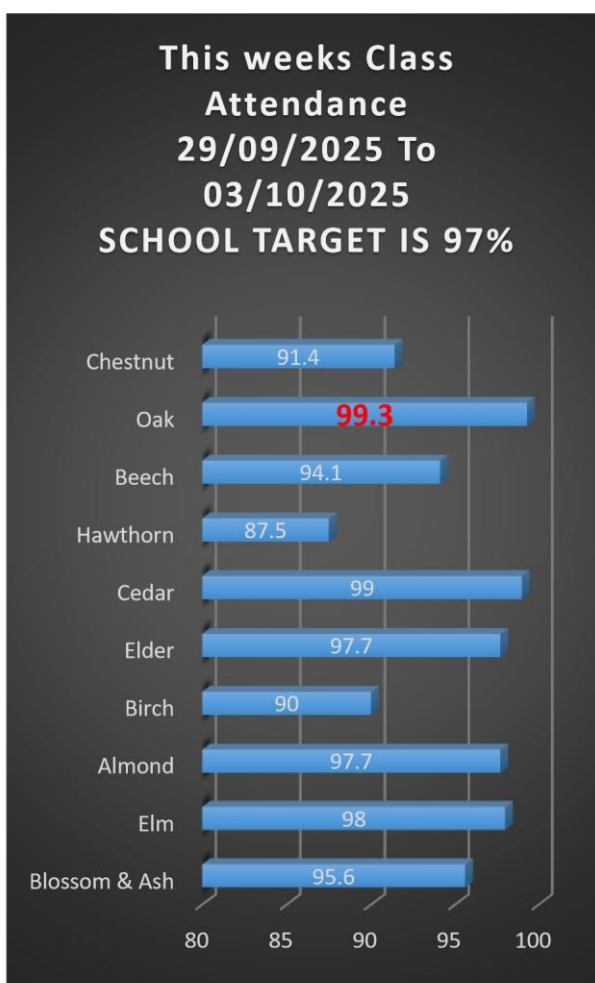
Merit Winners

Every week one child from each class gets their name in the 'Golden Book' for excellent effort and hard work. This week, the children who received a merit certificate are:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Archie & Harrison Ash Class
5yrs old



October 2025

14th October – School Photo Day

15th October – Beech Class to attend Church Service

15th October – Oak Class Worship – Oak Families welcome 9:00am

17th October – Visits from Blackburn Diocese to lead Worship – St Peter's families welcome

17th October – Reception Bible Stories around the woodland fire

19th October – School Choir to Sing in Church – everyone welcome to Church for Mission Weekend

20th October – House Winners Non-Uniform Day

22nd October – Elder Class to attend Church

22nd October – Parents Evening

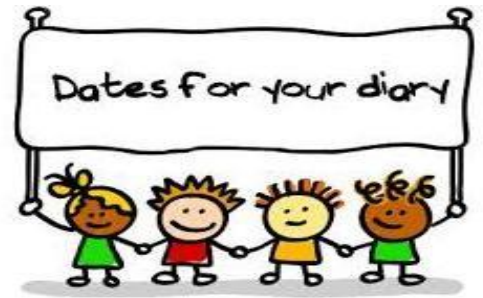
22nd October – Super Dojo Tea Party

23rd October – Parents Evening

23rd October – Junior Careers Fair

24th October – When I grow up day – come to school dressed as what you dream to be when you grow up

24th October – School Closes for Half Term



November 2025

4th November – School re-opens to all children

7th November – Reception Autumn Woodland Picnic

12th November – Hawthorn Class to attend Church Service

18th November – Reception Parents/Carers Magic Moments (8:45 – 9:30am)

19th November – Cedar Class to attend Church Service

26th November – Chestnut Year 5 to attend Church Service

December 2025

1st December – Assessment Week Begins

1st December – Bring to school a homemade decoration for School Christmas Tree

3rd December – Year 6 to attend Church Service

5th December – Reindeer Run for the homeless

10th December – Elf the Musical – Junior Classes

11th December – Infant Nativity to their families – 2pm and 6pm



12th December – Super Dojo Tea Party

12th December – Reading Around the Christmas Tree – 2:30pm

15th December – Infant Christmas Lunch

15th December – Christingle Service (Years 2 – 6 Performing) – 2pm at St Peter's Church

16th December – Junior Christmas Lunch

17th December – Bishop of Burnley visiting school

17th December – Reception Christmas Play to their families (2pm)

18th December – St Peter's Penny

18th December – Retelling of the Christmas Story as a school

19th December – Christmas Party Day

19th December – School closes to children at 2:30pm - Stay Late club closes at 4pm

BRAND NEW DODGEBALL CLUB
Get Ready to Dodge, Duck, Dive - Where the Fun Thrives.
Looking for a sport that's fast, exciting, and packed with laughs? Come and play Dodgeball - the ultimate game of teamwork, speed, and skill!
If your child is aged between 8-12, then this session is perfect for them.
Why Dodgeball?
✔ Make new friends
✔ Stay active and healthy
✔ Build confidence and teamwork
✔ Most importantly... have loads of fun!
EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM - 7PM
St George's Church Hall
Hallwell St Chorley
PR7 2AL
(Next to St George's Church)
£4 each per session
JOIN NOW 07716324974
TheSittingDuckDodgeball@outlook.com
DON'T BE A SITTING DUCK!

Fireworks, The Law and You
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:
15th October – 10th November
26th December – 31st December
3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year
It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18
It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public
If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80
It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am
It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers
If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.
THINK ABOUT IT.

Firework Code
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Always supervise young children
Light sparklers one at a time
Keep pets indoors
Keep them in a closed box
Follow all instructions carefully
Stand well back
DO's & Don'ts
Never return to a lit firework
Don't give sparklers to under 5's
Don't set fireworks off after 11pm
Never put them in your pocket
Never throw them
For more information visit:
www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx