



# St Peter's C.E. Primary School

Love, Challenge, Inspire!

*'Let your light shine'*

Matthew 5:16

## Weekly Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Welcome to the weekend. It has been a busy week in school with assessment week but each child has tried their very best and we are proud of each and every one of them.

### School Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to all our families for your support at home in helping your child create a beautiful Christmas decoration. Each one is unique and perfect in its own way, and together they make our tree a wonderful celebration of our school community.



### Christmas Card Competition

On Wednesday 3rd December 2025, we were delighted to welcome visitors from PNG Digital to celebrate our Christmas card competition entries. They came to share some very exciting news: Maxwell from Elm Class was chosen as the overall winner, and Madeiline (Chestnut Class) and Victoria (Almond Class) were highly commended. It was wonderful to see our children recognised for their creativity and artistic talent. Maxwell is excited to send out his own personalised Christmas cards.





### Film Nights

The Infants and Juniors thoroughly enjoyed their Film Nights. With the Christmas tree lit and the hall glowing with festive cheer, the atmosphere felt truly magical and set the perfect scene for a cosy evening together. The children were excited to relax with their friends and immerse themselves in the films, making it a memorable part of our Christmas celebrations. A special thank you to our School Council and Mrs Taylor for organising such a thoughtful and enjoyable event—your hard work helped create a wonderful experience for everyone.



### Thank You

A huge thank you for your kind donations today for the homeless. Your kindness and support means a lot to them particularly at this time of year. Photos will follow of children enjoying their Reindeer Run.

### Elm Class

Elm Class were inspired by the work of the British ceramic artist Kate Malone. The children made clay pumpkins and used chalk pastels to decorate them. Mrs Simpson was so proud of the children's work she decided to send photographs to the artist. Kate Malone was very impressed and she sent a well done video message to the children.



### Rainbow Hub

Our children and staff had a wonderful time visiting the Rainbow Hub on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025. We were then over the moon to receive such a lovely email from the Rainbow Hub.

Thank you so much for taking the time to visit us at Rainbow Hub yesterday, it was a pleasure to meet you all. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your visit and that it offered a meaningful insight into the work we do and the challenges our children face each day.

Your children were absolutely wonderful! Polite, well-mannered, and exceptionally well behaved. It was a joy to see them interacting so naturally with our children, getting involved with enthusiasm, and asking such thoughtful questions. Their kindness and curiosity truly shone through.

We would be delighted to welcome you all back again in the future. Thank you for your ongoing support and fundraising efforts! It truly means the world to all of us here at Rainbow Hub.

Heartfelt thanks,

Jess



## Spreading the Christmas Message

On Monday 1st December, we were delighted to be visited by the Headteacher of St Michael's C of E High School, who was running 24 miles between the primary schools in the Chorley area to spread the Christmas message. Mr Gorton joined Mrs Rongong for a short part of her running journey from St Peter's to St Lawrence's, where he then read out the Christmas blessing from St Peter's. A huge thank you and well done to Mrs Rongong and her team on their incredible achievement, and we wish them a very Merry Christmas.



## Telephones

### *Polite Notice*

*The school will be having a new telephone system installed over the Christmas period. On **Friday 19th December 2025**, at approximately **10:00am**, our current telephone system will be temporarily closed down while we transition to our new phone provider.*

*During this time, if you are unable to reach us via the school phone line, please use **Dojo** as an alternative communication platform.*

*We anticipate being fully operational by the time we return to school on **Monday 5th January 2026**. However, if the new system is not yet active, please continue to use **Dojo** until further notice.*

*Thank you for your cooperation*



## 📍 Brass Day is back for 2026! 🎺

Young brass players 18 and under, beginners to advanced, are invited to join us once again for Brass Day 2026!

The day will consist of workshops, masterclasses, performances and more!



📅 17th January 2026, 10.00am – 3.30pm  
📍 St Michaels CE High School, Chorley, PR7 1RR

Follow the link to book: [📍 Brass Day is back for 2026! 🎺 - Lancashire Music Hub](#)

Never played before but want to try? Come and join our 'First notes' sessions as part of the day! 🎺🎺 Taster session times will be emailed out upon sign up.



# CHRISTMAS WRITING COMPETITION

Exciting news!  
Our Christmas-themed writing competition!  
We're on the lookout for imaginative pieces of writing that capture the magic of Christmas.

You're free to express your creativity in any Christmas writing form—whether it's a story, poem, comic strip, diary entry, newspaper report, or anything that you wish to create that shows off your writing!

We have just one competition rule - it must be all your own work!  
Here are a few ideas to get you started:

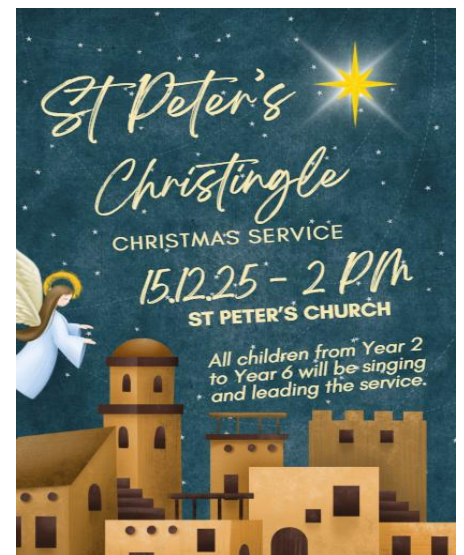
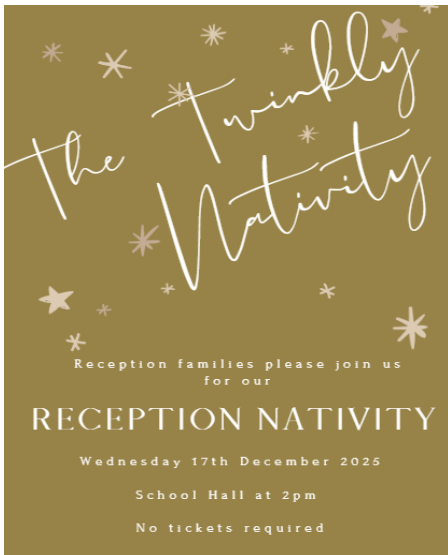
- Write a crime report about a mysterious 'intruder' on Christmas Eve.
- Create a poem about Santa falling too sick to work on Christmas Eve.
  - Write a story about Santa getting stuck in the chimney.
- Create a poem about the true meaning of Christmas (The Birth of Jesus)
  - EYFS - a story with pictures of the true meaning of Christmas

Entries must be submitted by Wednesday 10th December to  
Mrs Tillotson.  
Entries after this date cannot be accepted.

A winner will be selected from:  
EYFS (Reception), KS1 (Year 1 and 2), LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)  
UKS2 (Year 5 and 6).  
So, what are you waiting for? Let the magical writing journey begin!

Good luck everyone!  
Mrs Tillotson

## Christmas Events



## 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.

## 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!

## Family Forest School Sessions

Wednesday 10am-12pm  
Term Time Only

Book your place now:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/lancashire/st-peters-c-of-e-primary-school>

Weekly Family Forest School Sessions  
Only £4 per family per session. Includes a drink and snack

Please ensure you dress for the weather!

### Benefits of Forest School

**Physical:** Builds gross and fine motor skills, improves strength, coordination, and agility, while also boosting stamina and overall health.

**Cognitive & emotional:** Encourages creativity and problem-solving through hands-on learning. Builds confidence by taking safe risks and exploring nature. Sparks curiosity, supports mental well-being, and inspires a love of learning.

**Social & emotional:** Helps children work together, share, and communicate. Build social skills, empathy, and a sense of community.

St Peter's Primary School, Eaves Lane, Chorley, PR6 0DX

## Sustainability



### Our School Sustainability Pledge



We pledge to help recycle clothing, including school uniforms which supports families and school fundraisers.

We pledge to take care of animals and their habitats in our school surroundings and community.



To take care of our oceans, we will raise awareness in our community and reduce the amount of single use plastic that we use in school.

We pledge that we will try to eat everything on our plates. If we can't finish it, we will ask for a smaller portion next time.



We pledge to finish our water bottles so that we don't waste water.



### Our School Sustainability Pledge



Everyone will protect the animals and respect the woodlands.

We pledge to keep the community nice and clean.



Our pledge is to reduce waste, reuse when we can and recycle when we can.

We pledge to cut pollution by walking and using our bikes when travelling to and from school.



We pledge to turn off plugs and lights when we aren't using them to help save energy from non-renewable sources.

## Logo competition!

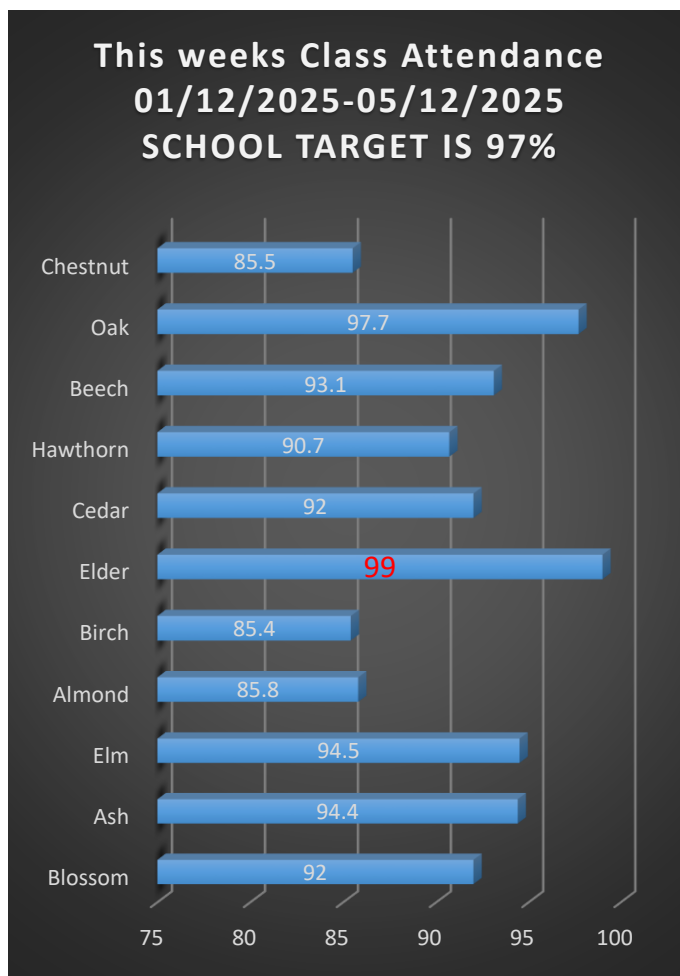
**We have our  
Winners!!!**

Ash- Robin  
Elm- Riya  
Birch- Samir  
Almond- Alice  
Cedar- Ava-Mae  
Hawthorn- Millie  
Elder- Layla  
Beech- Jessie  
Chestnut- Kody  
Oak- Damian

Our whole school celebrated Sustainability Day, with each class exploring issues they felt were important to discuss. In the afternoon, children took part in a logo competition, learned about current environmental challenges, engaged in debates, and created pledges to help make our world a better place for future generations. These pledges were then combined to form our whole-school pledge, shown below.

## 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:



## Rock Steady

On Tuesday 2nd December 2025, our talented musicians took to the stage to perform a selection of Christmas songs. All the children did a wonderful job, showcasing just how much their Rock Steady sessions are helping them to grow and develop as performers. We were exceptionally proud of all the children.



### 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

As we begin the season of Advent we have this week lit the first Advent candle - the **Prophets' Candle**. Long before Jesus was born, God sent prophets to tell His people that a special Saviour was coming. Their messages gave everyone **hope**—a reminder that God keeps His promises and that His light would shine in the world through Jesus.

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."*

**Isaiah 9:2**

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

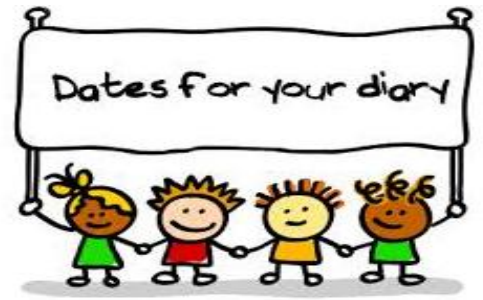
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[December 2025](#)

- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Elf the Musical – Junior Classes
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Nativity to their families – 2pm and 6pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Super Dojo Tea Party
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Reading Around the Christmas Tree – 2:30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – World War 2 Event Day – Year 5 and 6
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Christmas Lunch
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service (Years 2 – 6 Performing) – 2pm at St Peter’s Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Christmas Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Bishop of Burnley visiting school
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Play to their families (2pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – St Peter’s Penny
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Retelling of the Christmas Story as a school
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day



**19<sup>th</sup> 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  
Halliwell 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!**

**JOIN CHORLEY BRIGADE**

We are a youth group and band based in Chorley for ages 4 - 18. We meet weekly during term time to provide children with fun experiences. Join us to build life-long friendships as part of being in a uniformed organisation. **JOIN NOW**

Find us  
[www.chorleybrigade.org.uk](http://www.chorleybrigade.org.uk)

# LOVED TRIKIDZ AT *School?*

**KEEP THE FUN GOING WITH THE CITY OF  
PRESTON TRIATHLON CLUB FOR JUNIORS!**

TUES 6-7PM	RUN CLUB, KIRKHAM GRAMMAR
THURS 6-7PM	RUN CLUB, KIRKHAM GRAMMAR
SAT 2-3PM	TRI CLUB, UCLAN SPORTS ARENA

## **WHO CAN JOIN?**

**AGE 8 - 18  
CAN RIDE A BIKE  
(NO STABILISERS)  
NO SWIMMING ABILITY  
REQUIRED  
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

*Ready, Tri, Go!*



**BOOK A TRIAL**  
**@CITY\_OF\_PRESTON\_TRIATHLON**