



St Peter's C.E. Primary School

Love, Challenge, Inspire!

'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16

Weekly Newsletter

9th January 2026

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026!



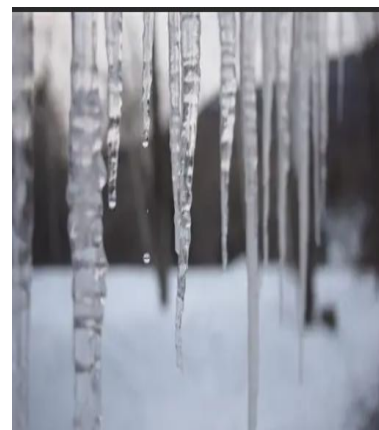
Cold Weather

As we are currently experiencing very cold weather, please ensure that your child wears either a school jumper or cardigan, along with a warm coat, each day.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils warm.

Please take care when arriving at and leaving the school playgrounds. On icy days, we kindly ask that you keep to the cleared paths that have been created by our caretaker, Mr Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep everyone safe.



Christmas Writing Competition Winners

A HUGE well done and THANK YOU to everyone who entered the writing competition!

Our 2025 winners:

EYFS:	Jessica
Key Stage 1:	Isabelle
LKS2:	Ali
	Neveah
	Victoria
UKS2:	Harper
	Jenson

Keep writing everyone!



St Peter's
GOLDEN READING TICKET
WELL DONE FOR EARNING A GOLDEN TICKET!
SUPER WORK! PUT IT INSIDE THE GOLDEN BOX!
NAME:
CLASS:

Well done to our Golden Ticket winners at the end of last term.
Well done for super reading and for earning your tickets.
Will you get a ticket this term? Get reading and you maybe in with a chance!



Reading Newsletter

Last term, we enjoyed lots of reading opportunities in our classes! Here is a round-up of our reading feast! What will we be reading next?

READING NEWSLETTER

Autumn Two 2025



EYFS



This half term in EYFS we have continued to enjoy our reading journey! We have read books with lots of rhyming words and this has helped us with our new reading skills. Oi Frog has entertained us with his friends... 'frogs sit on logs, cats sit on mats and hares sit on chairs'. The adventures of Stickman have helped us with our writing and we longed for him to return to the family tree. A wonderful term!

YEAR 1

"It was nighttime in the supermarket, and all was quiet until... CRASH! BANG! Something had escaped the freezer..." We have really enjoyed reading and exploring the adventures of Supertato and Supertato: Veggies Assemble. The story inspired the children to write their own short narrative based on the story, design their own super fruit or veggie and write instructions explaining how to make jelly and other foods to catch Evil Pea.



YEAR 2



This half term in Year 2 we have enjoyed reading 'The Great Fairy Tale Disaster'. It has been great fun reading lots of fairytales which has helped us to develop and widen our vocabulary. We have used this to help us innovate our own stories and to write a diary entry. We have had a great term reading lots of stories.

YEAR 3

This half term in Year 3 we have embraced our folk-tales unit and have been exploring the wonderful work of 'The Greenling' by Levi Pinfold. We loved the imagery and illustrations in the book which gave us inspiration for our own narrative stories. We have acted out the argument scene between the characters to give us context for our own writing and created our fabulous, innovated story maps.



YEAR 4



This half term Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the book Rumaysa by Radiya Hafiza. This exciting mix of Rapunzel and Rumpelstiltskin has captivated us and left us wanting more. It has inspired our writing as we have written an informal letter, created a poem on a theme and used it to help us write our own narrative based on the text. We have had lots of fun!

YEAR 5

This half term Year 5 have enjoyed reading a new unit based on a legend. The Legend of Gelert the Dog, one of the best known, and loved, folk-tales in Wales is the story of this most faithful of hounds. We have produced some magnificent work using a wide range of vocabulary and explored a variety of themes throughout the story. This had us on the edge of our seats!



YEAR 6



This half term Year 6 have written a poem on a theme using the structure of cinquain poems. We have been reading and learning about the incredible life of Harriet Tubman. Harriet, who was born into slavery, escaped on the Underground Railroad and showed great courage in helping others to escape. We have developed our writing skills by creating our own biographies. Harriet was a true hero and leader.

Learning this Term

Next Friday you will receive your child's class newsletter for this academic term. Please take the time to read through it carefully and support your child where you can at home with their learning in these areas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

[@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.

Managing Children's Digital Lives

'What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew...' is a helpful guide designed to support parents and carers in managing children's digital lives. Developed using children's own voices and experiences, the guide offers practical advice on understanding online risks, having open and supportive conversations, and setting healthy boundaries around screen use. We encourage parents and carers to follow the link to read this useful and reassuring resource, which aims to build confidence and strengthen communication around children's online experiences.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Calling all Parents and Carers

A small group of parents have kindly organised the below Coffee Morning so please support this event if you can.



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 in September 2026, please do get in touch with us with any questions or to arrange a visit and a tour of school with Miss Brown.

Our Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policy for St Peter's C of E Primary School is currently under review for 2027. It can be viewed on our school website. If you wish to make any comments, please contact Mrs Brocken or Mrs Davies in the school office prior to the 12th January 2026.

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.



Family Forest School Sessions
Wednesday 10am-12pm
Term Time Only

Book your place now:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whatson/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



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

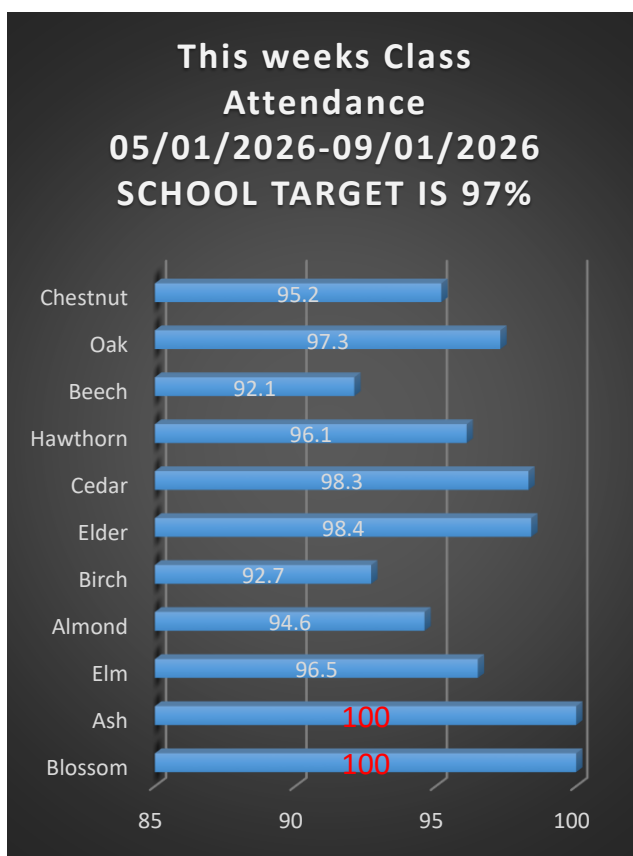
Matilda, Roald Dahl

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



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:



Reflection Time

Our reflection has been focussed on The Three Kings. They followed a bright star that led them to Jesus. They were filled with joy because they had found the special child God had promised. This reminds us that when we follow God and choose kindness and faith.

"We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend!

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

Kind regards

Miss Brown

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January 2026

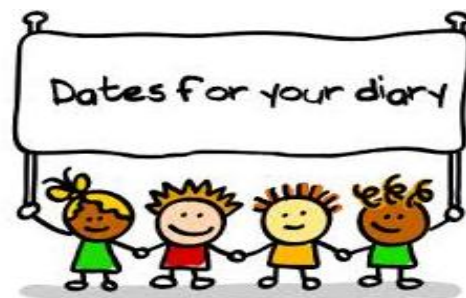
- 13th January – EYFS and KS1 Role Play in the City
- 19th January – Reception Bikeability Week Begins
- 23rd January – Reception Winter Teddy Bears Picnic
- 28th January – NSPCC Assembly Workshop
- 28th January – Elder Class to attend Church
- 30th January – A Story Worth Telling Afternoon

February 2026

- 3rd February – Year 6 to visit St Michael's to watch Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
- 4th February – Hawthorn Class to attend Church
- 5th February – Reception Story Telling Day
- 5th February – NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6
- 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- 11th February – St Peter's Fitness Day
- 13th February – House Winners own clothes day
- 13th February – School closes at 3:20pm for February Half Term (after school club finishes at 5:30pm)
- 23rd February – School re-opens for all children

March 2026

- 6th March – KS2 Finance Workshops
- 11th March – Reception Farm Trip
- 11th March – Cedar Class to attend Church
- 13th March – Word Guerrilla Workshops for KS2
- 17th March – Rocksteady Concert
- 18th March – Number Blocks Day – Reception
- 19th March – Year 5 and 6 School Trip to Manchester Museum
- 23rd March – Holy Week Begins
- 25th March – Oak and Chestnut Year 6 to attend Church
- 27th March – Dojo Tea Party
- 27th March – House winners own clothes day
- 27th March – School Closes for the Easter Holidays at 3:20pm (After school club finishes at 5:30pm)



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle
Collecting Friday 9th - Sunday 11th January 2026

To book your tree collection, and help Rainbow Hub to raise funds to brighten the lives of children with disabilities, please scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.rainbowhub.org/event/christmas-tree-collection/>

We will be collecting trees in the following postcode areas:
PR1, PR2, PR4, PR5, PR6, PR7, PR8, PR9, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6

With thanks to our event sponsors:

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01704 823276 | rainbowhub.org | fundraising@rainbowhub.org

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Rainbow Hub,
Salt Pit Lane, Mawdesley,
Ormskirk, L40 2QX

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.

Booking

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!

Chorley Football



Development

At Southlands High School (Sports Hall)
Clover Rd, Chorley, PR7 2NJ
Starting on Thursday 29th January 2026



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	5:00pm - 5:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 1	5:45pm - 6:30pm
School years - Year 4 & Year 3	6:30pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Thursday at Southlands High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Daniel

01772 428 086 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked



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!



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