



*'Let your light shine'*

Matthew 5:16

## Weekly Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



Welcome to the weekend!

### Bikeability

Our Reception children have had a wonderful week attending their balance bike sessions. They have been learning key balance bike skills and have thoroughly enjoyed growing in confidence as the week progressed.



### Fire Talk

Year 2 were visited by the local fire brigade, who talked to the children about how to stay safe and what to do in case of an emergency. The children took part in different scenarios, asked thoughtful questions, and



## Road Safety

Year 6 were visited by the local fire brigade, who spoke to the children about the importance of road safety. During the visit, pupils discussed how to stay safe near roads, learned about potential hazards, and were reminded of the responsibility they have as older children to make safe choices in their community.

## Half Term

**School will close at normal time on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and will re-open to all children on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

## Reading

The National Year of Reading has started and a free download of recommended books for age groups is now available. Take a look and join in the start of the reading year. Enjoy!

<https://authorfy.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/BOOKDROP-age-5-11-JanFeb-2026-Low-Res.pdf>



## 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 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026. 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6pm.**

## Energy

This week is Energy Saving Week. Our Year 6 School Council led a brilliant worship on this very important topic, with support from Mrs Taylor and Mr Gorton.

The children encouraged everyone in school to think about *just one thing* they can do this week to help save energy and, in turn, help protect our planet.

Please take some time to talk with your child at home about simple ways they can help save energy at home too.



## Writing Competition

A group of schools including St Peter's and schools in Leyland have joined together to launch an exciting writing competition for our children. This writing competition: Tell Us Your Story... is entitled '**The Quest**'. Children are encouraged to write a story based on embarking on a thrilling quest to find something precious that has been lost or been taken by someone.

In the Quest story you must decide:

Who will your character be?

What challenges will they face on their journey?

Will they complete the quest successfully?

The closing date for entries is **Monday 2nd February 2026**. The entries will be shared with a cluster of schools within Chorley and Leyland, and from this, year group winners from a school will be chosen.

Please can all entries be handed to Mrs Tillotson by **Monday 2nd February 2026**. Any entries submitted after this date cannot be accepted. We have AMAZING writers here at St Peter's and this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase this to other schools.

Get writing everyone!

Tell Us Your Story...  
'Leyland and Beyond'...  
*'The Quest'*


Welcome to our cluster's fantastic festival of literature! This exciting competition invites all pupils to celebrate the magic of reading, writing and performing.

**Your Quest:**






Imagine you have lost something precious - or someone has taken it- and now you must embark on a thrilling quest find it.

- Who will your character be?
- What challenges will they face on their journey?
- Will they complete the quest successfully?

Use the poem, images and story extracts below to inspire your own adventurous tale.



Do you have a map in your story? Or something else?



**The Quest**

A long hard search,  
seeking ever seeking,  
yearning for an answer.


A quest all must complete,  
or face the consequences  
Minutes, hours, days,  
so much time has passed.

Another comrade collapses,  
head in hands,  
begging for release.

Right or wrong,  
right or wrong?  
The problem is not solved.  
Will this agony end?

Welcome to the world of Beast quest...

Tom was once an ordinary village boy, until he travelled to the City, met King Hugo and discovered his destiny. Now he is the Master of the Beasts, sworn to defend Avantia and its people against Evil. Tom draws on the might of the magical Golden Armour, and is protected by powerful tokens granted to him by the Good Beasts of Avantia. Together with his loyal companion Elenna, Tom is always ready to visit new lands and tackle the enemies of the realm. While there's blood in his veins, Tom will never give up the Quest...



And then ... life would go on as before. Prandine and the other government officials would make all the real decisions affecting the kingdom.

The king would attend ceremonies and feasts, laugh at the clowns and acrobats in the great hall, practice archery and the blacksmith's art. He would sit for hours while his hair, and, one day, his beard were plaited. He would sign endless documents and stamp them with the ring that bore the royal seal. He would follow the Rule.

In a few years he would marry a young woman chosen for him by Prandine. A daughter of one of the noble families, who had also spent her life inside the palace walls. They would have a child, to take Endon's place when he died. And that child would also wear the Belt only once, before it was again locked away.

Now, for the first time in his life, Jarred wondered if this was a good idea. For the first time he wondered how and why the Belt was made. For the first time he began to doubt the wisdom of letting such a power for good remain idle in a tower room while the realm it was supposed to protect lay, unseen, outside high walls.

He slipped unnoticed out of the great hall and ran up the stairs to the palace library. This was another first for him. He had never loved study. But there were things he needed to know. And the library was the only place he was likely to find them out.....



### School Trips

At the moment we are very fortunate to have lots of exciting school trips to look forward to. Letters about the various trips have been sent out by class teachers. We would appreciate payment for the trips as soon as possible on Parent Pay.

### Big Bird Watch

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your window, or your local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up for your free guide and let's look out for birds together on 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



Follow the link to sign up: [Big Garden Birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

# 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.

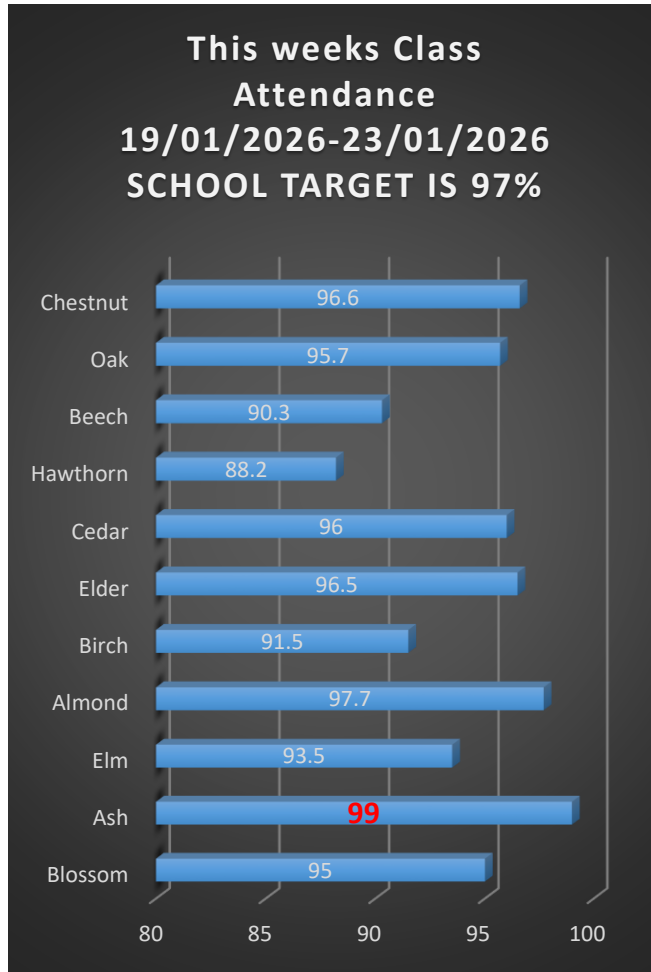
**Cognitive & emotional:** Encourages creativity and problem-solving through hands-on learning. Builds confidence by taking safe risks and exploring nature. Sparks curiosity, supports mental well-being, and inspires a love of learning.

**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 ODX

## 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:





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

When Jesus was twelve, He went to Jerusalem with His family for the Passover festival. On the journey home, Mary and Joseph realised Jesus was not with them. They found Him in the temple, sitting with the teachers, listening and asking questions.

Everyone was amazed at His understanding. Jesus reminded them that He was in His Father's house. This story shows us that Jesus loved learning about God and grew in wisdom, faith, and kindness.

**"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and people."  
(Luke 2:52)**

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

'Let your light shine'



## January 2026

### 27<sup>th</sup> January – Beech Class Worship

28<sup>th</sup> January – NSPCC Assembly Workshop

28<sup>th</sup> January – Elder Class to attend Church

30<sup>th</sup> January – A Story Worth Telling Afternoon

## February 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 6 to visit St Michael's to watch Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

4<sup>th</sup> February – Hawthorn Class to attend Church

5<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Story Telling Day

5<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6

### 5<sup>th</sup> February – Elder Class Worship

10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

11<sup>th</sup> February – St Peter's Fitness Day

### 12<sup>th</sup> February – Hawthorn Class Worship

13<sup>th</sup> February – House Winners own clothes day

13<sup>th</sup> February – School closes at 3:20pm for February Half Term (after school club finishes at 5:30pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> February – School re-opens for all children

## March 2026

### 5<sup>th</sup> March – Cedar Class Worship

6<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Finance Workshops

11<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Farm Trip

11<sup>th</sup> March – Cedar Class to attend Church

13<sup>th</sup> March – Word Guerrilla Workshops for KS2

### 16<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment Week Begins

17<sup>th</sup> March – Rocksteady Concert

18<sup>th</sup> March – Number Blocks Day – Reception

19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 and 6 School Trip to Manchester Museum

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Holy Week Begins

### 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter Church Service – St Peter's Church – Parents Welcome to Join – Years 1 to 6

### 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

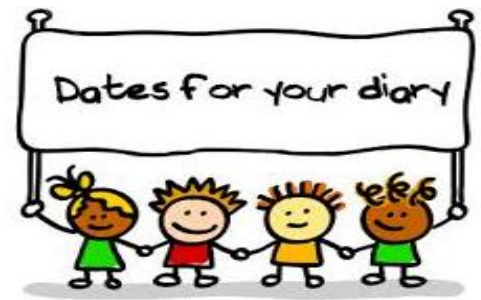
### 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

25<sup>th</sup> March – Oak and Chestnut Year 6 to attend Church

27<sup>th</sup> March – Dojo Tea Party

27<sup>th</sup> March – House winners own clothes day

27<sup>th</sup> March – School Closes for the Easter Holidays at 3:20pm (After school club finishes at 5:30pm)



# Looking for CHILDCARE?

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# LOVED TRIKIDZ AT School?

**KEEP THE FUN GOING WITH THE CITY OF  
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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](https://www.cityofpreston.com)

# 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](http://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

