

St Peter's School Newsletter

9th January 2026

Welcome back

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back to school after our Christmas break. We have enjoyed seeing all the children this week and introducing new learning for this term. Thank you to all the parents for bearing with us while we try a new system at home time! We know it has been challenging this week!! Inside school, the children are calmer and it is easier to dismiss everyone at the end of the day. Children in Year 1 and 2 now leave from Yellow Class, Year 5 from the bottom door, leaving Year's 3, 4 and 6 to exit from the main door. We ask that we allow space at the gates for parents of children in EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y5 head down the slope to get their children first. Also, if parents waiting at the main exit could stand back from the gate to allow children out with ease.

Birds of Prey....

On Tuesday 6th January, Year 2 enjoyed a visit from SMJ Falconry, who introduced them to a variety of birds of prey to launch their English unit, *Amazing Birds!* They met five different birds: Midge the white-faced owl, Tike the burrowing owl, Geoff the peregrine falcon, Ollie the ashy-faced barn owl and finally Diago the American kestrel. The children had a wonderful afternoon listening to lots of fascinating information and watching the birds fly around the classroom. Some children even had the opportunity to hold Midge. The children are now full of knowledge and ready to begin their learning.

<https://www.st-peters-burnley.lancs.sch.uk/owl-visit-2/>

Spring Term Writing Competition...

To continue encouraging the children's love of writing we are excited to announce our Spring Term Writing Competition!

Each half term, we set a writing challenge and it has been wonderful to see the number of entries grow as the year progresses. We are incredibly proud of the creativity, effort and enthusiasm the children show. All entries will be displayed in school and the winners will receive a prize. Previously, children have won stationery packs and storybooks.

This Term's Challenge

Children can choose one of the following Valentine's-themed writing ideas:

Write a poem or short piece about kindness, friendship or caring for others

Write an acrostic poem using the word LOVE or KINDNESS

Design a poster showing how we can spread love and kindness at school

Write a short story about friendship or helping someone

Children are encouraged to be as creative as they like.

All entries must be handed in by Monday 9th February and winners will be announced during Celebration Worship on Friday 13th February.

We can't wait to see the fantastic ideas and creativity this term brings. Happy writing!

Up coming events and clubs this half term...

14th January - Key Stage Two Choir Church Eucharist Service, 10.30am in church. All Welcome

28th January - Whole School Christingle Service, 10.30am in church. All welcome

27th January - Year 5 trip to USC

11th February - Key Stage Two Choir Church Celebration, 10.30am in church. All welcome

Clubs:

Monday - Swimming sessions for Year 2 & Year 3

BFC for Year 2 to 6, 3.15pm tp 4.15pm

Tuesday - Archery Club, Years 5 & 6, 3.15pm to 4.15pm

KS2 Choir Church Club 3.15pm to 4pm

Wednesday - KSI Play Netball Club, 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Thursday - Multi Skills CLub, Year 1 & 2, 3.15pm to 4.15pm

All for Jesus Centenary Year....

Yesterday, we all gathered for a special live on screen worship led by Bishop Phillip. He was explaining that William Temple founded the Diocese of Blackburn in 1926, which makes 2026 the Centenary year (100 years).

He told us about all the special events that Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education have planned for the year.

The year is entitled 'All for Jesus' to remind us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. We hope that the Centenary Year will give our children at St Peter's the chance to give thanks for all that God has done through his people.

<https://burnley-st-peters-cofe-and-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/worship-9/>

A huge well done to Red Class...

Next week, if Red Class keep up their amazing attendance, they will be the first class to spell the word attend for the 2nd time! This is amazing!!!

To get a letter on the display, the class must achieve over 96% attendance as a class.

Our School Attendance

EYFS: 96.2%

Year 1: 93.9%

Year 2: 95.2%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 96.8%

Year 5: 95.7%

Year 6: 94.3%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.4%

<https://www.st-peters-burnley.lancs.sch.uk/attendance/>

Learning Power Heroes this week...

Yellow Class: Tatheer for making a positive start to her learning at St Peter's School.

Pink Class: Ayrah for asking lots of questions to extend her learning during the birds of prey visit.

Green Class: Harris for improving his focus and effort in all subjects this week.

Orange Class: Zaydan for improved focus in his learning this week.

Blue Class: Safwan for much improved concentration during his lessons this week.

Gold Class: Jessica for excellent focus and attitude in all her learning this week.

Homework reminder...

Homework at St Peter's focuses on two key areas that have a significant impact on children's learning: daily reading and times tables practice.

We kindly ask that your child reads for at least 15-20 minutes every day at home. This can be done independently or with an adult.

In addition, we expect children to practise their times tables daily.

Your support at home makes a huge difference, and we truly appreciate your partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or would like advice on how to support reading or times tables at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.