



St John Fisher News

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'

St John's Gospel Chapter 10

12 December 2025

No. 649

Bethlehem Candle - Love

This week marks the second week of Advent: 'Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14. This week the Bethlehem Candle is lit, representing the journey that Mary and Joseph made ahead of Jesus' birth. It reminds us to prepare our hearts for Him and reinforces the peace that His birth brought.

CST during Advent

This week we have been preparing our Christmas Hampers that we will be delivering to the residents and staff at Friary Court. This is our local charity who we support each year. During Advent, students and staff also raise funds for CAFOD. These acts of charity embrace the core values of love, compassion and selflessness, linking to principles of Option for the Poor and Dignity, as well as mirroring God's own generosity. *Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher*

Dr M Karangi

As communicated last weekend, we were very sad to hear about the death of Dr Karangi. Dr Karangi had been a member of staff for the past 16 years and much of that time as Head of RE Faculty. He was a much loved, generous and kind-hearted member of staff, offering his support to staff and students whenever they needed it. Dr Karangi will be greatly missed by all.



Bible Presentation

This week, all students in Year 7 received a copy of the New Testament Bible. These were kindly given to the school by Good News For Everyone, formerly known as Gideons Bibles. These are for the students to keep, to read, and as reference and also to help with their RE studies. They also learnt about Chaplaincy and the many ways they can get involved, including through drama, music and choir, or as a reader and by joining the Chaplaincy Ambassadors on a Monday Lunchtime in the Chapel. *Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*



Catholic Social Teaching Option for the Poor

We continue with more tips from our

Student Leadership Team

Top Tip 6 – Help one another

We can be aware of and notice people who might be left out or having a hard time. We can show kindness, listen and include others.

Student Senior Leadership Team



Nativity Display

Our Nativity scene is displayed in the chapel window



depicting everyone who played a part in the greatest story—the birth of Jesus Christ. Our crib remains empty as we await the figure of Baby Jesus during this Season of Advent. However, he will be laid in the manger on the last day of term when we celebrate Christmas together as a school family.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Head Student Election

Following an intensive application process - including an interview with the Sixth Form team, presenting their ideas through a PowerPoint, participating in hustings during house assemblies and securing votes from both students and staff - we are delighted to announce the appointment of Karolina (W7) and Marcel (B3) on being appointed as our Head Students for 2026. Congratulations also to Stella (R1) and Tyler (R2) who have been appointed as Deputy Head Students. Well done to all students who applied for a position on the leadership team. We look forward to seeing what ideas the Student Leadership Team will bring to St John Fisher in the coming months.

Mrs Reay, Head of Sixth Form



Extra-Curricular Activities 2025-2026

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Racket Sports (Sports Hall)
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors (Chapel)
Year 7 – Art Club (week 1 only)
Year 7 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)
Students with EAL Support – Piano Club
All Years – Film Club

Monday After School

All Years - Boys Football (Astroturf)
All Years – Chorum Choir (Room 102)
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)
DofE – Food Club (Room 306)
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Girls Multi-Sports (Sports Hall)
All Years - Guitar Club (Room 102)
Year 8 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)
Year 9 – Drama Club (501)

Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 1 only)

Tuesday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – Basketball (Sports Hall)
Year 9 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)
DofE – Backstage & Lighting Club (501)
DofE – Italian Club (Room 209)
String Players – String Ensemble (Room 102)

Wednesday After School

All Years – Girls Netball (Courts)
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

All Years – Cricket Club (Astroturf)
Year 8 - Drama Club
Blooket Club Spanish (Room 211)

Thursday After School

All Years – Badminton Club (Astroturf)
All Years - Musical Theatre Club (501)
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre
DofE – Musical Theatre/ Performing Arts
DofE – Yoga (209)

Friday Lunchtime

All Years - Volleyball Club (Sports Hall)
All Years – Band Practice (Practice Room 3)
All Years - Warhammer Club (Art Room)
Year 7 – Drama Club (501)
Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 2 only)

Friday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Lost Property

A large number of items not claimed has piled up on our pegs, where students have left and forgotten about their coats, blazers and other items. Please check that all of your children's items are in your possession or otherwise located on the racks at Lost Property.

Exam Certificates



On Thursday 8 January 2026 we welcome back leavers, who sat GCSE and A level exams in the summer, as they come to collect their certificates along with our students currently in Year 12. This is a very informal event, but it is always good to see students who have left and hear how they are getting on. It will be held in the Atrium between 3:30-4:30pm.

Mr Martyn, Examinations Officer

Upcoming Events

19
DEC

Last day of term (school closes at 2pm)

5
JAN

Return to School (Week 2)

Sports News

Netball

Congratulations to the Yr8 Netball Team who completed a fantastic season and triumphed over TDA this week. This means the girls have been undefeated this season and have won Year 8 Peterborough Schools League.

Football

We had more success this week with the Under 18 Boys Football Team defeating Kings School in the final of the Peterborough U18 Cup Competition 3-1. Well done on a fantastic achievement.

Basketball

Finally, the Yr9 Boys Basketball Team qualified for the final of the Yr9 Peterborough competition with two superb wins, 14-6 over AMVC and 14-2 over COPA. Congratulations to all!

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts

2025-26 Autumn Term

Half Term:	24 October – 2 November
Term Ends:	Friday 19 December

2025-26 Spring Term

Term starts:	Monday 5 January
Half Term:	13 February – 22 February
Term Ends:	Friday 27 March

2025-26 Summer Term

Term starts:	Monday 13 April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 4 May
Half Term:	25 May – 29 May
Term Ends:	Friday 17 July



Peterborough & Fenland Parent Power

Join us for a free bespoke visit to ARU Cambridge!

When: Saturday 10th January
Time: 10-2:45pm (not including coach travel)

Where: Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge
Join us for a bespoke visit to ARU Cambridge. Parents and children can attend together explore the campus, learn about the university and ask questions about higher education.

This trip is completely free of charge, with lunch provided by the university. All ages welcome, as long as children are accompanied by an adult.

Scan the QR code to register your attendance:

For further information, contact:

Sophie Waring on 07398182824 or
peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org



Y.D.P. HAF CAMPS

YOUTH DREAMS PROJECT
WE BELIEVE IN YOUTH!

CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED RECEPTION - SCHOOL YEAR 11
Is your child eligible for benefit related free school meals?

If the answer is yes, you can apply for FREE* Summer camps for 5 - 16 year olds at 1 venue of your choice (listed below).

*Fully funded by the DfE

FREE*
CHILD CARE

- BARBERING CAMP (8-16 YRS) @ STANGROUND SPORTS CENTRE (PE7 3BW) 22 DEC 10-2PM
- BISHOP CREIGHTON (PE1 5DB). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 9-1PM
- COPA (PE1 5LQ). 22-23 DEC 9-1PM
- DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY (PE1 4LH). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 9-1PM
- HAMPTON GARDENS (PE7 4HR). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 9-1PM
- LEIGHTON PRIMARY (PE2 5PL). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 9-1PM
- MANOR DRIVE ACADEMY (PE4 7EP). 22-23 DEC 9-1PM
- STANGROUND SPORTS CENTRE (PE7 3BW). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 10-2PM
- WILLIAM LAW PRIMARY (PE4 5DT). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 9-1PM
- WOODSTON PRIMARY (PE2 9ER). 22, 23, 29 + 30 DEC 9-1PM

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!
APPLICATIONS GO LIVE 25TH NOV @ 9AM

Option to pay extra on the day to stay for the remaining 2 hours @ £3 per hour

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Peterborough Healthy, Happy Holidays

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals through qualifying benefits may be able to access a fully funded holiday place, during the School holidays!

Everyone will receive a nutritious meal and have opportunities to take part in enriching activities!



For further information on the programme, available locations and provider details please contact
www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme or
Families Information Service on 01733 864446

For HAF enquiries please contact HAF@peterborough.gov.uk



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*Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays

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