



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE
Shine in the light and love of God.

Friday 15 September

Dear Parents

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and previous versions can be found in the [letters section](#) of our website.

Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of [Love Learn Shine](#). We will use this section of the newsletter each week to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

Upcoming Fire Safety Talks

We are looking forward to welcoming Sam Barrett and his team into school next week to talk to our children (in an age appropriate way) about fire safety in the school and home.

We will also be conducting our fire drill in the coming weeks so children are familiar with routes and routine should we need to evacuate the school.



Use of Virtual Reality (VR) Technology

The use of VR technology is becoming both more affordable and as a result more widely available. This has itself led to an increase in users. The platforms that utilize this ground-breaking technology, are in many respects an unknown to regulators and educators alike. Concepts such as multi-user spaces and phantom touch, in addition to the ability to access restricted portions of the internet, whilst being hooked up to one's physical body opens new avenues of concern. The [NSPCC](#) has recently commissioned both a report and study into the vulnerability windows opened by VR technologies as well as tips to support families.



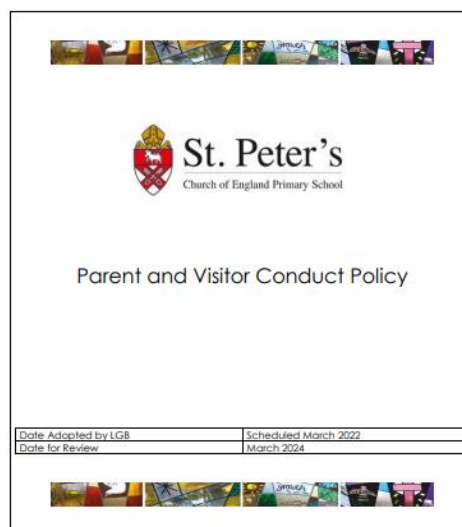
Behaviour Policy & Parent and Visitor Conduct Policy

We are pleased to share both our pupil Behaviour Policy and Parent and Visitor Conduct Policies.

Both policies outline our strategies and approaches to ensuring our school is a calm, safe and purposeful place where everyone feels valued and respected.

Our behaviour policy outlines our approaches to encouraging the highest standards of behaviour that allows a purposeful and productive atmosphere for learning.

As we begin the new school year we would encourage all families to familiarise themselves with the information within these policies which can be accessed via the [policies page](#) of our website.



Whole School

Attendance

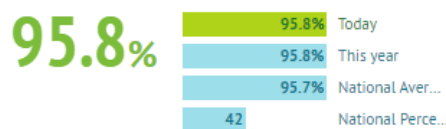
As we begin a new school year we would like to remind everyone about our commitment to achieving the very best attendance possible for all children. To help us achieve this, please check out our term dates and INSET days which are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check these dates before booking any holidays or weekends away to avoid the need to take children out of school during term time. So far you this year

There is a wide range of information regarding attendance which can be accessed via the [attendance page](#) of our website as well as a [attendance parent guide](#) which we encourage all families to read. Thank you for your support.



Attendance for the year to date –

Whole School Attendance



We are often asked if just a few days off really makes much of a difference. This chart shows how even with 97% attendance a child will miss approximately 20 lessons. Teachers plan carefully ensuring lessons build on what children already know and has been taught previously. Missing just one day may make tomorrow's lesson more difficult.

Every Day Counts - 'The odd day off doesn't hurt, does it?'

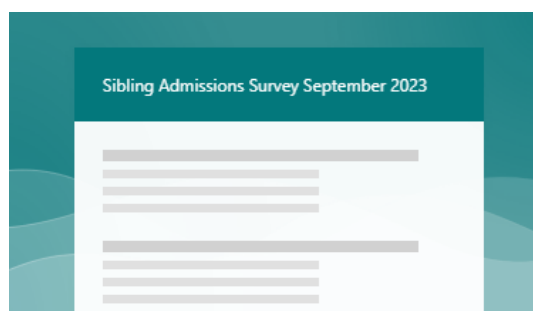
YES IT DOES. – Attendance Percentages as missed days and lessons

Attendance during one year	Equal numbers of days absent	Approximate number of weeks	Approximate number of lessons	Absence during 7 years of primary education
97%	5	1	20	7 weeks – half a term
95%	10	2	40	14 weeks – a full term
90%	20	4	80	28 weeks – two full terms or two thirds of a year
80%	40	8	160	56 weeks – A year and a half of education.

Strategic Planning Sibling Survey

As part of our strategic planning we aim to build an accurate picture of the number of siblings likely to join the school in the next two academic years (2024-2025 and 2025-2026).

If you currently have children attending St Peter's and have children due to start primary school in either of these upcoming academic years we would be most grateful if you could complete a short survey which can be accessed [here](#).



New Starters September 2024

While we are busy working closely with our new families and children settling into school life at St Peter's we are also well prepared to start helping families who have children starting school in September 2024.

If you have friends, family members, neighbours or anyone you know with children due to start school in September 2024 please do let them know we are ready to welcome families for personalised visits to see our school in action. Anyone interested can book their individual visit with the headteacher via the Eventbrite link [here](#).



Meet the Teacher

We value greatly our relationships with families and love welcoming you into school. It was lovely to see a number of families popping into school this week to meet teachers and have a look around classrooms.

Please remember we are here to help and if you need to arrange to see your child's teacher you can do so by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk



Parent Consultations – Save the Date

Individual parent consultations will take place later in the autumn term. This is a chance for parents to see their child's work and have an individual conversation with your child's class teacher. To provide a range of options for families appointments will be take place on four different evenings over two consecutive weeks with both in person and online appointments available. Appointments will be able to be booked online. Please see the diary dates section at the bottom of the newsletters for the dates.



Snacks at morning break

Due to increasing food costs and the viability of offering cost effective snacks we have made the decision to stop the snack trolley at morning break. Children may bring a healthy snack for morning break. This should ideally be a piece of fruit. Fruit such as apples and bananas that do not require a snack tub or box are preferable but not required. Children may also bring a healthy snack such as plain rice cakes, crackers or breadsticks. Children in Early Years and Key Stage can access free fruit.



PE Days

Children may come to school in their PE kit on the day of PE lessons. Please see the [uniform page](#) of our website for correct PE uniform.

Day	Classes
Monday	
Tuesday	Owls, Starlings, Ravens and Eagles
Wednesday	Wrens Kingfishers Finches Sparrows Owls (and 8 Year 4 children from Herons) – Swimming Herons (those not swimming PE)
Thursday	Herons and Ravens – Team taught with Sporting Influence Starlings
Friday	Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches, Sparrows and Eagles

Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Key Stage Two Geography.

This term, Key Stage 2 classes are studying 'The Journey of a River'. At St Peter's, we value the importance of engaging young geographers in local fieldwork, and we are fortunate that Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust offer hands-on-learning through its Rivers2U Project.

Expert staff lead practical and informative small group sessions from their Rivers2U van - a mobile classroom which is fitted with the following:

- A Rivers Table – hands-on learning which shows how rivers work from source to sea.
- Microscopes – which allow children to observe and identify the minibeasts and river flies that live in our watercourses.
- Displays showing different aspects of rivers and their wildlife habitats.

Children in the following classes will each receive a 40-minute session on one of three days:

Herons - Tuesday 19th September

Owls & Starlings - Thursday 21st September

Eagles & Ravens - Wednesday 27th September

These sessions will take place during the school day, and in the school grounds where the Rivers2U van will be safely parked. On behalf of St Peter's staff, may I take this opportunity to thank Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) PTA for their generosity in agreeing to fund these educational workshops.

Mrs Robbins - Geography Lead



Key Stage Two Maths

All children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to use Times Table Rockstars on a regular basis to support them with learning their times tables and building fluency. Your child's teacher will provide them with an individual log in. TT Rockstars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. The programme successfully boosts times table recall and is really motivational for the children. Please read the [Parent Support Guide](#) which explains the different game modes, gives advice and support for children with different needs and explains how to trouble shoot.



A Special Member of Early Years

Children in Early Years met a very special member of their class this week. Trevor is Wren's class tortoise. Trevor spends many days in Wren's.

This week the children have been learning about how to look after him and what he needs to keep safe and healthy.

It has been very interesting learning all about what he eats and how he keeps warm!

We would love to hear about your pets if you would like to bring in a photo or perhaps draw a picture of a family pet or your dream pet.



Curriculum Learning Overviews & Homework

We are pleased to share an overview of curriculum learning for each class. We hope families find this helpful in instigating conversations about learning in school and supporting their children.

Learning overviews can be accessed via the respective class page of the website where you can also find information regarding homework.



Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 children will be bringing home Phonics books this afternoon (Friday 15th September) Please look out for it in your child's bag. The children will receive spellings every Friday, so we ask that the book is returned to school each week. The best way to consolidate what the children have learnt in school, is by practising these words with your children as frequently as you can.

Thank you for your continued support,
The KS1 Team



Wrens Class

Children in Wrens class have started their phonics learning this week. Please check the Wrens class page on the website for weekly updates on what the children have been learning in school. This includes new sounds learnt, pronunciation, letter formation and oral blending in preparation to read. Please look at these sheets weekly, as any support at home will benefit the children in school.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Renton



FOSP News

Wonderful Friends Group

We are very lucky to have a fabulous FOSP group who work incredibly hard to arrange events for our school community and raise funds to support projects in school. They are busy planning for the year ahead having met last week. Please do not worry if you missed the meeting as there will be further meetings throughout the year as well as many events to get involved with. They will use this section of the newsletter to keep everyone updated with news and events



information. Also keep an eye on their notice board at the front of school and their page of the [website](#).

FOSP Class List App & Facebook Page

Class List is an App used by FOSP to help keep families updated with events and news. It is also the way you can let FOSP know your child's date of birth so they can be included on the monthly birthday poster at the front of school (if you wish them to be).

Families can also join the FOSP Facebook group which is another way of getting involved in events and activities



Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Fraser and Charlotte Kingfishers Freddie and Faye Finches Miyah and Tyler W Sparrows Seb C and Liliana	Owls Archie and Murphy Starlings Harlow and Charlie	Hérons Tom and Emily P Ravens Albie and Isabella Eagles Liberty and Ryan

Community News

St Paul's Church Community Day



Free Taekwondo Taster Sessions



ADHD

Everyone is talking about it...what about you?
Would you like to know what ADHD is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two hour online talk delivered by Jane Keyworth,
Lead Facilitator at FACE (facefamilyadvice.co.uk)
on 28th September (6:30pm to 8:30pm)
Available to book now via the website

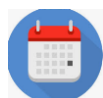


Emily

Mitchell and Ashlie Charleton founded Sen Hub Harrogate – Parent Support to enable parents of children with special educational needs (SEN) to access information about SEN-friendly groups and classes, as well as support and advice about Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and the Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

Families can learn more about joining the group [here](#).

Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

School Term and Holiday Dates 2023/2024

	AUGUST 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE 2024	JULY 2024
Monday	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28

■	Bank Holiday
■	School Holiday
■	Professional development/training days

Pupils must be taught for a minimum of 190 days. The number of term days shown is 192.
Three recommended professional development (PD) days for teaching staff have also been highlighted; pupils will not attend school on these days.
Schools will need to identify a further two PD days from the calendar. Please could you send your remaining two PD days to the Education Office, Harrogate via email schoolseffice@northyorks.gov.uk when you have agreed them.

Calendar for 2024-2025 is also published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Wednesday 20 September 2.00pm	Fire Safety Talks for Children	All classes
Wednesday 27 September 6.00pm	Early Years and Key Stage One Phonics Information Evening and Story Night	Parents and children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
Thursday 28 September	School Photos	All classes.
Thursday 5 October 9.30a, St Peter's Church	Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church	All welcome

Friday 6 October	Flu Immunisations for those opting.	Those opting. More details to follow from NHS community team.
Monday 9 – Thursday 12 October	Book Fair in School	3.15 – 4.00pm
Thursday 26 October	FOSP Halloween Disco at school	6.00 – 8.00
Friday 27 October	Break up for Half Term	All classes
Monday 6 November	Staff INSET Training Day – School closed to children	All classes
Tuesday 7 November	Autumn Term second half begins – all children return to school.	All classes
Tuesday 7 November	Author Visit including workshops.	TBC
Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 November	Year 5 Bewerley Park Residential	Year 5
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 November	Bikeability Cycle Training	Year 6 Groups
Tuesday 14 November Thursday 16 November	Parent Consultation – In person and online appointments available – details to follow.	All classes, all families.
Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November	Bikeability Cycle Training	Year 6 Groups
Thursday 16 November 3.15 – 5.00	FOSP Key Stage Two Movie Night	Key Stage Two children Yr3-6 pre booked tickets only.
Friday 17 November	Children In Need Day – 'SPOTacular' non uniform, spots or pyjamas plus special Pudsey whole school cake sale.	All classes
Tuesday 21 November Thursday 23 November	Parent Consultation – In person and online appointments available – details to follow.	All classes, all families.
Saturday 9 December 12.00 – 2.00pm	FOSP Christmas Fare	Everyone Welcome
Monday 11 December – St Paul's Church (Next to school)	2.00pm Nativity Performance – Families welcome but limited seating as rest of school watching 3.15pm – 4.30 FOSP Pre Nativity Performance Event 5.00pm Nativity Performance (children back to school by 4.30pm)	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Classes – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows. All Families Welcome
Tuesday 12 December – St Paul's Church (Next to school)	9.30am Nativity Performance	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Classes – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows. Families Welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime.	All classes
Thursday 21 December 9.30am	Crib Service in St Peter's Church	All classes, all welcome
Friday 22 December 1.30	Carols at the Alms Houses	All classes, all welcome
Friday 22 December 2.00pm	School Closes at 2.00pm for end of autumn term.	All classes