



**St. Peter's**  
Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 6 October 2023

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.

### Children Protection Policy

As we do every year we have updated our Child Protection Policy. This policy outlines the procedures that are in place to protect children as well as our commitment to protecting children. It outlines the procedures followed where concerns arise and includes our assessment of local risks and the actions to mitigate these contextual safeguarding issues. A copy of the policy can be accessed via the [policies page](#) of our website. If you have any questions regarding this Mr Griffiths is happy to speak with families.



### Child Protection Policy 2023-2024



The policy highlights the school's commitment to the quality of the policy for 2023-2024.

Policy Review dates

Policy Name	Review Date	Review Status	Review Notes
Child Protection Policy	2023-2024	Completed	Policy reviewed and updated for 2023-2024.
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### Reach Out – Anonymously If Needed

We are here to help and always appreciate when families get in touch direct with any worries or concerns.

We appreciate there may be occasions where children or families wish to report a concern or worry anonymously. This can be done in writing via letter sent in the post to *St Peters CE Primary School, Belford Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1JA*. We have also set up an online [Anonymous Concern Report](#) for families to use if necessary. Anonymous reports will always be looked into based on the information provided however it will not be possible to provide feedback and exploring the concern may be more difficult when it is not possible to speak directly with the person raising the concern.



### Online Safety Parent Information Session

Through our partnership with Knowsley City Learning we were delighted to offer all families the opportunity to access a free online safety information session which took place earlier this week on Wednesday 4th October. If you could not attend this live do not worry as a recording of the session has been made and can be accessed [here](#).

There will be another parent session later this school year on Wednesday 31st January 2024 – 9.30am – 10.15am.



## Whole School

### Attendance – Well Done

We were delighted to write to 185 families this week to acknowledge that their child or children have achieved 100% attendance for the first month of the new school year. This means they have been in school every day since the start of term. This represents 68% of children. Well done to all who have achieved this milestone keep up the great work. If you are worried about your child's attendance or having difficulty with school attendance please do arrange to speak to Mr Griffiths, Miss Fishburn or Mrs Jones who will be more than happy to offer support.



### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have one parent governor vacancy and are keen to hear from anyone interested in supporting our school in this way. If you would like to arrange an informal chat with one of our current governors to find out more or access a nomination form please get in touch with Mrs Goold or Mrs Scammell in the office via [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk) or 01423 734611. The next closing date for nominations is **Friday 27 October 2023**. You can also find out more about our current governors and what it involved by visiting the [Governance Page](#) of our website. Please also see the additional letter published on our website [here](#).



### We are Hiring

We currently have vacancy to join our wonderful admin team in the office. Full details of the vacancy can be found in the [vacancies](#) section of our website. If you would like an informal chat with any of the team or Mr Griffiths regarding this post please do give us a call.



## Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

### Exploring Autumn in Early Years

Children in Early Years have been looking at the signs of Autumn this week.

Some children had noticed the different colours the leaves change before they fall to the ground. From this, they have created their very own Autumn tree pictures using paint and glitter.



### Sporting Success

On Wednesday this week we rounded off the three-week Year 1&2 football competition series with a draw and three wins. Scoring 14 goals over four matches the children played superbly well as a team showing great encouragement of each other as well as respect and encouragement towards the other teams. Well done to all the children in Year 1&2 who have represented St Peter's over the last three weeks. Every child contributed superbly, playing competitively with passion and respect. When the points from all three weeks were added up St Peter's finished top of the league of schools. Very well done. Next week is the turn of Key Stage 2 girls.



### Writing Opportunity

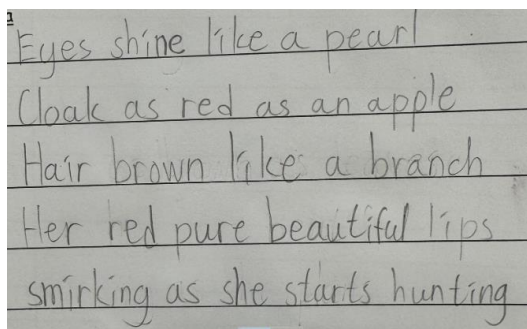
Many of the children have been working on writing short stories and building the knowledge and skills of story writing in the English lessons in recent weeks.

With the annual BBC 500 words competition open for entries this is a great to sharpen those writing skills as well as the pencils. Staff will be looking for writing to enter on behalf of classes and children can also enter their own writing from home also. Prizes include a trip to Buckingham Palace! Stories will be read by celebrities and book tokens provided. Winners also receive the height of Sir Lenny Henry or Queen Camilla in books plus 500 books for the school so worth entering!

If you would like to find out more including how to enter writing from home please click [here](#).



### Writing of the Week



This week Starlings have been learning about different types of Japanese poetry and have written tanka's about the characters depicted in Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes. Ibbie has been chosen as our writer of the week for her imaginative ideas in class and fantastic use of similes! Well done Ibbie!





### Collective Worship

We were delighted to share our worship today with families and friends in St Peter's church as we celebrated our Harvest Festival. During a lovely service led by the children we took time to pause and give thanks for all those involved in growing and producing the food we eat each and every day. Thank you to everyone who attended to join us and for all the generous donations of food that will be put to good use in the weekly St Peter's Church supermarket which provides essential food items to those who need them on a no questions asked basis. This takes place every Thursday at St Peter's Church from 4.30pm. Donations can also be made throughout the year using the baskets at the front and back of church.



*Harvest Celebrations 2023.*

## FOSP News

### Rabinder's Sponsored Walk

Please support Rabinder as she takes part in a sponsored walk around Fewston Reservoir to raise money for our school library. Any donations are hugely appreciated and, for every £1 she raises, Barclays Bank will match to a total of £750. Anonymous donations however won't be matched so please include your name. You can use the link below to donate.  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rabinder-sidhu-3>



### FLASHCOMP!!!

5 lucky St Peter's readers are in with a chance of winning a £5 scholastic book voucher to spend at the school book fair next week. All you need to do is clock the most minutes reading between 3.30pm Friday 6th October and 3.30pm on Sunday 8th October. Tot up your child's reading time over the 48 hours (being read to counts) and message your class rep with the grand total by Sunday evening. Winners will be announced on Monday, with a voucher for the top reading time in EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 plus one for the overall winner! A great opportunity to get a book ready for the FOSP reading challenge, which starts next week! Let the reading commence....

## Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Phoebe and all of Wrens <b>Kingfishers</b> Henrietta, Kit, Luca and Yasmeen <b>Finches</b> Lucy and Iylah <b>Sparrows</b> Bea and Emily	<b>Owls</b> Hugo C and Hermione <b>Starlings</b> Ava and Evie	<b>Hérons</b> Tabitha and Amelia <b>Ravens</b> Nancy and Karson <b>Eagles</b> Ethan and Skyla

## Community News

### 'Kicks' Football and Multi Skills Games

FREE weekly evening football sessions for 8-17 year olds across Harrogate District. You can just turn up.

- Wednesdays 6-7pm - Jennyfields Park, Harrogate
- Fridays 6.30-7.30pm - Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub, Stockwell Avenue

For more info

contact [community@harrogetownafc.com](mailto:community@harrogetownafc.com)

### Wild Cats Girls Football

Girls only introduction to football sessions in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon! These sessions are open to beginners aged 5-11 years old.

- Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm – Saltergate School, Harrogate
- Fridays 5.30-6.30pm – Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub, Stockwell Avenue

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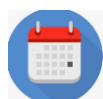
### Parent Carer Group at Time Together

A group for families of neurodivergent or disabled children and adults, including those awaiting assessment. A safe space for sharing experiences and making new connections. Second Thursday of each month 6.30pm-9.00pm at Time Together, Unit 10 Provincial Works, Laundry Road, Starbeck. Free to attend, voluntary donations towards room hire and refreshments appreciated. For more information contact: [office@time-together.org](mailto:office@time-together.org) / 01423 883992

### Inspire Together inclusive sessions with Time Together

Mondays 4-5.30pm at Time Together in Starbeck. New inclusive and accessible club for young people aged 11+ (formerly Games Zone), a partnership with Time Together and Inspire Youth. Activities and experiences in a safe place promoting independence, health, wellbeing and friendship. £6.50 per session. Booking essential. Contact: [office@time-together.org](mailto:office@time-together.org) or 01423 883992.

## 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	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

<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Bank Holiday
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<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Professional development/training days

Pupils must be taught for a minimum of 190 days. The number of term days shown is 192. These 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 [schoolseff@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schoolseff@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)
Monday 9 – Thursday 12 October	Book Fair in School – Lower Hall	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 <a href="#">Bewerley Park</a> 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.
Monday 4 December 4.30 – 5.30	Advent Concert in School	All welcome
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