



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 20 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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. As well as our weekly newsletter there is also plenty of school news shared throughout the week in the [News 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.

Adults Collecting

If an adult other than those on the contacts provided by parents is collecting your child please let the office know in advance by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or calling 01423 569684. Additional contacts can be added by parents directly via the Arbor Parent Portal.

Walking Home Independently

It is most appropriate for primary age children to be brought to and collected from school by an adult. We do appreciate however that as children prepare for the transition to secondary school parents may wish to help build independence by where appropriate allowing them to walk some or all of the way home by themselves or with friends. If this is this case, we have added a consent for this in the Parent Portal on Arbor. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone without this consent being completed. We have also added a specific consent for children walking to the library and meeting an adult there. If this consent is given, we cannot accept responsibility for where children go after they leave the premises.

Online Safety Parent Session

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 – 4pm – 4.45pm

Through our ongoing partnership with Knowsley CLC, we are pleased to provide parents with the opportunity to attend a parent Online Safety Session. The session will cover current trends, understanding and managing the risks associated with technology in particular online gaming, social

End of Day Collection



**Online Safety
Information Session**

media and streaming. We will email the link to join the session to families ahead of the day. For those unable to attend on the evening this session will be recorded so it can be watched subsequently also.



Diary Dates

The term dates for both and 2024 -2025 and 2025-2026 are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Summer Holiday		
Tuesday 24 September	'Bikeability' Cycle Training	Year 6 – Groups to be confirmed to children participating
Thursday 3 October 9.30am	Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church	All classes and families welcome
Monday 7 – Thursday 11 October	Scholastic Book Fair times tbc	All classes
Tuesday 22 October	NCTEM Film Crew Filming Maths Lesson	Ravens
Thursday 24 October 6.00pm	FOSP Halloween Disco	All welcome
Friday 25 October morning	Flu Immunisations	All children opting in.
Friday 25 October 2.00pm	Tom Gordon MP visiting	Whole school
October Half Term Holiday		
Monday 4 November	INSET – Day. School closed to children.	All staff
Monday 11 November	Remembrance Day . Two minutes silence at 11.00am	All
Monday 11 November	'Bikeability' Cycle Training	Year 6 – Groups to be confirmed to children participating
Thursday 21 November 3.15 – 5.15	FOSP KS2 Movie Night	All children in Years 3 – 6 welcome. A ticketed event. Look out for further details re purchasing a ticket.
Week Beginning 2 December	NTS and Teacher Assessment Week	Yr2 - 6
Tuesday 3 December 4.00pm St Paul's Church	Advent Concert	All welcome
Saturday 7 December 12.00 – 2.00	FOSP Christmas Fare	All welcome
Tuesday 10 December	EY and KS1 Nativity Performance Dress Rehearsal – Whole School Watching.	Whole School. Parents welcome also if unable to attend either of other performances.
Wednesday 11 December 2.00pm	EY and KS1 Nativity Afternoon Performance	EY and KS1
Thursday 12 December 3.15 pm	FOSP – Pre Nativity-Fun session and Hot Dogs	EY and KS1
Thursday 12 December 5.00pm	EY and KS1 Nativity Evening Performance	EY and KS1
Friday 13 December 12.00	Whole School Pantomime Trip	Whole School
Thursday 19 December 9.30	Christmas Service in St Peter's Church	All classes
Friday 20 December 1.30pm	Carols at the Alms Houses.	All classes
Friday 20 December 2.00pm	School closes for Christmas Holiday	All classes
Christmas Holiday		

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Noah & Skaib Kingfishers Bea & Kiril Finches Matvii & Liberty Sparrows Oliver P & Isabelle S	Owls Mylo & William Starlings Yahya & Ariana	Hérons Marcel & Layla Eagles Tom & Grace Ravens Greta & Zach

Whole School

New Starters 2025 or 2026 - Sibling Survey

Thank you to everyone who has, where appropriate, completed the sibling survey. **We are keen to hear from all families who already have children at St Peter's and have a child or children due to start school in the next two years.** If you have a child **due to start primary school in either September 2025 or September 2026** we would be most grateful if you could complete this short survey which can be accessed [here](#). We would also love to welcome you into school for a visit which can be arranged by booking direct via [Eventbrite](#) or calling the school office on 01423 569684.



Please remember that even if families have children at St Peter's already each individual place must be applied for. If you have a child starting school in September 2025 the admission round opens on 12 October 2024 and closes on 15 January 2025. Places can be applied for via the North Yorkshire Admissions Portal which can be accessed [here](#).

Staffing Update

We are delighted to share the very happy news that Miss Wilson who teaches Starlings Class (Year 3&4) is expecting her second child in March next year. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations to Miss Wilson and her partner. The process to recruit a teacher to cover Miss Wilson's maternity leave is underway and we will keep families updated once this process is complete.



Harvest Festival Donations

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest festival on Thursday 3 October 2024 at St Peter's Church. As part of this we will be collecting goods to support St Peter's Church in their mission of 'Feeding Hungry People'. Rvd Chris and the team are asking for;

- Any tinned food (ideally not beans... they have towers of them!)
- Toiletries
- NOT Fresh food as that will go off before we can use / give it away.



Donations can be brought on the day ideally directly to church by families attending or with the children if families are unable to attend.

Meet the Teacher - Starlings Class

A new date for 'Meet The Teacher' has been arranged for Wednesday 25th September. This will be for the Starlings Class only, as the original date was cancelled. It will be from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and available to the Starlings class only.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Budding Designer - Competition Winner

We would like to say a huge well done and congratulations to Tabitha D who attended the Harrogate in Bloom awards at West Park hotel this week. Tabitha was shortlisted for the flowerbed design competition that many St Peter's children entered at the end of last term. We are delighted to announce that Tabitha won the competition and will have her flowerbed planted in valley gardens next summer. The competition theme was peace, and Tabitha designed her flowerbed around a dove which can be seen on the screen behind her in the photo opposite. Thank and well done to all the children who entered and represented St Peter's and very well done to Tabitha for such a thoughtful and vibrant design. We can't wait to see it all planted in the summer.



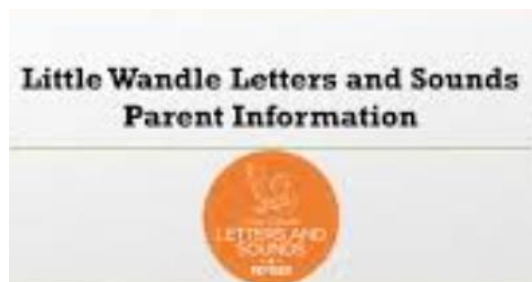
Phonics Information Evening & Infant Story Night

It was lovely to welcome many children from Early Years and Key Stage One back to school on Tuesday evening for our annual story night.

While the adults joined our lower school team to learn a little more about how we teach phonics and early reading the children enjoyed a range of bedtime stories followed by milk and cookies in our newly updated Early Years outdoor area.

Thank you to all the families who attended and supported this event as well as the fabulous FOSP team for their story telling and organising refreshments.

If you were unable to attend you can see the slides and access support resources in the dedicated [Phonics and Early Reading](#) section of our website.



Library Visits

We have been delighted to start our annual series of visits to Harrogate library. We are blessed to have such a fantastic resource so close to our school. Over the course of the school year all classes will visit the library. This week children in upper Key Stage Two have been visiting to support their local history studies. They made use of the library's many historic artefacts including old newspapers, maps and photographs, handling and learning from these sources first hand.

For more pictures check out the [News](#) section of our website.



Cycle Training

We have been delighted to welcome the team from North Yorkshire 'Bikeability' into school this week. This is the first of several visits over the course of this term to work with children in Year Six.

'Bikeability' is the leading cycle training programme in England.

'Bikeability' cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Children not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. After 'Bikeability', children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, children have increased confidence to use their bikes to cycle to school and to get around in general which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. This allows children to get more out of the classroom, improving their attention span and engagement. 'Bikeability' goes beyond a training course; it impacts children's lives contributing to preparing them well for their futures.

Thank you to the team and a huge well done to all the children who have taken part so far.

For more pictures check out the [News](#) section of our website.

Sporting Competition Kicks off for 2024-2025

We were delighted to kick start our annual cycle of Wednesday Night sports competitions with our partners at Sporting Influence this week.

This week was the turn of the first group of year 1-2 children competing in football on the Astro at Harrogate High. The St Peter's team played 6 other schools over the course of the evening. They all played really well and communicated fantastically as a team.



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.

Thank you to all who attended either in person or online the first meeting of the year this Thursday 19 September at 6.00pm in school. There are many



events planned for the year and we need volunteers to support the safe and successful delivery of these. FOSP are collating a list how and when you can support them and will share this shortly.

Community News

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Smartphone Free Childhood are a community grassroots movement. They would love to collaborate with anyone interested to put Harrogate at the forefront of reclaiming childhood from smartphones and social media. Last week, they launched a [North Yorkshire parent pact](#) where parents collectively agree to delay purchasing a smartphone for their child until the child turns fourteen. The pact aims to give great data on the volume of parental interest on the issue in the local area. Once it's been live for a while, we'll make sure we keep you up to date with data we have on Harrogate parents. If you are interested in learning more you can visit the [parent pact](#).



H.M.C.
Harrogate Music Centre

Open Morning

Musical Opportunities for All
Saturday 28th September 9.30-12.30
(See overleaf for ensemble times)

St Aidan's C of E High School

Please contact emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk for more information and to book your place.

The poster features a red background with white musical notes and several circular inset photos showing children playing instruments like trumpets and saxophones.



www.netball4all.com

HARROGATE

NEW MINIS & JUNIOR HUB

We are so pleased to let you know that we will be starting a new Minis & Junior session in Harrogate from September 24.

Ashville Sports Centre
Thursdays 6 til 7pm
Children in Yr2 to Yr5 welcome!



NETBALL4ALL

The poster has a dark blue background with orange stars and a netball icon. It includes a circular photo of children playing netball.



Support for young people's Mental Health in North Yorkshire

There is national and local support available on the Go-To website, for parents, carers and professionals.

www.thegoto.org.uk



The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

NHS

The poster features a light blue background with a QR code and an illustration of a person walking a dog.



Support for parent and carers

The Go-To provides advice for parents and carers, on how to support their young people when they are struggling with their mental health.

www.thegoto.org.uk



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The poster has a purple background with a QR code and an illustration of a woman and a child.



Pannal Sports is an FA accredited club based at Pannal Community Park, a purpose-built facility on the Leeds Road. As a club we focus on offering football at all ages and encouraging engagement and a community spirit at every level whilst success on the field is an added bonus.

Pannal Sports Junior Football club has vibrant girls' representation, with over 100 girls playing across multiple age groups.

We are seeking to build our under 9 squad this season (years 3 & 4) so we can continue to grow girls' football in years to come.

We train at 10:30 every Saturday at the Pannal Community Park on the Leeds Road opposite the Mercedes Dealer.

So if your daughter is interested in being a future Lioness or just having fun playing football please get in touch or just come along and see what we are all about!



Contact John via email johnlister9@gmail.com
or call 07779502763

**Rabinder will take part in a
sponsored walk around
Fewston Reservoir again this
year, raising money for FOSP!**

Walk date: 5 Oct 2024.

All funds raised will be matched by
Barclays Bank Plc.

You can donate here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rabinder-sidhu-4>