



LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 4 October 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.

Parenting Support

Solihull Approach online parenting courses are **FREE** for all North Yorkshire parents, carers and foster carers

Visit the website: www.inourplace.co.uk and add the access code **NYFAMILIES**

Courses include: Understanding your baby, Understanding your Child, Understanding your child with additional needs, Understanding your teenager and Understanding your child's mental health.



Emotional Wellbeing Support

There are several sources of excellent professional support for families to access, to support their children with the emotional health.

[North Yorkshire Go-To Website](#)

Not sure what to feel about what you're feeling? Welcome to the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire. We're here to help you find the right help and support for you, to help you stay well, whatever is going on in your life

[Compass Phoenix](#)


The aim of the Compass Phoenix service is to improve outcomes for children and young people in relation to their emotional wellbeing and mental health by strengthening the range of mental health support available to children and young people.

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire



Diary Dates - All diary dates are now shared on the Arbor Parent Portal and Via the Arbor App.

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		
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
Tuesday 12 November	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.10	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Wednesday 13 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.
Thursday 14 November	Parent Consultations 4.00pm – 6.30pm	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Friday 15 November	Children In Need – Non uniform (for donation) day and whole school cake sale	All classes.
		
Tuesday 19 November 1.30 – 4.15pm (approx.)	Year 6 to Watch Annie the Musical at St Aidan's School.	Year Six children.
Tuesday 19 November	Parent Consultations 4.00 – 6.30	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Thursday 21 November	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.10	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
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 The whole class for their singing in church at the Harvest Festival Kingfishers Lyons & Elsie Finches Omer & Rory Sparrows Finley & Florrie	Owls Felicity & Kai Starlings David & George	Hérons Lola & Robbie Ravens Noah A & Jessica A Eagles Isaac & Mia

Whole School

Arbor Calendar

Thank you to everyone who is making use of the Arbor Parent App. We hope you are finding it helpful. If you need any help accessing it, please let us know by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or popping in to see the office staff. We have now populated the Arbor Calendar with all the key dates for the term ahead and will continue to use the calendar as a means of sharing key dates with families. You can sync the Arbor calendar with your own electronic calendar by using the link [here](#).



Photo Consents

Thank you to everyone who has completed the updating of their photo permissions via the Arbor Parental Portal, this is a big help. We are pleased to have been selected by Playscheme to feature in their updated catalogue both in print and online. They have commissioned a professional photographer to take photos of their installations including the Scramble Stax, outdoor classroom, library and The Nest. They would like these photos to include children using them. We have added an additional consent option on Arbor and would be most grateful if parents would complete this additional consent request for 'School Approved Third Party' photos. Even if you choose not to consent, we would most grateful if all families would respond either giving or declining their consent.

ADDITIONAL PHOTO PERMISSION REQUEST



ACTION REQUIRED PLEASE. THANK YOU

Your Harrogate Award Nominations

We are thrilled that our Trust (YCST) and one of our much-valued colleagues feature in the Your Harrogate Local Hero Awards shortlist!

Congratulations to our very own Mrs Jones who has made it to the final three in the 'Teacher of the Year' category. We were delighted to welcome Esmee from Your Harrogate into school this week to talk to Mrs Jones about her role and the work she does supporting children and families. Esmee enjoyed visiting school especially the newly refurbished Nest space which plays a crucial role in our nurturing approach.

The Trust has been shortlisted in the 'Employer of the Year' category and we are all delighted! Huge thanks for the nominations and to Your Harrogate for the honour – we are excited to be part of the awards ceremony later this month.



Lunches

On Thursday this week the kitchen served a jungle themed lunch. Here are some pictures of the food they served. There was Leopard spots pizza, Quorn sausage toad in the hole and Zebra sponge cake.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Collective Worship

It was a pleasure to see St Peter's Church so full of children and families this week to help celebrate Harvest Festival. The children led a wonderful collective worship with readings, songs and prayers to help us give thanks for another harvest time. The children helped us reflect on and give thanks for all we have and think how we can help others. Thank you to all the families who helped us walk safely to



and from church, and to everyone for all their generous donations of food that will support them in their working to providing food seven days a week to those who need some extra support. You can find more details of how St Peter's can provide support and how you can support them [here](#).

For more pictures have a look at the [NEWS](#) section of our website.



Nest Renovation

We are all celebrating the completion of our newly renovated nurture room space. Nurture and pastoral care are at the heart of the school's approach.

The Nest was initially created back in Autumn 2021 transforming a storage room into nurture space for use during lesson time, lunchtime and by the schools after school provision Fun Club. Initially the room was cleared and repainted however there was ambition to create an inspirational space that brought the children's thoughts and ideas to life. All the classes at St Peter's are named after birds from the book 'The Lost Words' and continuing this theme the children named the nurture space 'The Nest' as it is a safe and welcoming space for children from all classes to meet and be together. The school worked closely with the York based company Playscheme to develop the design, including the children's wish for their very own school treehouse. Throughout last year school completed several bids for additional funds including a successful application to the Johnson and Mukherjee Foundation to support this project as well as working closely with Friends of St Peter's FOSP to raise the funds needed for this project.

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For more pictures have a look at the [NEWS](#) section of our website.

Parent Consultations – Save the Dates

Tuesday 12 November 3.30pm – 5.10pm
Thursday 14 November 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 19 November 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 21 November 3.30pm – 5.10pm

Having listened to parental feedback all appointments will be in person. Booking will open shortly with appointments booked via Arbor so please make sure your account is up and running.



Sporting Competition

Well done to our final group of Year 1&2 footballers who represented St Peter's this week at the Sporting Influence competition series at Harrogate High. They worked well as team in all the matches, and we are so proud of them all.

Next it is the turn of the girls from Key Stage two for more footballing action.



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 which was on Thursday 19 September 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.



Cookbook

FOSP is delighted to be getting your tastebuds tingling by creating a school recipe book this year. We would love your children to contribute a recipe to the cookbook.

It's really simple. Your child can create or choose a favourite recipe from home - a breakfast or snack, a starter, main or dessert, either healthy or a treat. They need to enter the ingredients, the method (in easy-to-follow steps) and then either take a photo of their finished dish, or draw a picture of what it looks like.

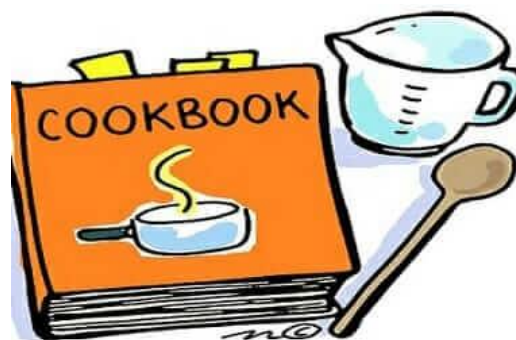
Children may submit a recipe individually or as a group (for example siblings who are all a huge fan of Grandma's secret pasta bake recipe can submit it together as long as Grandma is happy to share the secret!) but there is only 1 child photo per page so make sure you send in a snap with all the siblings in it.

All of this can be sent to our St Peter's submission form online:

<https://saronti.com/StPtCEHg1>

Password: &tPtHg

If you are unable to submit your recipe online, don't be disheartened! Bring your recipe and picture plus your name, age, key stage and a photo or drawing of your child to the school office, and a member of the PTA or school can help you get it all online.



So that we can try to have the finished books returned to school in time for Christmas, the deadline for all submissions is Friday 18th October. Any questions or problems, please contact Anna Pywell.
Happy recipe writing!

Community News



THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS
FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Our next camps are in October Half-Term:
28th October – 3rd November

Scan below to learn more
or contact: 01423 701560
harrogate@thelittlegym.co.uk






Year 7 Intake 2025
Open Day

Year 6 students and their families are warmly invited to attend our school Open Day

Saturday 12th Oct 2024
11.30-3.15pm

For further Information and to book, please visit www.staidans.co.uk



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




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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.

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Free Beds through Essential Needs

This year, Essential Needs has launched a scheme to offer free beds for children to support families in the Harrogate District.

Furniture poverty remains a very real issue facing families in our community and we're here to help. This year we've already given away a number of beds to families where children were having to share with siblings or sleep with a parent.

If your child is in need a bed of their own, we still have many more available.

The family of the child receiving the bed just need to meet the following criteria.

- *The child receiving the free bed must be under the age of 16 when the referral is made.*
- *The parent/guardian with whom they are living must be in receipt of a means tested benefit or low income which has been verified by either the referring organisation or Essential Needs.*
- *The parent/guardian must not be currently eligible for, or have received a bed for this child within the past 2 years via The North Yorkshire Council Local Assistance Fund.*
- *The child & parent/guardian must not be living in temporary accommodation, such as a hostel or living with a family member or friend. Your permanent address must be in the Harrogate District.*
- *The child must not have received a bed free of charge from Essential Needs under this or any other scheme in the past 3 years.*

If you are unsure about eligibility or there are exceptional circumstances, please get in touch and we will do our best to help.

Regards

Essential Needs
01423 870040
essentialneeds@gmail.com

A fun-filled, action-packed half term

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, we've got an exciting and inspiring range of activities planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this half term.

Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre
Pateley Bridge

East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre
Whitby

28 October to 1 November

From our Adventure Club to Family Activity Days, there's something for everyone!
Go to outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

YOLS North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service

Exciting News from North Yorkshire Children and Families Service!

North Yorkshire Children and Families Service are excited to launch their new NYES [North Yorkshire Education Services] landing page. Please Scan the QR opposite.



The aim of the Children and Families Service – Early Help page is to ensure information is relevant and accessible for those supporting children, young people, and their families.

The information available supports the guidance within Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023, ensuring that families receive well-informed responses that prioritise safety and wellbeing of the child, young person, and their family. The new landing page enables agencies to have access to key information and resources, supporting them in their delivery of early interventions and ensuring children and their families receive consistent and empathic responses providing the “right support at the right time by the right person”.

The landing page contains evidence-based tools that support a signs of safety and strength in relationships approach when working with children and their families.

The landing page offers information on a range of topics such as parenting, parental conflict, FEAST and Psychologically Informed Partnership Approach (PIPA). An ideal and easy to navigate tool for schools and early years practitioners ensuring a supportive and consistent approach when working with children and families in North Yorkshire.



You can also find the link [here](#).

The landing page can be used for signposting families to the most appropriate resource at the earliest opportunity therefore reducing the need for further referrals and targeted interventions at a later point. This is a more beneficial solution for both families and educational professionals.

When effectively used, the suite of early intervention tools can enable children and their families build resilience, identify their own networks of support, and explore their own solutions to emerging worries.

Having tools and links available in one easy to navigate place will build staff confidence in the information shared with families and will reduce time spent searching for resources.

“Barbara Merrygold [Head of Children and Families Service, Early Help]

“This new Early Help landing page provides a suite of information & resources to support all practitioners in their work, ensuring we provide consistent messages, use consistent language and take consistent approaches to delivering a service to the children and families we work with. We have added key information that we feel supports our work and more sections will be added over time”.

We are keen to hear your feedback, if you have any comments about the Early Help pages, please contact Simone.wilkinson@northyorks.gov.uk. Thank you