



**St. Peter's**

Church of England Primary School

**LOVE LEARN SHINE**

Friday 22 November 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.

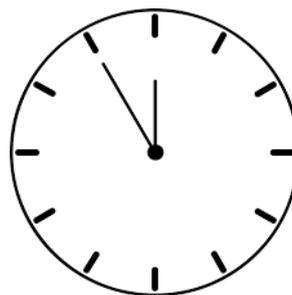
## Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

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.

### Morning Drop Off

It has come to our attention that some children are being dropped off at school in the morning unattended before 08.40am.

Whilst the school gates are opened at 08.35 each morning, Parents are reminded that they need to stay with their children until 08.40 when staff are available on the playground, not left unattended in the reception waiting area or in the playground. Fun Club is available each morning for parents who need to leave their children at school before 08:40 and further information can be found [here](#).



### Sleep Support

Having a sleep issue is surprisingly common. At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

The [National Sleep helpline](#) is run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors. Although we cannot give medical advice, we can talk through your issues, offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help.



### 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.

### WhatsApp Warning

We have been made aware of a concerning WhatsApp group that is circulating.

There are reports that over 900 children have been added and the children are encouraged to keep adding more people. The messages shared within the group have been reported as alarming, containing adult material, threatening behaviour, and even messages urging children to harm themselves. The group is identified as “Y7 (any school so keep adding).” If children have access to WhatsApp, we would advise that parents/carers should speak to their children about the dangers of joining a group when the participants are unknown. You may also wish to check your child's phone to ensure they have not been added to this or similar groups.

The minimum age for using WhatsApp is 13 years old in the UK.



### Diary Dates - All diary dates now shared on the Abro 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)
<b>October Half Term Holiday</b>		
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 – 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
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>		

## Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Leo & Hayley <b>Kingfishers</b> Jaxx & Evie H <b>Finches</b> Bobby & Morgan <b>Sparrows</b> Octavia & Sylvia	<b>Owls</b> Summer & Alfie <b>Starlings</b> Ty & Zoe	<b>Hérons</b> Sophie & Hugo <b>Eagles</b> Belle & Ethan <b>Ravens</b> Emily P & Jemima

## General News

### Behaviour and Attendance – Thank You & Well Done

In line with our vision of Love Learn Shine we work hard with children and families to support them to attend and behave well. We are grateful for all the support families give us in these areas.

We are delighted that last half term 135 children had a 100% attendance record, and 150 children had a record of 98%+.

We were also delighted to award over 7000 positive behaviour merits. Families can check their child's current attendance and behaviour merit total via the [Arbor Parent Portal](#) or Arbor App.



### Christmas Tree

As December approaches we will be dusting off our Christmas decorations. As has become a tradition we would like to invite children in Wrens class to mark their first St Peter's Christmas by coming and placing a decoration on our tree in the entrance area on the morning of Monday 2 December.

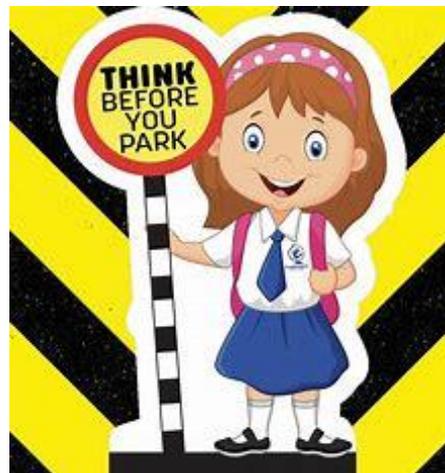
Children can come with their families from 8.35am onwards. If your child is at Fun Club a member of the team will bring them so they can join in this tradition also.



### Pick Up and Drop Off Parking

We appreciate families having ongoing journeys after picking up and dropping off and are often working to tight timescales. While recognising this please can we politely remind everyone that we should all still park legally, considerately and thoughtfully to each other and our neighbours. Where they are in place please observe and park accordingly to the double yellow lines and the school markings.

All parents are entitled to collect a laminated parking permit which allows them to park on Victoria Avenue without needing to use the pay and display machines at pick up and drop off time. While recognising this is a short walk it is also a safe and legal way to park.



**A Musical Treat**

Children in Year 6 were treated to a musical performance this week with an invitation to attend the dress rehearsal of Annie performed by students at St Aidan’s. It was a pleasure to see many former St Peter’s children performing and continuing to share their shine. The children thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. A huge thank you to the children and staff from St Aidan’s for the invitation.



**Sporting Competition**

This week was the final week for children in Year 3&4 to represent their school in the Sporting Influence football competition series. Under the lights of the all-weather surface at Harrogate High the team played 4 matches winning two and drawing two.

The boys played incredibly well as a team and had great respect for the other teams. We are all really proud of them. Well done.



**K.R.Ali Taekwondo Academy**

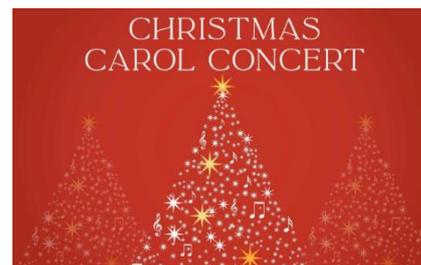


We are pleased to welcome KR Ali Taekwondo Academy into school each week to run their in-school club. Families can learn more about their work and classes in the community via their website which can accessed [here](#).



**Carol Concert**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! And to celebrate the start of the advent season, our fantastic choirs and recorder club are putting on a Carol Concert at St Pauls URC on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4:30pm. Both of our fantastic choirs have been practicing Christmas songs since October ready for the event and our wonderful FOSP will be serving tea, coffee and mince pies from four o'clock at the church to truly help you get into the festive spirit. We can't wait to see you there.



**Competition Winner**

Emily-Grace from Herons has won a competition at a Transdev open day in Harrogate. The prize, having her face on the back of one of the new buses in the area. Emily Grace went along, had her face painted, received a balloon and some goodies. Then in August the bus company contacted the family to inform them that



Emily-Grace had won and her face would be on the back of one of their new buses!  
Emily-Grace will be invited to go along to see this new bus and receive a goodie bag.

There are 4 new buses:

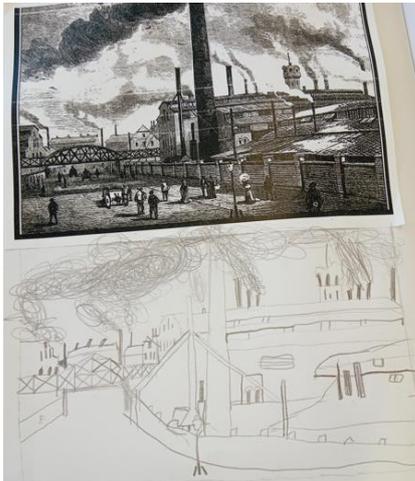
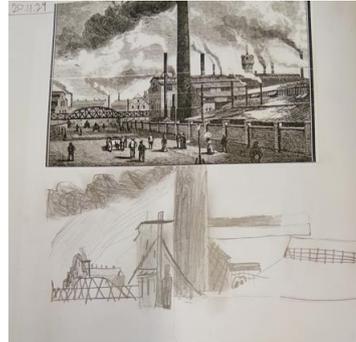
- 1) Harrogate town football team
- 2) Free walking tour man
- 3) Another young boy
- 4) Emily-Grace

Well done Emily, we can't wait to see the new buses and look out for Emily-Grace

### Amazing Artists

Children in Year 3&4 have been developing their sketching knowledge and skills this week. They had studied the style and artwork of LS Lowry and then applied some of the techniques to observational drawings of Victorian buildings.

We are pleased to share some examples of their work with you.



### Collective Worship

In our worship this week we have been exploring the theme of trust. We discussed:

*'Two people are better than one...  
If one person falls the other can reach out to help'*  
Ecclesiastes 4.0-10

The children had some fantastic ideas and reflections as to how we can show this in our everyday lives.



## FOSP News

### Christmas Fare

FOSP are busy preparing for the annual St Peter's School Christmas Fare on Saturday 7 December 2024. There are many ways in which families and friends of St Peter's can support this event. FOSP would be most grateful of donations of jars, sweets, teddies and bottles of any sort of drinks. A box will be left in the meeting room from Friday for donations to be placed in. The FOSP post box will be placed in the meeting room. Please can families try to sell as many raffle tickets as possible with a chance to win some great prizes in the raffle which will be drawn at the fayre.



## St Peters Primary School Christmas Carols and Song

Join us at St Pauls Church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 4 pm for a concert of carols and Christmas songs sung by our KS1 and KS2 choirs and our KS2 recorder group

Mulled Wine/hot Drinks and mince Pies served outside the church from 4 pm  
Concert 4.30 - 5.30



## Community News

**feast**  
**Free activities**  
for  
children and young people  
this school holiday.

**Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something for everyone.**

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to Year 11 (Year 13 if SEND) can join in, with FREE places available for eligible children and young people.

Discover what's on offer at [feastNY.org](http://feastNY.org)

Logos for North Yorkshire Together, Department for Education, North Yorkshire Council, and a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME' are also present.

**VERITY FREARSON**

**WIN £500 FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

### Christmas Card Competition!

The festive season is just around the corner and we're inviting local children to take part in our exciting Christmas challenge with the chance of winning £500 for their school!

We're asking children to showcase their artistic skills and create a design for the Verity Frearson 2024 Christmas Card.

**CREATIVE TIPS:**

- Children should create a coloured design on a piece of white A4 paper (either portrait or landscape).
- Colouring pencils, paint, crayons and felt tips may be used but please do not stick added material onto the entry.
- Although not essential, anything relating to Verity Frearson or houses would be great!

You can either email your entry to [hello@verityfrearson.co.uk](mailto:hello@verityfrearson.co.uk) with your NAME, AGE, SCHOOL & CONTACT DETAILS or drop your design into our office at Tudor House, 26 Albert Street, Harrogate, HG1 1JT.

**Entries close on Friday 29th November at midday.**

Finalists will be selected from the following age categories; Under 5's, 6-8 Year olds, 9-11 year olds, Over 12's.

Our favourite from each category will each receive a **£100 Harrogate Gift Card**. These 4 designs will be shared on our social media pages and the design with the most likes by Friday 6th December at midday will win **£500 for that child's school**.

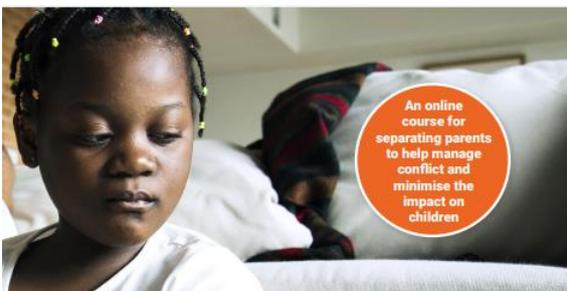
The winning design will be featured as part of our Christmas marketing campaign and our Harrogate Showroom with the winner's name, age and school.

# Be Bright. Be Seen.

**FREE EVENT**



**Harrogate Fire Station**  
**Monday 25 November 2025**  
**3.30pm to 6.30pm**  
**Reflective accessories available**

An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

## Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

*Getting it right for children* is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

**You will learn:**

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

Register at this address  
[www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england)  
 or scan the QR code

- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.



## Santa toy appeal returns to support struggling families



Local residents are being urged to donate unwanted toys and games to ensure more children wake up to a gift on Christmas Day.

In its sixth year, the Reuse Santa toy appeal is run by the Yorwaste waste management company in partnership with North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council.

It aims to help families who are struggling with the cost of living by finding a new owner for pre-loved toys.

Donations are being accepted from 18th until 30th November at all the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which are operated by Yorwaste. Last year, a record 5,000 items, or 30 van-loads, were donated for children and teenagers who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

This was an increase of about 2,000 items from the previous year.

The donated items will be sorted, cleaned and distributed to local organisations and charities including Early Help, No Wrong Door, Ryedale Special Families, Colburn Hub and Community Café and the British Heart Foundation.

## 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](http://www.thegoto.org.uk)



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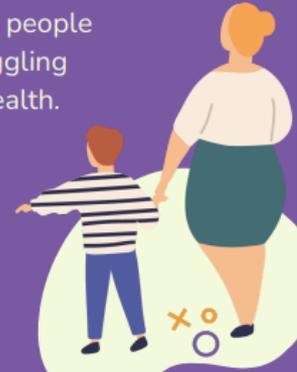
**The Go-To**  
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

**NHS**

## 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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[www.netball4all.com](http://www.netball4all.com)



## Christmas CAMP



- KING JAMES SCHOOL, KNARESBOROUGH
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY
- AGES 4 TO 6YRS - 10AM TIL 12PM
- AGES 7 TO 14YRS - 10AM TIL 3PM
- £10 MORNING / £25 DAY

Come & join us for a festive fun day of netball.  
Prizes will be up for grabs as well as a christmas treat for everyone!

