



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

**LOVE LEARN SHINE**

Friday 29 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.

### Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

We are pleased to have published the December edition of our online safety newsletter. This month's edition can be accessed via the dedicated online safety section of our website [here](#).

In the December edition there are some top tips on new technology as well as a section on AI Apps and some updated advice on the very popular game 'Roblox'. We hope families find this information helpful.



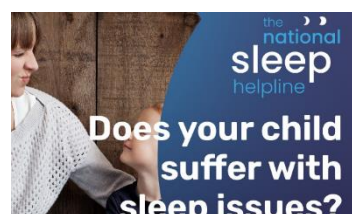
### Child Accident Prevention Trust

More than ever our Christmas shopping is done online from an increasingly varied list of providers. From imitation manufacturers, to sellers platforms like Etsy and to third party small businesses that use known provider logistics services, we're all trusting people ever further removed from us to provide high quality goods. Unfortunately, this is far from guaranteed. Production firms abroad or within a 'cottage industry' may not have the strict manufacturing standards applied in the UK, or expected as industry standard. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing. Further tips and advice can be accessed [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 they cannot give medical advice, they can talk through your issues, offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help.



**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.

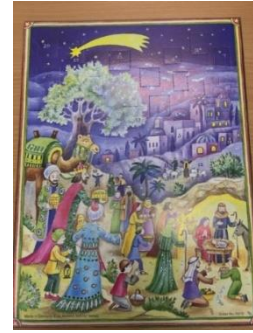
Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
<b>October Half Term Holiday</b>		
Week Beginning 2 December	NTS and Teacher Assessment Week	Yr2 - 6
Monday 2 December 1.00pm	Choirs singing in Victoria Centre	Choirs
Tuesday 3 December 4.00pm St Paul's Church	Advent Concert	All welcome
Saturday 7 December 12.00 – 2.00	FOSP 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
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	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> Roxie & Flynn <b>Kingfishers</b> Kayleigh & Gaibriel <b>Finches</b> Omer & Daisy <b>Sparrows</b> Freddie & Rabia	<b>Owls</b> Max & Amelie <b>Starlings</b> Ayah & Poppy	<b>Hérons</b> Adnan & Isabelle <b>Ravens</b> Emily P & Karson <b>Eagles</b> Harlow & Lola-Rose

### Advent

As we head towards the start of Advent we are pleased to have provided each class with one of these beautiful traditional advent calendars depicting the traditional Christmas story. Classes will enjoy opening the doors each day throughout advent exploring the story and remembering the real meaning behind the celebration.



### 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 Church (next to school) 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.



### Christmas Tree

As December approaches we will be ensuring 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.



Some updated photos from the trip to St Aidan's last week to see Annie.





## Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

### Architect Visit

Children in Owls and Starlings were lucky enough to have a lesson from an experienced architect this week.

Mr McCormack came to talk to and teach the children about on perspective as part of their Lowry Art topic. The children really enjoyed the session and produced some fantastic follow up work demonstrating the application of the skills they had learned.



### Sporting Competition

This week was the first week for children in Year 5&6 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 a series of matches against other local schools. They played superbly as a team showing great team spirit and commitment. Well done and thank you to all who represented us so well.



### RE in Wrens

This week in RE Wren's have been looking at the big question: why do some Christians perform nativities at Christmas? The Wren's have all worked together to make their own Nativity story by drawing all the key events.



### Collective Worship

In our worship this week we have continued to explore the theme of trust. We shared the story 'The Storm on the Lake' learning how the disciples trusted in Jesus and Jesus trusted in God during the storm to keep them safe. We explored and reflected on who we can put our trust in when times of difficulty and how we can help our friends.



## 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 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



**HARROGATE THEATRE CHOIR**  
SAYS:  
**HAVE YOURSELF  
A MERRY LITTLE  
FESTIVE  
CONCERT**  
**THURSDAY 5TH  
DECEMBER  
2024 7.45PM**  
**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
KIRKBY OVERBLOW  
HG3 1HH**  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR CATHERINE FIELD-LEATHER

TICKETS £5 (UNDER 16s FREE)  
[trybooking.com/uk/EDWR](https://trybooking.com/uk/EDWR)  
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



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**DING  
DONG!**

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN SONG**  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR CATHERINE FIELD-LEATHER

HARNESS YOUR FASTEST REINDEER, DON YOUR SPARKLES OR  
IRONIC SEASONAL KNITWEAR AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVE FROLICS

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024 3.30PM**  
DOORS OPEN: 3.00 PM  
**WEST PARK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**  
**HARROGATE HG1 1BL**  
TICKETS: £12.00 (UNDER 16s FREE)  
[trybooking.com/uk/EBND](https://trybooking.com/uk/EBND)



GLASS OF MULLED WINE OR ALTERNATIVE ON ARRIVAL  
CHARITY RAFFLE: LUXURY FOOD AND GIFT HAMPER

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**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 5s, 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.



### Santa toy appeal returns to support struggling families



**KNARESBOROUGH**

**TALENT SHOW**

Saturday 1st February 2025  
at Frazer Theatre

Entry deadline 1st December 2024 - £10 entry includes adult ticket  
Open to children from Reception - Year 6  
Complete the entry form now - <https://forms.office.com/r/ZBLu6HyWj7>

*It's Time To Shine*

**YORKSHIRE CREATE**

A collaboration between Rabbit Head Productions Ltd and Yorkshire CREATE

**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

**oneplusone**

- 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.

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.

TO ENTER THE KNARESBOROUGH TALENT SHOW PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING

LINK: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZBLu6HyWj7>

## 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)




**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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**County Durham sport**

## SCHOOL GAMES LIVE

### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

**Friday 13th December 2024**  
**10:30am - 11:30 am**

**3 x 15 minute active fitness sessions live via Zoom.**  
**Find a space, log in and get active in preparation for CHRISTMAS**

[REGISTER NOW >](#)



Both these events are 'virtual' or to be done in situ so no need for travel!

To enter, follow the link found below which details all the school games events currently available. Info can be found in the relevant folders.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19-EqIW3tlwZQetg\\_91x\\_2UdTBbuRQ8nB?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19-EqIW3tlwZQetg_91x_2UdTBbuRQ8nB?usp=sharing)



## School Games National Santa Dash

Join thousands across the country for some active festive fun

**Friday 6th December 2024**

#SGSantaDash #santasmiles