



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 13 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. As this is the final newsletter of the term, we would like to wish all our children and families a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break. We hope everyone enjoys time together with family and friends. We would like to thank our whole school community for all their support over this term. We look forward to welcoming children and families back to school for the spring term on **Tuesday 7 January 2025**.

We will keep families updated with any news from the final week of term via the [News Section](#) of our website. 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.

Holiday Support & Help

We very much hope all families have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday. We do know that sometimes holiday periods can be hard when difficulties arise.

If you have any worries about a child there is help and support available through the North Yorkshire Children's Partnership.

You can access information on the different support services available and how to access this support [here](#).



Worried About a Child?



Christmas Support

Christmas can be difficult for lots of reasons. Children and families might be worried about spending time with your family, money or having to cope with your feelings. Or they might be worried about getting hurt or feeling unsafe.

It can feel hard to escape the holiday season sometimes, especially if stuck at home or everyone else is talking about it. But telling someone what your Christmas has been like can help families to feel less alone.

[Childline](#) are here for you throughout Christmas and New Year, including Christmas day. Whether children or families want to speak to a counsellor or talk to other young people on the message boards, they can always be honest with Childline about what things are like.

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Call 0800 1111



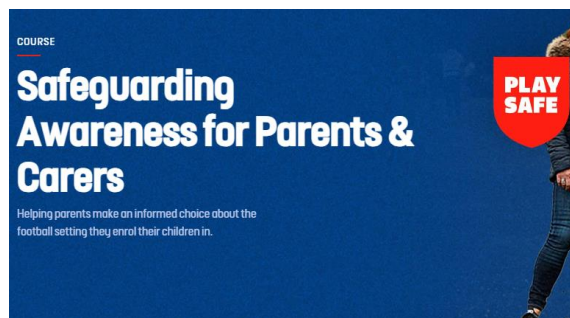
Wellbeing Advent Calendars – Young Minds

The lead up to the winter break can be a fun and exciting time. For some children though, it can be anxiety inducing and stressful. The Young Minds organisation has created a series of wellbeing advent calendars. They are a lovingly made tribute both to Christmas and the needs of children. To download these resources, please follow the link [here](#).



Parent Safeguarding Free Training

Safeguarding is about creating safe environments and preventing children from experiencing harm or abuse. Its core mission is comprised of the measure's institutions take to protect young people and children. Football is one of the most popular sports in the country, particularly among teenagers and children. England Football's learning faculty has designed a short safeguarding course for parents. The course is designed to help parents make an informed choice, about the footballing infrastructure in which children are enrolled. The course explains the vital role of safeguarding within the sporting sphere and is well worth a look. If interested in this e-seminar, please follow the link [here](#).



Winter Water Safety

Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water. Here are some useful tips to help you know what to do in an emergency.

Visit the [safeguarding section](#) of our website to access a full [winter water safety advice pack](#) and activity for children.



Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens To all the class for their fabulous performance in their Nativity.

Kingfishers A well done to all the Kingfishers, their Nativity performances were amazing

Sparrows All of Sparrows for performing so incredibly in their Nativity.

Finches All of the Finches class for their wonderful Nativity performances this week.

There are no KS2 shine awards this week, as all children have been to the Pantomime, therefore no Shine assembly has taken place.

Diary Dates - All diary dates now on the Arbor Parent Portal.

The term dates for both 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)
October Half Term Holiday		
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch	All classes
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		
Monday 6 January	Spring Term Starts. INSET Day. School closed to children. YCST All staff conference.	All classes. School closed for staff training.
Tuesday 7 January	School opens to children for the start of the spring term.	All classes
Wednesday 8 January	Young Voices Concert in Sheffield	Choir members signed up to attend
Friday 10 January	Tom Gordon MP visiting school.	
Wednesday 15 January	Closing date for admission applications for reception places 2025.	Families with children due to start in reception in September 2025
Wednesday 15 January	Swimming lessons start for Owls and half of Year 4 Herons.	Owls and half of Year 4 Herons.
Monday 27 January	Planetarium Visit	Key Stage One Classes – Kingfishers, Sparrows, Finches.
Tuesday 4 February – Friday 7 February	Scholastic Book Fair	All classes
Friday 14 February 3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday	All classes
February Half Term Holiday		
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day	All classes
Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 March	Prayer Spaces Project in School	Key Stage Two classes
Thursday 20 March	Trust external advisor visit to school	All classes
Thursday 3 April 9.30 St Peter's Church	Easter Service.	All classes.
Friday 4 April 3.15pm	School closes for the Easter Holiday	All classes.
Easter Holiday		

General News

Final Week Christmas Events Reminders

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day will take place this coming Tuesday 17 December.

On Thursday 19 December at 9:30am we look forward to welcoming families to St Peter's Church for our Christmas service, any help walking to church at 9.10am and walking back after the service is much appreciated.

We will round off our Christmas weeks with Carols at the Alms Houses at 1.30pm on Friday 20 December before school closes at 2.00pm. For anyone needing



it Funclub will start early this day at 2.00pm. Please ensure children are booked in to this if it is not possible to collect them at 2.00pm

Christmas Puzzle Family Challenges

The annual GCHQ Christmas Challenge which has scratched many a mind, and seen thousands of schools and puzzle-enthusiasts take on a series of fiendish puzzles set by the brilliant minds of the GCHQ puzzlers is back again for 2024.

Every year the team create the GCHQ Christmas Challenge, a series of fiendish brainteasers and puzzles, designed by our very own team of codebreakers. It encourages children aged 11-18 to think laterally and work as a team, as well as showcasing some of the skills they might need to become in one of the many careers at GCHQ.

Families can access the puzzles [here](#).



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Spring Term Clubs

A reminder that the extra-curricular clubs for next term, January to March 2025, are now live and ready for any children wanting to attend any of them. All the clubs will commence from Monday 13th January 2025 (the second week back after Christmas). Please remember to book all clubs (except Taekwondo) through Arbor.

Some of the clubs do have a maximum number of children they can take; therefore, this will be on a first come first served basis.

Any children wanting to attend the same club from this current term will need to book again through Arbor, places are not confirmed and guaranteed from previous terms.

All charges (where applicable) will be applied to ParentPay once a place on the relevant club is confirmed.

If any club is oversubscribed the club will not allow a booking to be made on Arbor.

Please find the list of clubs on offer from January, below.



Story Sacks

The story sacks have been so successful already! Wren's have been enjoying them and loved being able to take them home over the weekend. We have received some wonderful pictures so far, please keep sending them in. What a fantastic job the Librarians do to get the sacks organised and it's nice to see so many Wrens enjoying them.

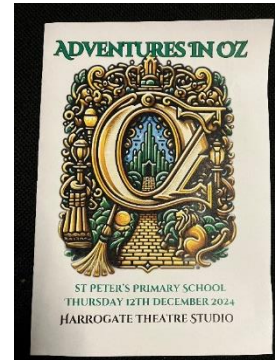


Drama Group Share their Shine at Harrogate Theatre

As a culmination of their drama club work this term children from across Key Stage Two performed in the studio theatre at Harrogate Theatre this week. Throughout this term the children have been developing their acting knowledge and skills in their after-school club and working towards performing Adventure in Oz.

The children visited the theatre during Thursday afternoon to complete some final rehearsals and costume checks before completing two performances of Adventures in Oz.

Between rehearsals they were also treated to a backstage tour of the main theatre including meeting the cast and crew of this year's Pantomime Beauty and The Beast. They represented themselves and St Peter's superbly well. Very well done to all who took part and thank you to all the families who came to support and watch the show.



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

Eco Council – Christmas Jumper Exchange

Many thanks to Mrs Williams and the children from the Eco-Council who organised our first sustainable Christmas jumper exchange at lunchtime on Thursday this week. Thank you also to everyone who brought in or donated a jumper. Children who brought in a jumper received a golden swap ticket which enabled them to select a new jumper. Jumpers were also sold for £3 for those who did not have a jumper to exchange. All profits will go towards future sustainability projects.

We look forward to seeing the children in their jumpers on Christmas Jumper day next week on Tuesday 17 December.



Nativity Performances

Children from Early Years and Key Stage One have been sharing their nativity shine this week through several performances of their nativity called 'Simple Nativity'.

It was a pleasure to watch the children perform so superbly over several performances, we are so proud of all the effort and hard work they have put into preparing for and giving their performances. They have shone brightly. We very much hope they enjoyed performing as much as we all enjoyed watching. Thank you and well done to everyone involved.



For more pictures have a look at the News Section of our Website.

Pantomime Visit

We all very much enjoyed our whole school trip to Harrogate theatre on Friday. Every child had the opportunity to attend this visit to watch the professional production of Beauty and the Beast. A huge thanks to FOSP for fully funding this opportunity for every child in school. The children (and the staff) had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the show.



FOSP News

Christmas Fare

A huge thank you to everyone who helped support and attend the Christmas fare last Saturday. It was a lovely atmosphere in school with lots of stalls and activities with fun for all the family and even a visit from Santa himself.

We are grateful for all the hard work that goes into running these events so a BIG THANK YOU to the FOSP team. To date the fare has raised just over £2000 for school which is a fantastic total.



Community News

HARROGATE THEATRE CHOIR
PRESENTS

DING DONG!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN SONG
MUSICAL DIRECTOR CATHERINE FIELD-LEATHER
HARNESS YOUR FASTEST REINDEER, DON YOUR SPARKLES OR
IRONIC SEASONAL KINTWEAR 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

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

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YEARS
1984-2024
Horticaap

Supporting Horticaap on their 40th anniversary
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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
or scan the QR code

oneplusone

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

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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HARROGATE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLUBS



50+ ACTIVITIES, 2 CHOICES EVERY HOUR, WITH FESTIVE THEMED ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY!!

HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE
 MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER
 TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER
 THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
 FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE
 THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
 FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13

ARTY | CRAFTY | SPORTY | ADVENTURE | FUN

ENERGY, SWIMMING & FOOTBALL AVAILABLE!!

BOOK ONLINE:
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VENUE & KEY INFORMATION

AREA & VENUE	ENERGY	FOOTBALL	AGES	Monday 30 th December	Tuesday 31 st December	Thursday 2 nd January	Friday 3 rd January
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	✓	✓	5-13	✓	✓	✓	✓

OTHER VENUES IN YORK

PRICES
 STANDARD DAY - 8AM-4PM - £34.50
 EXTENDED DAY - 4PM-5:30PM - £6

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

PLANS CHANGED? ADD OUR INSURANCE OPTION ONTO YOUR BOOKINGS AND RECEIVE A REFUND, CREDIT OR CHANGE DAYS IF YOUR PLANS CHANGE!!

FLEXIBLE DROP OFF BETWEEN 8AM-9AM

CHOOSE TOTAL ENERGY!!!

TOTAL ENERGY IS OUR MUCH LOVED MULTI SPORT, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR ADVENTEROUS, TEAM BUILDING FUN PROGRAMME FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13!! OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME RUNS AT ROSSETT OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD!!

TOTAL ENERGY ENCOMPASSES 50+ CHOICES OF ACTIVITIES AND 2 CHOICES EVERY SINGLE HOUR! THIS CAN BE ANYTHING FROM FOOTBALL TO PAINTING, YOGA TO SWIMMING, HOCKEY TO DODGEBALL, CRAFTS TO DEN BUILDING, NERF TO TIG GAMES!!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR TOTAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AND YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS WITH OUR CHOICES!! YOUR CHILDREN ARE SPLIT INTO AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LED BY ONE OF OUR DBS CHECKED EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF

WE PROMISE A HIGH ENERGY, VARIED DAY, FOR ALL INTERESTS AND AGES!!

TOTAL FOOTBALL!!

OUR DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS WILL RUN THIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE! USING THE CENTRES BRILLIANT 4G PITCHES, YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEIR FOOTBALL DAYS WITH OUR QUALIFIED TEAM!

THE CAMPS ARE RUN BY OUR FA QUALIFIED COACHES AND ARE PERFECT FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE 'MAD' ABOUT THEIR FOOTBALL!!
 EXPECT SKILLS, DRILLS, MATCHES
 AND TOURNAMENTS EVERY DAY OF THE FOOTBALL CAMPS!

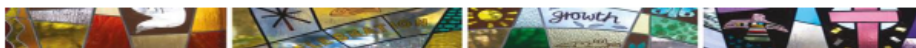


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St Peter's Clubs Spring term 2025 (January 2025) – All clubs start w/c Monday 13th January 2025

NO CLUBS FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER CHRISTMAS

Day & Lunchtime or After School	Duration of Club	Club	Time	Who for	Charge if applicable	Booking Details	Location
Monday After School	10 x weeks 13 th Jan 25 – 24 th March 2025	Choir	EYFS & KS1 3:15pm – 4:00pm	EYFS & KS1	None	Book through Arbor	Meeting Room or Herons
Monday After School	10 x weeks 13 th Jan 25 – 24 th March 2025	Choir	KS2 3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2	None	Book through Arbor	Sparrows or Finches
Monday After School	5 x weeks 13 th Jan 25 – 10 th Feb 25	Sporting Influence – Multi-sport club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS & KS1	£3.50 per child per week £17.50 total	Book through Arbor Max 16 x children	Outside / Upper Hall Neil & PG
Tuesday Lunchtime	10 x weeks 14 th Jan 25 – 25 th March 25	Recorder Club	12:00pm – 12:30pm	KS2	If new to this club, please purchase own recorder prior to first lesson	Book through Arbor Max 25 x children	Snug or Herons
Tuesday Lunchtime	10 x weeks 14 th Jan 25 – 25 th March 25	Recorder Club	12:30pm – 1:00pm	Year 1 & 2	If new to this club, please purchase own recorder prior to first lesson	Book through Arbor Max 10 x children	Snug or Herons
Tuesday After School	5 x weeks 14 th Jan 25 – 11 th Feb 25	Sporting Influence – Multi-sport club	3:15pm – 4:30pm	KS2	£3.50 per child per week £17.50 total	Book through Arbor Max 16 x children	Outside / Upper Hall Neil
Tuesday After School	10 x weeks 14 th Jan 25 – 25 th March 25	Taekwondo Martial Arts	3:20pm – 4:20pm	All year groups	£70.00 for 10 x sessions 14 th Jan 2025 – 25 th March 2025	Book by contacting the club: kta.info@kd@gmail.com / 07944 988806	Upper Hall / Snug

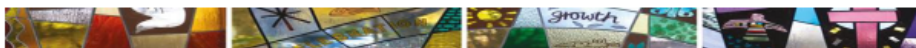
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Wednesday After School	10 x weeks 15 th Jan 25 – 26 th March 2025	Table tennis	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5 & 6	£2.00 per child per week £20.00 total for term	Book through Arbor Max 12 x children (More than 12 then a split 5 x weeks each)	Upper Hall Paul Devall
Thursday Lunchtime	10 x weeks 16 th Jan 25 – 27 th March 25	Makaton	12:30pm – 1pm	All Year Groups	None	Book through Arbor	Owls
Thursday Lunchtime	10 x weeks 16 th Jan 25 – 27 th March 25	Drawing Club	12:30pm – 1pm	EYFS & KS1	None	Book through Arbor	Wrens Classroom
Thursday Lunchtime	10 x weeks 16 th Jan 25 – 27 th March 25	Homework Club	12pm – 12:30pm	Eagles, Ravens, Heron	None	Book through Arbor	Heron
Thursday After School	10 x weeks 16 th Jan 25 – 27 th March 25	Netball	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	£50.00 (£5.00 per session for 10 x weeks)	Book through Arbor and pay through ParentPay	Outside / Upper Hall
Thursday After School	10 x weeks 16 th Jan 25 – 27 th March 25	Dance Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2	None X 10 max	Book through Arbor	Snug

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