



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 10 January 2025

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.

## Welcome Back & Thank You

### Thank You and Well Done Everyone

Welcome back to the new term. We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break.

We would like to start with a huge thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as we navigated the challenging weather conditions this week.

Thanks to our dedicated team for all pulling together and with your support we were delighted that we were able to remain fully open all week. Thank you to everyone for keeping on top of all the extra messages, sending your children well prepared for the weather conditions and for adapting so well to the different start of the day arrangements.

We hope over the weekend the 'big thaw' will come and we can return to more usual routines next week.



## 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.

### Mobile Phones in School

As we start the new term, we would like to clarify our position in relation to children having any form of mobile phone in school.

We are clear in our position **that no child requires or needs a mobile phone in order to attend St Peter's School.**

We recognise that the families of a small number of our older children who are coming to or leaving school more independently may wish for them to have a way to keep in contact with their parents. If this is in the form of a phone, then it must remain switched off throughout the whole day and should be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping.



### Online Safety - Ask the Experts

We are pleased to share details of a 'Ask the experts' session.

This will take place **7.00pm Thursday 16 January at Brackenfield School Harrogate, HG1 2HE** and all families are welcome.

The session will cover a range of topics including online safety and digital wellbeing and questions can be submitted in advance by emailing [sfcharrogate@gmail.com](mailto:sfcharrogate@gmail.com)


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Child online safety expert  
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## Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<p><b>Wrens</b> Monty &amp; Billy</p> <p><b>Kingfishers</b> Kaya &amp; Zi</p> <p><b>Sparrows</b> Hannah &amp; lylah</p> <p><b>Finches</b> Luca &amp; Arlo</p>	<p><b>Owls</b> Seb &amp; Yeva</p> <p><b>Starlings</b> Reggie &amp; Layla</p>	<p><b>Hérons</b> Lola &amp; Henry</p> <p><b>Eagles</b> Connie &amp; Mollie</p> <p><b>Ravens</b> Yui Yui &amp; Emily W</p>

## 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)
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
<b>February Half Term Holiday</b>		
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.
<b>Easter Holiday</b>		

# General News

## Starting School September 2025.

We have enjoyed showing families around St Peter's through last term and at the start of this term. Please be reminded that the closing date for applications for a primary school place 2025 is this coming Wednesday 15 January. Applications can be made via the School Admissions Website (link opposite). If you need any help or advice or know someone who does please do get in touch by emailing [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk) or call 01423 569684.



[School Admissions Site](#)

## Staffing – Welcome

We are pleased to have welcomed Miss Dixon to the St Peters staff team this week.

Miss Dixon has taken over from Mr McGregor who left at the end of last term to begin working in his family's business. Miss Dixon will mainly be working in Owls but will be around school also. I am sure you will all join me in giving Miss Dixon a warm welcome to the St Peter's family. Miss Dixon brings a wide range of experience of working in both mainstream and special school settings.



## Playground Renovations.

As families return to school this week, I am sure you will notice the commencement of work to upgrade our 'Butterfly Garden' area in the playground. This area has served us well over many years but was becoming unsafe and therefore has had to be removed.

Plans are in place to add a brand-new shelter with wall mounted planters and playground equipment storage in its place. We hope the work will be completed over the course of this term and will continue to keep families updated. We thank you for your patience while we complete this work.



# Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

## Spring Term Clubs

A reminder that the extra-curricular clubs for this term, January to March 2025, are now live and ready for any children wanting to attend any of them. Any children wanting to attend the same club from last 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 next week.





## Young Voices 2025

We were delighted to share our shine this week along with 4800 other children from choirs across our region at the first Young Voices concert of 2025. Young Voices are the heartbeat of music for primary schools across the UK, where children and teachers unite in an electrifying choir experience. Through unforgettable concerts, children discover their voices, gain confidence and create lasting memories.



For more on this story including lots of photos from the event please have a look at the [News](#) section of our website.

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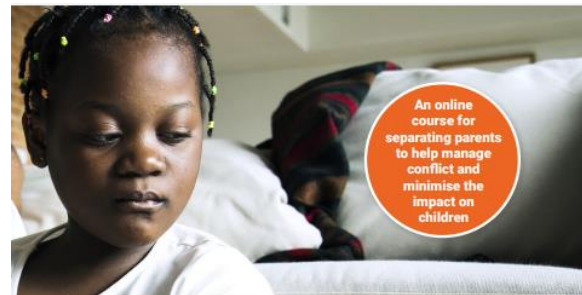


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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

### 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](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.

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**AGE 11-18? STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH/ WELLBEING AND NEED SOMEONE TO SUPPORT YOU?**

Compass Phoenix is here for you!  
Message BUZZ US on [07520 631168](tel:07520631168) and for more info click on the QR code:

# KINDER HARROGATE

**Kindness Festival**  
18th January 2025  
11am to 3pm

Free family fun day at Harrogate College  
Hornbeam Park Avenue, HG2 8QT  
Free food, drinks and fun!  
Come and explore interactive games, crafts and activities from over 30 Harrogate charities and organisations that are here to make the world a better place.

If you have any questions email [david@fullcirclefunerals.co.uk](mailto:david@fullcirclefunerals.co.uk)



The teams at Kinder Harrogate and Harrogate College, take no responsibility for personal belongings on the day of the event, and any children attending must be supervised at all times by an appropriate person.



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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.

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



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

