



LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 17 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.

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 shared the January edition of our dedicated online safety newsletter via the [online safety page](#) of our website.

This month there are updates on app age ratings alongside helpful insight into social media influencers as well as further information about the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign (also see community news section).



Wellbeing Support for Families

In Our Place is funded in our area to provide families with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help families connect with children and make sure they thrive.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on [Inourplace](#) this month.



Pupil Attendance Policy

The pupil attendance policy has been updated. A copy can be accessed via the [policies page](#) of our website. We have also written via an additional letter alongside this newsletter to provide families with further clarity regarding punctuality at the start of each school day. Please do take some time to familiarise yourself with the points outlined in this additional letter.



Pupil Attendance Policy

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Bowie & Lily Kingfishers Elias & Rosie Sparrows Daisy & Lyra Finches Freddie & Oliver	Owls Summer S & Tabitha Starlings Elodie & Evie	Hérons Luka & Xyla Ravens Albie & Jemima Eagles Liz & Ava

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

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)
Wednesday 22 January 6.00pm	FOSP Meeting at School	All parents welcome
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		
Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February	Starlings Parent Consultations timings to follow	Starlings – Sign up via Arbor.
Tuesday 4 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
Thursday 6 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
Tuesday 11 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
Thursday 13 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
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

Staffing Update

We have been pleased to welcome Miss Leanne Williams to our staff team this week. Miss Williams already works in Funclub and has also started working in school this week shadowing Mrs MacDonald. Starting next week Miss Williams will cover for Mrs MacDonald on a Monday - Wednesday while she undertakes some training throughout the remainder of the Spring term. I am sure you will join in me extending Miss Williams a warm St Peter's welcome.



Welcome Back - The return of Trevor

Trevor the tortoise arrived back at school and children in Wrens have been learning all about tortoises. They learnt lots of interesting facts about reptiles. The children have had a fantastic time doing some observational drawings of him too. The pictures look just like him!



Parking Around the School Site

We very much value a positive relationship with our neighbours. Please help us maintain this by parking thoughtfully and considerately around the school site especially if parking near any of our residential neighbours. Parking permits for Victoria Avenue are available from the school office. These allow for free parking on Victoria Avenue free of charge at pick up and drop off.



MP Visit

We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with Tom Gordon, MP at the end of last week to consider several priority areas in relation to the education of young people at St Peter's, the trust and in our locality. The discussion covered the need for a renewed national approach to investment and improvement of our schools' estate, how we can work together locally and nationally to appropriately meet the needs of our children with special educational needs and more locally focussed consideration of the current work to address travel options and arrangements around schools in Harrogate. This was a valued opportunity to connect local education leaders with the recently elected MP, and it was agreed that this was the beginning of an important connection which should form the basis of delivering benefit to children and staff in our schools.



Playground Renovations.

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 we will continue to keep families updated. We thank you for your patience while we complete this work.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Clubs

We were pleased to kick start our club programme this week and welcome some new club options. On Wednesday we welcomed Mr Devall, who usually teaches business studies at St Aidan’s, to start running our table tennis club. We are grateful to Mr Devall for giving up his time to come and work with our children and offer this club this term. There are still a handful of spaces available in this and a few other clubs. If you are interested, please email admin@stpeter's.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684.



Sporting Competition Series

Mrs Oldfield took 9 year 3-4 children to dodgeball at Harrogate High to take part in a Sporting Influence dodgeball competition. There were 8 schools in the competition, St Peters played very well as a team they were respectful to each other including everyone as a team. William received a certificate for being so respectful to his teammates. We came 2nd place at the end of the competition.



Collective Worship

This half term in our worship we are exploring the theme of perseverance. This week we talked about the meaning of perseverance and some of the different situations in which we need to show perseverance. We explored how life can feel like a running race with high points and low and how we can help each other to persevere.



FOSP News

Next Meeting

We are grateful for all the hard work of the FOSP team running events for children and families and raising much needed funds to support the work of the school. All parents are automatically members of FOSP and we welcome all contributions. The next meeting is this coming Wednesday 22 January. The meeting will take place at 6.00pm in school and will last around an hour. All parents are welcome to attend. Why not come along. We are a very friendly bunch!





[Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#)

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North Yorkshire

1,480
CHILDREN

201
SCHOOLS

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Click on your school to see data for each school year

SCHOOL NAME	FACTS
Pannal Primary School, Pannal[7] ↗	174
Monk Fryston CE Primary School, Monk Fryston[7] ↗	68
Poppleton Ousebank Primary School, Upper Poppleton ↗	62
St Peter's CE Primary School, Harrogate[8] ↗	14

Parents who wish to support the campaign and sign the pact can do so via the link [here](#).

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



The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire




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



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



AMAZING HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13

8AM-5:30PM, OPEN EVERY DAY OF HALF TERM!!

HARROGATE VENUES

- ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE
- HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE

ALL VENUES RUNNING ENERGY PROGRAMME. FOOTBALL RUNNING AT ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE ON THEIR EXCELLENT 4G PITCHES! SWIMMING RUNNING AT HARROGATE LADIES ON SELECTED DAYS - CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!!

50+ ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK!!
2 CHOICES EVERY HOUR!!
CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAY!!

BOOK ONLINE:
WWW.TOTALSPORTSLIMITED.CO.UK
OR CALL 0344 4141313

'If you are requiring a pre-school place from September 2025, Little Crickets Pre-school are holding an open morning on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 9:45am-11:30am.

We are passionate about shaping our young generation for the future. We want our children to love to learn, to play with purpose and create lifelong memories.

Please email info@little-crickets.co.uk to book a place or to arrange an alternate time to look around if you cannot make our open morning.'