



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 24 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.

CyberFirst Navigators

[CyberFirst Navigators](#) highlights some of the most common cyber scams and malicious activity that a pre-teen and teenage internet user might come across and empowers them to make choices to keep themselves more secure online.

The interactive video follows Olivia, Luca and Raheem as they navigate their lives online – from communicating with each other, to online gaming, to social media and ads. During the video, the characters are faced with various choices – the learner can make the choices for the character and watch how they play out.

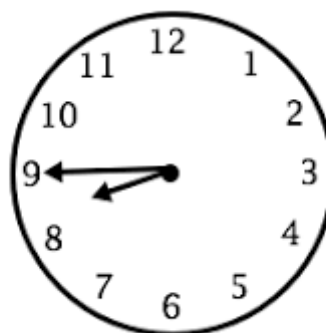


Punctuality

The pupil attendance policy has been updated. A copy can be accessed via the [policies page](#) of our website.

Our school day starts at 8.45am. Children should arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.45am so they can enter school with their class. As outlined in the policy and in line with DfE guidance there is a 10-minute registration period each morning from 8.50am – 9.00am when the registers are open. During this registration period children are either receiving important input for the day ahead or undertaking practice of key skills. When children are late, they miss some or all these, which impacts on them and their learning.

To help give your child the best start to each day and ensure they access a full day of education please plan your morning routine, so your child can arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.45am.



Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Esmae & Sophie Kingfishers Ibrahim & Kiril Finches Alex & Scarlett Sparrows Eva & Sylvia	Owls Jude & Rosie Starlings Bea & Alicia	Hérons Sienna & Sidney Ravens Elijah W & Tabitha Eagles Wilf & Elliot

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)
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 3.15pm	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Sale and Races	All welcome.
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.
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day	All classes
Tuesday 11 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 March	Prayer Spaces Project in School	Key Stage Two classes
Thursday 13 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
Thursday 20 March	Trust external advisor visit to school	All classes
Thursday 3 April 9.30 St Peter’s Church	Easter Service.	All classes.
Thursday 3 April 2pm	FOSP AGM – Meeting Room at School	All parents welcome
Friday 4 April – During the day	Bunny Bounce – Sponsored Bounce	All classes
Friday 4 April 3.15pm	School closes for the Easter Holiday	All classes.
Easter Holiday		

General News

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.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Science in Early Years

This week Wrens have been exploring states of matter and completing ice investigations. They had a great time making predictions and seeing how fast the ice could melt in different places around the classroom. They even had the task of extracting natural objects from the ice too... Chilly work!



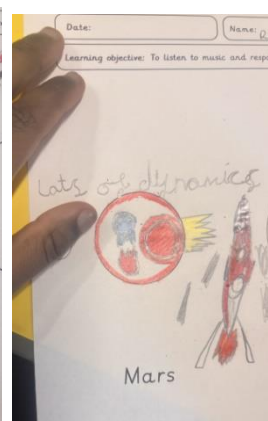
Spring Term Curriculum Overviews

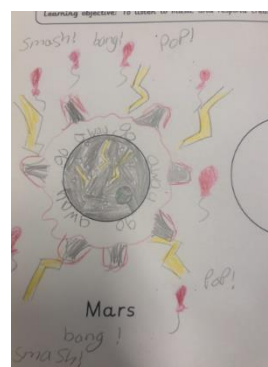
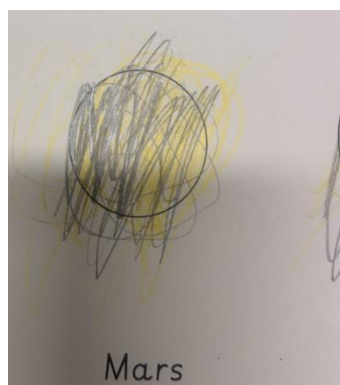
We are pleased to have shared the spring term curriculum overviews with families via the individual class pages of the website. We hope these provide a helpful overview to families in terms of the learning the children will be covering this term. If families have any other questions about the curriculum their children are studying, please in the first instance speak with your child's class teacher.

<p>English</p> <p>This term our key texts will be The Lion and the Lamb by Rochelle Bright and Jim Field and The Curious Case of the Missing Marmoset by Ella Martin and Kate James Mountford.</p> <p>The focus of our writing for the first half term will be to create our own story about a small animal who befriends a large animal in the African Savannah. We will be thinking about joining words and clauses using 'and' and using the prefix 'un'.</p> <p>The focus of our writing for the second half term will be to write a story based on the structure of 'The Curious Case of the Missing Marmoset' with a change of characters. Our writing will help us to think about how we punctuate our sentences correctly and use suffixes.</p> <p>Phonics</p> <p>Children Year 1 will undertake a 20 minute phonics lesson every day. The children will learn new sounds with the opportunity to read and put their learning into practice throughout the week.</p> <p>Children in Year 1 will continue to learn new phase 2 GPCs as well as continuing to work and review previously learnt graphemes.</p>	<p>Religious Education</p> <p>Children will learn about Jewish traditions and customs in their lessons. They will learn about how they can help and be helpful to Jewish people today.</p> <p>They will find out about the reasons for the Shema prayer and why they mean to believe.</p> <p>Children will find out about Shabbat and Chanukah, including why Jews observe each festival and why they learn from stories told in the Torah and why they are important today.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>In Maths this term the children will be learning to recognise, compare, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>They will look at the composition of numbers 6-10.</p> <p>Using a number line children will explore numbers 6-10 and they will be estimating when numbers are on unmarked number lines.</p> <p>Children will also learn about odd and even numbers, ordering and sorting them and exploring the difference between them.</p> <p>Mastering Number</p> <p>We also participate in a scheme from the NCFE called 'Mastering Number'. The aim of this scheme is that over time children will leave Key Stage 1 with fluency in calculation, a confidence and a flexibility with number.</p> <p>The focus over the course of the year will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and number facts.</p>
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Music

This week in music, the children in Year 1 and 2 listened to 'Mars' by Gustav Holst and were inspired to create some artwork as they listened. They loved watching an orchestra play the piece and pointing out the instruments they knew. We discussed how we could show the change in dynamics with movement and our bodies. What an exciting lesson!





Assessment Parent Guides

We are pleased to have updated our parent guides that outline the key national assessments that children will complete later in the year.

These are:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening
- Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Year Six – End of Key Stage 2 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)

If you have a child in any of these year groups you can access these guides via the [assessment page](#) of our website.

The screenshot shows the school's website header with the logo and name 'St. Peter's Church of England Primary School'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'Welcome', 'Vision', 'Admissions', 'School Information', and 'Classes'. The main content area is titled 'Statutory Assessments' and contains text explaining the school's commitment to supporting children with statutory assessments, including a link to the assessment page.

Sporting Competition Series

Mrs Oldfield took nine children from Year 3&4 to the Sporting Influence Dodgeball competition this week. They played six matches in all and overall won the competition. Ty received a certificate for great social skills. They were all a credit to St Peter's and played incredibly well as a team. Well done to all who took part and thank you to Mrs Oldfield for accompanying them and to the families for transporting them to Harrogate High.



Collective Worship

This half term in our worship we are exploring the theme of perseverance. This week we explored this picture 'Flight to Egypt' by James Tissot.



We talked about who was shown in the picture and how they had to show perseverance.

FOSP News

FOSP 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.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting this week and contributed their ideas. It is a small group who would very much welcome the support and ideas of others.



Please Help

As you can see from the list (opposite) FOSP run many events for children and families. To ensure all these events can run help is needed. There are always FOSP members who can guide and support for those helping for the first time.

If you are able to spare some time and lend a hand please get in touch with your class rep via your class WhatsApp group, email fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk or via the [FOSP Facebook Page](#).

FOSP Planned Events – Help Needed for All.

- Book Fair
- Fish and Chip Quiz
- Pancake stall and races
- EY Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter decorated Egg and Bonnett competition
- Mothering Sunday Gift Stall
- Sponsored Bounce (Bunny Bounce)
- Strawberry Tea
- Junior Parkrun Takeover
- Summer Fare
- Leavers Disco



[Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#)

← Back to national

North Yorkshire

1,480
CHILDREN

201
SCHOOLS

[Sign the Pact](#) 🗑️

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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](#).



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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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

NHS

Interested in signing your Year 5 child up for some Friday night football? The Little Bandits football group is open to boys and girls of all abilities, offering a welcoming and friendly space for kids to enjoy a game of football with their friends.

We meet every Friday at 7pm at The Ladies' College Indoor Sports Hall for an hour of 6-a-side football. The group is run by three Year 5 dads—Sam (Reuben's dad), Daz (Archie's dad), and Ben (Tom's dad)—and it's all about letting kids play and have fun.

Here's how it works:

- **Mixed Ability:** Whether your child is new to football or already loves the game, everyone is welcome.
- **No Pressure:** There's no need to commit every week—just sign up when it suits you. Places are filled on a first-come, first-served basis through our WhatsApp group and website.
- **Parents Stay to Watch:** This isn't a professional set-up—it's a casual group for the kids to enjoy an hour of football, with parents staying to cheer them on.

If you'd like to find out more or get your child involved, contact Sam (Reuben's dad) on 07850 083357 to join the Little Bandits' WhatsApp group.

Spaces are limited as the group has been running for a couple of years, so please get in touch sooner to avoid disappointment.

