

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 31 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.

Clever Never Goes

Following a recent local alert that parents were alerted to last week it is a good reminder to brush up on the clever never goes message. [CLEVER NEVER GOES](#) is the child-friendly message that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

They have range of resources that parents can use at home to build upon the messages given in school as well as a helpful video families can watch together.



Online Safety Parent Session

Through our partnership with Knowsley City we are pleased to provide newsletters and training for staff, parents and governors.

In January there has been an online session aimed at supporting parents. The recording of this session can be accessed [here](#).



Online Safety Parent Session:
Jan 2025

How Safe is WhatsApp for Children? - NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 13+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on WhatsApp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app which can be accessed [here](#).



Shine Awards

| Early Years and Key Stage One | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
|---|--|---|
| Wrens Alessandro & Saule Kingfishers Charlotte & Sava Sparrows Isabelle R & Kit Finches Arlo & Daisy | Owls Felix Hinton-Morrell & Lilly-Dot Malton Starlings Rosie & Oscar | Hérons Reuben & Andre Eagles Ellie & Mia Ravens Karson & Violet S |

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) |
|---|--|---|
| 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 27 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

Have Your Say.

As part of Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust, we are committed to ensuring that every parent and carer feels engaged and heard. Your feedback is vital in helping us to continue to provide the best possible experience for our children.

You are therefore invited to participate in our parent/carers survey as your chance to share



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thoughts and experiences and which will play a significant role in shaping the future direction of our school and trust. The survey covers important topics such as curriculum, safeguarding, behaviour and attitudes, SEN provision, pupil premium and parental engagement.

Your responses will remain anonymous and will help us to identify areas for improvement and celebrate what we're doing well. We encourage you to be open and honest in your feedback, as your input is invaluable to our continuous improvement.

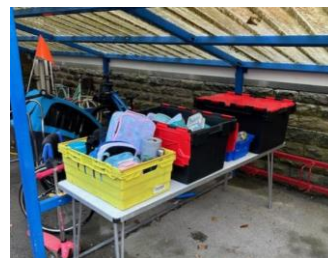
The survey will be available from Thursday 30th January to Thursday 13th February, and you can access it via the link [here](#).

Have Your Say



Lost Unnamed Lunchboxes

All unnamed lunchboxes left behind are emptied and placed in the boxes on the table under the bike shelter. As you can see there are a large number. Please help us reduce this by naming your child's lunch box which means it can be returned directly to them. Thank you.



Lost Property

There have been several items of clothing lost that we cannot locate in school.

Please can parents and carers check their children's school bags and homes for any items that have mistakenly made their way to the wrong home, and which have another child's name in.

Please do ensure that all items of clothing have your children's name clearly labelled so they can be returned to them if lost.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Planetarium Visit

Children in KS1 had the most exciting afternoon of learning this week when Ben from 'Wonderdome' Planetarium came to visit us with his mobile planetarium to enrich our science learning about space. We were awestruck by the incredible presentation that Ben gave and we learnt so much about the size of space, the planets in our Solar System and what makes Earth so special.

For more pictures have a look at the [News Section](#) of our website.



Early Years

This week the Wrens class have met Numberblock 8 in Maths, also known as 'Octoblock.' The children have explored different ways of making 8, as well as creating their very own Octoblock with collage and paper squares too.



In RE the Wrens have been thinking about where they belong and which groups religious people belong to. To help them remember some of the religious symbols that represent different groups of different religions, the children made the symbols out of playdough.

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.

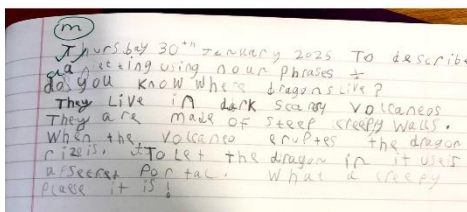
If families have any other questions about the curriculum their children are studying, please in the first instance speak with your child's class teacher.

The image shows three curriculum overview cards for the Spring Term 2025. The first card is for English, detailing the 'The Lion and the Unicorn' story and the 'The Curious Case of the Missing Marmite' story. The second card is for Mathematics, focusing on number lines and the 'Mastering Number' scheme. The third card is for Religious Education, discussing the Resurrection and the Easter story.

St Peter's Writer of the Week!

Arlo from Finches Class.

Our writer of the week this week is Arlo from Finches. Arlo wrote a fantastic description of a setting where a dragon might live. He managed to include expanded noun phrases, a question and an exclamation sentence. Well done Arlo on an incredibly creative setting description!



Assessment Parent Guides

We are pleased to have updated our parents 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 image is a screenshot of the school's website. The header includes the school name 'St. Peter's Church of England Primary School' and navigation tabs for 'Welcome', 'Vision', 'Admissions', 'School Information', and 'Classes'. The main content area is titled 'Statutory Assessments' and provides information about the assessments children will undertake during their time at the school.

Sporting Competition Series

This week it was the turn of children from Years 5&6 to represent St Peter's in the Sporting Influence Dodgeball competition series hosted in the sports hall of Harrogate High. Strongly represented with a team of 12 the children played matches against 7 other local schools coming second overall and just a single point between themselves and the winners. Well done to all who took part.



Collective Worship

This half term in our worship we are exploring the theme of perseverance. This week we explored the story of Jeremiah and how he persevered to spread God's word despite many around him not wanting to listen. We talked about having perseverance with our beliefs keeping going even when faced with a challenge.



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 recent meeting and contributed their ideas. It was 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 or via the [FOSP Facebook Page](#). Or email fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk

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

Community News



[Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#)

← Back to national

North Yorkshire

1,480

CHILDREN

201

SCHOOLS

[Sign the Pact](#) 🍌

[Share the Pact](#) 🔗

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

NHS

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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

- *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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