



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 28 February 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.

Safe Snacking

As a registered Early Years provider, we support and adhere to the Early Years Food Safety Standards. You can read about these in full [here](#). While these are written specifically with children under the age of five in mind, their advice and guidance is applicable for children who are older also.

One area where we would really appreciate parental support in is relation to grapes sent as a snack. If sending grapes, it would be most helpful if these could be cut lengthways and into quarters.



Local Food Bank Information

Mowbray Community Church, Harrogate

07885529864

Opening times		Address
Mon	Closed	Mowbray Community Church
Tue	10:30 - 12:30	Westmoreland Street
Wed	Closed	Harrogate
Thu	Closed	HG1 5AT
Fri	10:30 - 12:30	
Sat	Closed	
Sun	Closed	

[Directions via Google Maps](#)

Jennyfields Evangelical Church

07885529864

Opening times		Address
Mon	Closed	J E C
Tue	Closed	Grantley Drive
Wed	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate
Thu	Closed	hg3 2xu
Fri	Closed	
Sat	Closed	
Sun	Closed	

[Directions via Google Maps](#)

Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens – Hayley & Noah Kingfishers – Bea & Lyons Sparrows – Isabelle S & Finley Finches – Alex & Hetty	Owls – Felicity & William Starlings – Sophie & James	Herons – Rex & Hugo Ravens – Flora T & Noah C Eagles – Skyla & Florence

Golden Light Switch Award

The Golden Light Switch award is presented each week to the class who have earned the most eco points throughout the week. Points can be earned every day by switching off the lights and smartboard when classrooms are not in use. The winning class will keep the trophy in their classroom for the whole week.

This week the Golden Light Switch Award goes to: **EAGLES**



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)
February Half Term Holiday		
Tuesday 4 March 3.15pm	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Sale and Races	All welcome.
Tuesday 4 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes – Sign up via Arbor.
Thursday 6 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes – Sign up via Arbor.
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day	All classes
Tuesday 11 March	Parent consultations timings to follow.	All classes – 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 – Sign up via Arbor.
Monday 17 – Friday 21 March	Climate Education Week	Various curriculum activities across the week for all classes.
Wednesday 19 March	Eco Group Harlow Carr Visit	Members of Eco Council
Friday 21 March 2025	Red Nose Day	All classes
Monday 24 March 1.30 – 3.15	Early Years Stay and Play	Children and Parents in Wrens.
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
Thursday 3 April 7.00pm	FOSP Quiz Night with Fish and Chip supper.	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		

Staffing

We would like to formally welcome Mr Parkinson who has joined us this week as maternity cover for Miss Wilson.

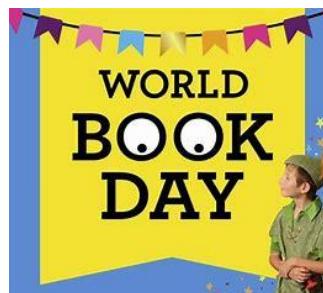
Mr Parkinson has enjoyed his first week at St Peter's settling and getting to know children, families and staff. I am sure you will join me in giving him a big St Peter's welcome and help him as he settles into the St Peter's family.



World Book Day 2025

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day 2025 this coming Thursday 6 March.

We have a number of book and special reading events planned for during the day including a book swap (children can bring a book they have already read and no longer wish to keep to swap) as well as our usual dressing up. Children may come dressed as their favourite character from a book or wear their pyjamas ready for a story time.



World Thinking Day

We were delighted to be involved in recognising and celebrating World Thinking Day this week. Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to celebrate the Girl Guiding and Scouting Movements speak out on issues that affect young people and fundraise for 10.8 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 153 countries. We were pleased to stand alongside all our children who are part of these groups and support them as they wore their various guiding and scouting uniforms in school this week. Thank you to all the children who spoke so well to their classes about this day and their involvement in guiding and scouting.



Here are some comments from some of the children involved.

'Thinking Day is about when Brownies and Rainbows first started. It also celebrates the future - we want a better future for our planet' - Emily W

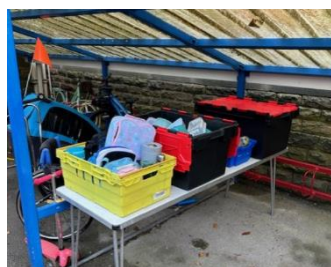
'I love brownies because you get to do arts and crafts and you get to go camping' - Rosie D'

'I love doing crafts, we made Chinese dragons' Olivia T

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.

We will leave these here until Easter and will then recycle where possible.



Share Your SHINES – Motocross Success.

We are always delighted to learn about our children's lives and activities away from school. Thank you to Oscar for sharing this news with us this week.

Oscar took part in his very first motorbike trial, and he did amazingly well! Despite lots of people watching, he was confident, polite, and a real credit to his school—so much so that the organisers even commented on it and wanted to know which school he goes to. And to top it all off, he came 1st!

If you would like to share your 'Shine Successes Stories' please just email them to admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk



Design Technology

Owls have really enjoyed their DT projects and have been preparing their castle designs.

We have all been using nets to produce different 3D shapes that can be used for our final design!



Upper Key Stage 2 Poetry

In Eagles and Ravens, children have been writing poetry based on a wonderful book called 'The Lost Spells'. The Lost Spells is a pocket-sized treasure that introduces a beautiful set of natural spell-poems and artwork by beloved creative duo Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris. The children wrote their own acrostic poem, about an animal or plant of their choice, using the book as inspiration. Below we have a selection of poems written by the children in Eagles and Ravens. We have entered all the poems into the 'Wonderverse' national poetry competition. Fingers crossed!

For more examples of their wonderful writing please visit the [News Section](#) of our website.



Early Years

In Science this week the Wrens have been looking at life cycles. They have learnt all about the life cycle of a frog and explored some messy play that looked just like frog spawn!

Trevor the tortoise needed a bath this week so the children in the Wrens class have helped Mrs Renton bath him! They thought it would be a great idea to create their very own Trevor's top fact book too. The facts the children wrote were brilliant. Trevor has loved reading through them throughout this week.



For more pictures have a look in the News Section of our website.

Collective Worship

As we begin a new half term we have started to consider and reflect on a new value. This half term we will be exploring the value of Justice. This week we reflected on –

'If justice is always about treating everyone exactly the same or if it's a bit more complicated than that.'



Stay and Play – Save the Date

The Wren's Early Years team are excited to be planning a Stay and Play Session for parents of children in Wrens for next half term.

The Easter theme Stay and Play session will take place on Monday 24 March 2025 from 1.30pm – 3.15pm.

During this session parents, carers or family members are welcome to come along and join in with their children in the various provision in our Early Years unit both indoor and outdoor. Families are welcome for all or part of the session. We hope the advanced notice gives families the chance to arrange someone to attend from each family. If you have any questions regarding this, please do speak to Mrs Renton or Miss Ward.



FOSP News

FOSP
FISH
+ CHIPS
QUIZ

3rd April
7pm - 9.15pm **£10**

Lower ground hall at school.
Groups of 10 or buy a single ticket
and we'll put you in a group.
BYOB. Corkage donation welcome.

To book email FOSP2015@yahoo.co.uk
BACS payment to St Peter's PTA, Yorkshire Bank
Acct 16916423 S/C 05-04-54

PANCAKE DAY
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH



PANCAKE STALL
AND RACES.

AFTER SCHOOL IN THE BACK
PLAYGROUND AND LOWER HALL.

£1 A PANCAKE
CASH PREFERRED



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

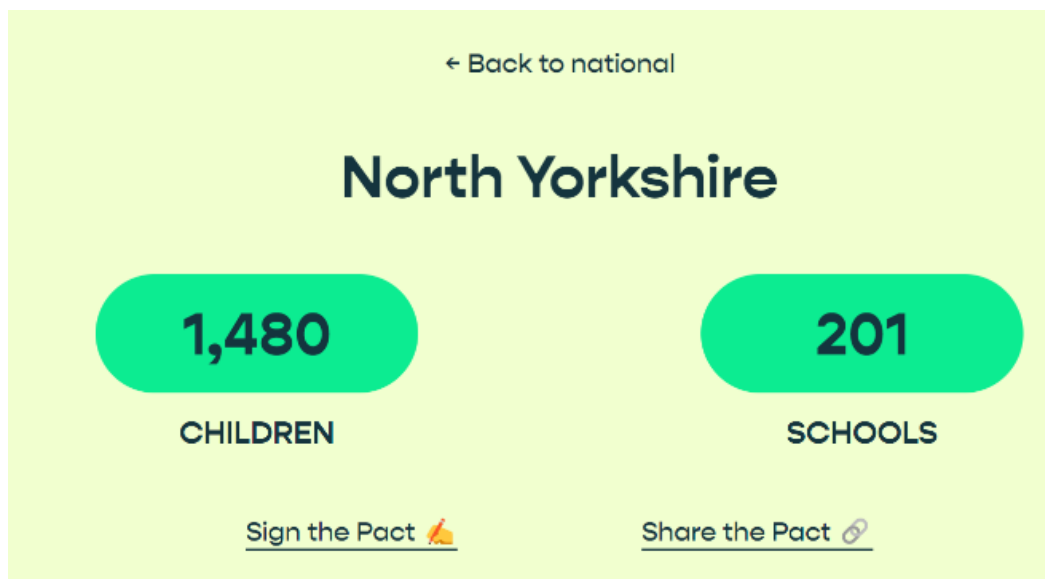
FOSP Planned Events – Help Needed for All.

- 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](#)



UPDATED – 7.2 2025

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
Oatlands Community Junior School, Harrogate[7] ↗	58
Brackenfield School, Harrogate[28] ↗	53
Scarcroft Primary School, South Bank ↗	45
Oatlands Infant School, Harrogate[7] ↗	43
Harrogate Ladies' College, Harrogate[28] ↗	41
Embsay CE Primary School, Embsay[4] ↗	40
St Peter's School, Clifton ↗	40
St Peter's CE Primary School, Harrogate[8] ↗	38
St Mary's RC Primary School, Knaresborough[10] ↗	36

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

Anyone for cricket?!

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for 2025.

Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our 12th year delivering a junior cricket programme. We operate 4 adult teams and are one of the few clubs to have junior teams in every age group of the Nidderdale Junior League.

We are now recruiting new players for our Under 9 and 11 teams.

Pre-season training starts on Friday 7th March and runs every week up to and including Friday 11th April at King James School sports hall, Knaresborough at the following times:

School year 3 & 4 boys and 5 & 6 girls: 6-7pm

School year 5 and 6 boys: 7-8pm



We then commence outdoor training at Ripley Cricket club every Friday from 25th April, 6.15-7.30pm.

Training is led by English Cricket Board qualified coaches, and all coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have undertaken English Cricket Board Safeguarding training.

There is no charge for pre-season training. Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience or equipment is necessary.

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.



For children in school years 1 and 2, Ripley are delivering the ECB All Stars Cricket programme. All -Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. The programme starts on Friday 16th May from 6.15-7.15pm and runs every Friday up 18th July. Booking details will follow in due course.



Musical Opportunities for All

Saturday mornings (during term time)
Time: 9.30 - 12:30
Venue: St Aidan's C of E High School

Please contact emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk for more information.



New members get free ensemble membership for one half term!

Music Centre Ensembles & Times

9.30 - 10.05	Musical Munchkins. For children ages 3-4
10.15 - 10.50	Sound Explorers. For children ages 5-7
9.30 - 10.45	Blast Off!
9.30 - 10.45	Concert Orchestra
9.30 - 10.45	Harrogate Youth Percussion Ensemble (HYPE)
9.30 - 10.45	HYJO (Harrogate Youth Jazz Orchestra)
11.15 - 12.30	Concert Band
11.15 - 12.30	String Ensemble
11.15 - 12.30	Youth Choir
11.15 - 12.30	Adult Ukuleles (Adult Ensemble)
11.15 - 12.30	Parental Guidance (Adult Wind Band)

For more information about our ensembles or to enquire about lesson availability, please visit harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk or contact emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk

We also offer tuition in the following disciplines:

- Bowed Strings
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Guitar & Bass Guitar

Facebook: Harrogate Music Centre
Website: harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk



We are very excited to be able to offer two early years groups at Harrogate Music Centre. These groups are designed to help young children develop a love for music and improve their cognitive skills. Led by experienced teachers who use age-appropriate activities such as singing, dancing and playing musical instruments, your budding young musicians will develop their communication, emotional intelligence and build their confidence in these sessions.

We currently offer the following sessions which each last 35 minutes:

09:30-10:05 – Musical Munchkins – For children aged 2-4, accompanied by 1 parent.

10:15-10:50 – Sound Explorers – For children aged 5-7, unaccompanied.

These sessions are free for the first half term and then will be charged at £40 per term.

Musical Munchkins takes place from 09:30-10:05, and Sound Explorers from 10:15-10:50 – both based at St Aidan's High School on Saturday mornings during term time.

If you would like to register your child for either of these groups, please visit our website harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk where you can find our Term Dates and a link to complete the online application form. Please note that places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. If you have any queries, please contact Emily.Jones@northyorks.gov.uk.