



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 7 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.

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter – February 2025

We are pleased to have published our dedicated online safety newsletter for February. The newsletter which has many useful articles to support families in helping to keep their children safe in the modern digital world can be accessed for the dedicated [online safety page](#) of our website.



Main Gate

If accessing the school site during the day, please be aware the clip on the gate is designed so that adults **can** open the clip and let themselves onto the site independently. When adults leave, please can they ensure the clip is in place and fully closed as this helps the gates remain closed. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep everyone safe.



Clever Never Goes

Following a recent local alert that parents were alerted too, 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.



Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Ned & Selena Kingfishers Phoebe & Matthew Sparrows Finley & Yousaf Finches Morgan & Miri	Starlings Ariana & Reggie Owls Max & Luca	Herons Will & Sophia Ravens Annabel & Bentley Eagles Murphy & Nel

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)
Friday 14 February 3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday	All classes
February Half Term Holiday		
Tuesday 25 February	World Thinking Day – Children who are members can come to school in the guiding (rainbows, guides, ventures) or scouting (squirrels, cubs, scouts) uniforms.	All children
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

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair this week as well as all the volunteers who supported the running of this event. We hope you all enjoyed browsing and buying from the lovely selection of books. All the money spent then results in some commission that school can use to buy books for our school library.



World Thinking Day – Tuesday 25 February 2025

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 are pleased to stand alongside all our children who are part of these groups and support them by encouraging them to wear their guiding or scouting uniforms to school on this day.



Join Our Catering Team

Our Catering providers, Aspens are recruiting! We are pleased to share the details including how to apply below.

Catering Assistant

20 Hours per week over 5 days.

£11.44 per hour

Term time only

As a Catering Assistant you will support the team in basic food preparation and provide excellent service to both students and staff.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Join Grow Thrive Jobs](#) - Catering Assistant

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/carer survey as your chance to share 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](#).

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.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Wren Visit Harrogate Library

On Tuesday, the Wrens class visited the library! They had a fantastic time playing book bingo, designing their own Lego character and of course exploring the library and reading some of the fantastic books they have there. They cannot wait for their next visit. Thank you to the wonderful team at Harrogate library for making all our classes so welcome when we visit.



Aspens



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Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) Learning from the Expert.

Children in Lower Key Stage Two have been learning about oral hygiene as part of the PSHE unit around caring for themselves and others. A big thank you to Mr Anderson who is qualified dentist and came to speak to them about his role, how he helps his patients as well as what we can all do to keep our mouths, teeth and gums healthy.



Sporting Competition Series

This week was the second week for 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 10 the children played matches against 7 other local schools. They all played superbly well and put into good use some of the skills they had worked on in their recent PE sessions. 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 idea of persevering on a journey. We looked at a number of individuals who have taken on the Lands End to John O’Groats challenge from the oldest walkers to the youngest cyclists and even a man who completed the journey on a lawnmower! We discussed the challenges they would have faced and how they would have needed perseverance at different times. We reflected on the quote from the bible where Paul says;

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me’

Philippians 4.13



FOSP News

We Need Your Help



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](#)

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North Yorkshire


1,480

CHILDREN

201

SCHOOLS

[Sign the Pact](#) 

[Share the Pact](#) 

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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




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

- *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.



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

totalsports

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

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



15% JANUARY SALE DISCOUNT!!!
USE THE 15% DISCOUNT CODE ON ANY 2025 HOLIDAY CLUB!
HEAD OVER TO OUR WEBSITE, SELECT YOUR COURSE AND DATES - ENTER THE CODE "15%" INTO THE DISCOUNT CODE BOX!!

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 03444141313

February Holidays

Running from St Peters Primary School, Belford Road, HG1 1JA.

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th February

CLOSED FRIDAY 21st

Monday 17 th	 Library visit / Trip to Knaresborough
Tuesday 18 th	Funclub Bake Off 
Wednesday 19 th	 Walk to Valley Gardens & Messy Play
Thursday 20 th	Cinema trip & crafts 

Trips/ outings will be weather dependent.

There will be lots of other fun activities planned:

- Arts and crafts
- Role play
- Dancing
- Messy play
- Outside play and sports games
- Board games, jigsaws, and books
- Construction and much more...

Please ensure to provide your child/children with a healthy and nut free packed lunch (no ready meals), water bottle, appropriate clothing + footwear for the weather and a spare change of clothes.

Please note that we have **NO** Bike & Scooter days planned this Holiday, if your child/children travel to Holiday club on a bike/scooter please leave these locked up safely until collection time.