

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 14 March 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.

Dogs on Site

A polite reminder that we are not permitted to have any dogs other than assistance dogs on the school site. This includes all dogs including those that can be carried. We respectfully ask that this is always followed by all families. As necessary please share this information with any family members who may be bringing or collecting children from school. Thank you.



Emotional Wellbeing Support

Shout is the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope.

As a digital service, Shout became vital during Covid-19, as one of the few mental health services able to operate as normal at this time. We have seen the need for our support remain high through the UK's cost of living crisis.

Shout is powered by the charity [Mental Health Innovations](#), which also powers [The Mix](#), a service providing free, anonymous online advice about the important issues in young people's lives.



Home Safety Advice

Children need to explore and experiment, so minor bumps and bruises are part of growing up. But some children suffer the pain of serious accidents that can alter the course of their lives forever. Many of these serious accidents can be prevented by simple changes to everyday routines. The [child accident prevention trust](#) has some great advice for families who can also sign up to their safety alerts to stay up-to-date with new dangers and top safety tips.



Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens – Ted & Samuel Kingfishers – Seb & Gaibriel Finches – Faye & Wilf Sparrows – Riccardo & Hannah	Owls – Rosie & Hugo C Starlings – Sophie & Ariana	Hérons – Eli & Henry Ravens – Violet R & Eli Eagles – Phoebe D & Martha

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 Class



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		
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
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		

General News

Staffing News

After twenty-four years of dedicated service Mrs McNichol will finish teaching at St Peter's at the end of this academic year to enable her to dedicate more time to her family including her new grandson. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done over the years at St Peter's and wish her all the very best for the future. We will be saying a full and proper goodbye closer to end of the year and will keep families updated regarding this.



Reading Books



Please can children return reading books promptly when finished as when this does not happen there are not enough for the children in each reading group. Thank you.



Red Nose Day 2025

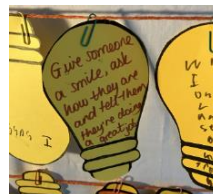
We are pleased to be joining in the Red Nose Day celebration later this month on Friday 21 March. There will be a range of events including an in class best joke competition and a school-based version of 'easiest quiz on the radio'. Children should wear full school uniform on this day but may accessorise with red items (e.g socks, tie, scarf, hair accessories). We will collect donations to go towards the Red Nose Day total via parent pay.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

We were delighted to welcome Sue Kirby and a team of wonderful volunteers from both St Peter's and St Paul's churches into school this week to host the running of a prayer and reflective spaces event. On Monday the team transformed 'The Snug' into a prayer and reflective spaces room ready for visits from Tuesday.

On Monday evening they led staff training to support staff in their understanding of how to develop prayer and reflection in their classrooms through worship and within the curriculum. Staff also had the opportunity to pause and reflect themselves.



Supporting Spiritual Life in School

Children in Key Stage Two then all had the opportunity to visit in small groups throughout the week experiencing the different activities to pause and reflect.

Here are some of the comments from the children following their visits.

'I was not expecting what we just experienced! It was calm, quiet and so many different zones to choose from that I could spend time in. I particularly loved the headphone spaces and listening to the calming music.'

'I feel like all the weight has been taken off my shoulders and I feel a better version of me'

'I loved how peaceful it was. I feel closer to people'

'I feel lighter now'

We hope to continue working with the volunteers to re-create this experience each year and develop more permanent spaces in school to support our children's spiritual development.

For more photos, please visit the [News Section](#) of our website.

Early Years Science

The Wrens class have been learning all about Spring this week in science. Over the weekend, some of the class had noticed crocuses and snowdrops had sprung up, as well as daffodils too. They have enjoyed creating their very own Spring trees using pink paint and glitter to represent the beautiful blossom that they cannot wait to see very soon.



Key Stage Two History

Children in Key Stage Two have had their history learning brought to life with a visit from living history specialists from Murton Park this week. Equipped with a host of artefacts and clothing items children learn from expert historians in a special assembly and follow up workshops. They had the chance to handle artefacts learning about their uses and how different aspects of life have changed over time. The children asked insightful questions and thought carefully about the different activities and challenges given.

Thank you to FOSP for supporting with a contribution towards the cost of this experience.



For more pictures please visit the [News Section](#) of our Website.

Our Sporting Shine

We were delighted to take a nine strong team of children from years 1 and 2 to Harrogate High this week to take part in the Sporting Influence dodgeball competition series.

Seven schools took part in the competition, and we played against them all, overall, we came 2nd out of the 7 schools.

Bobby received a certificate for his social skills from the sporting influence team as he was noticed for encouraging his teammates and sharing the dodgeball when he got it, making sure all his team got a turn with throwing the ball. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mrs Oldfield for accompanying the team.



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Competition Winners

We were delighted to take our World Book Day competition winners to a special book workshop at Waterstones Bookshop in Harrogate this week. All the children had won their class book cover competition and enjoyed a lovely visit. The children had the opportunity to learn about how the shop operates, browse the books and even enjoy a story time session and hot chocolate, as well as bring home a book goodie bag. Well done to all our winners and thank you to the Waterstones team for hosting this special event.



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Share Your SHINES – Story Sacks in Action

Thank you to Roxie, Daisy and Xyla for sharing their enjoyment of one of our story sacks. It is lovely to see them in action and enjoyed by the whole family.



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

Eco Council Book Swap

On World Book Day, Eagles class launched a sustainable in-class book swap trial. Every Friday, the book swap will open. The children can bring a book from home to exchange for a 'book buck' which can then be used to buy a new book. If the trial works well, the book swap will be rolled out to other classes across school. We hope the book swap will promote a love of reading sustainably whilst also saving parents and carers money as new books can be expensive. The children will also be able to enjoy watching their friends read their pre-loved books and share reading recommendations.





As you can see from the list (below) 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.

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

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

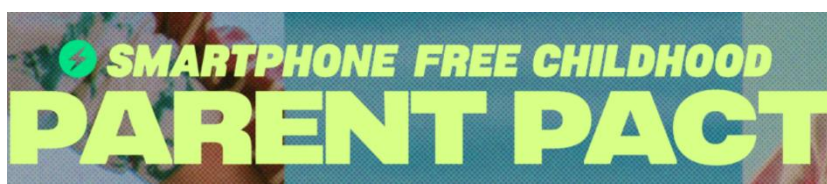
FOSP FISH + CHIPS QUIZ
3rd April
7pm - 9.15pm **£10**

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

TICKETS NOW AVAILIABLE.
BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.

Community News



Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact

UPDATED – 7.3.2025

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

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] ↗	61
Brackenfield School, Harrogate[28] ↗	53
St Peter's CE Primary School, Harrogate[8] ↗	47
Scarcroft Primary School, South Bank ↗	45
Oatlands Infant School, Harrogate[7] ↗	43
Harrogate Ladies' College, Harrogate[28] ↗	41
St Peter's School, Clifton ↗	41
Embsay CE Primary School, Embsay[4] ↗	40
St Mary's RC Primary School, Knaresborough[10] ↗	36
Rossett Acre Primary School, Harrogate[7] ↗	25
Lothersdale Primary School, Lothersdale[5] ↗	24
Scotton Lingerfield Community Primary School, Scotton[9] ↗	24

Support for parent and carers



SCAN ME

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.thego-to.org.uk



The Go-To

For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

NHS

Easter

Art4Kids
Workshops to Inspire the Young!
Age 7-13

Briggate Art Studio
Knaresborough

Information
TEL: Fiona on **07931 778276**
or chameleonartclasses@gmail.com

Chameleon Creative Arts

Mon, Wed, Fri, 10-12

Leeds and Bradford Triathlon Club

JUNIOR AQUATHLON

Sunday 1st June

The Edge – Leeds University

ALL abilities welcomed and indeed encouraged

Perfect way to start multi-sport events

Same heated pool used by Olympians

Closed running course set within the University grounds

Professional chip timing

Medals & goodies for all competitors

No special equipment needed

Distances based on age

- **TriStar Start** (8 years) – 50m Swim & 600m Run
- **TriStar 1** (9-10 years) – 150m Swim & 1200m Run
- **TriStar 2** (11-12 years) – 250m Swim & 1800m Run
- **TriStar 3** (13-14 years) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run
- **Youth** (15-16 years) – 400m & 3000m Run
- **Junior B** (17-18 YRS) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run

Note: Ages are as of December 31st 2025.

This event always sells out each year so **Book Here**

<https://lbt.org.uk/junior-aquathlon/>

or just google or scan the QR code



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Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and we'll provide the rest.

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 7th-10th, 14th-17th April 9:30-16:30

Brimham Rocks: 7th-9th April, 14th-16th April 9:30am-16:30

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Our next camps are: 7th - 20th April

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