



LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 21 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 <u>letters</u> <u>section</u> of our website. As well as our weekly newsletter there is also plenty of school news shared throughout the week in the <u>News Section</u> of our website.

Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of <u>Love</u> <u>Learn Shine</u>. 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.

Here to Help

As we enter the second half of the school year now is a great time to check in on your child's attendance. You can do this via the Arbor parent app.

There is more information regarding the impact of great attendance via our website here.

If you would like to discuss support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling 01423 569684.



School success starts with attendance

NSPCC Advice and Support

Support for parents Whatever family life brings, we're here to help

The NSPCC have a wide range of support and advice for families on a whole host of safeguarding and welfare topics including managing family life and supporting children with relationships.

Their family friendly guides and advice can all be accessed here.

Childline Calm Zone and Toolbox Resources

Did you know, Childline is much more than just a phone helpline.

They have a fantastic wide range of quality assured resources written by experts to support children with emotional wellbeing, from breathing exercises to toolbox kits, to support with friendships and lots more.

All these resources can be accessed by children and families free of charge via their <u>website</u>.







Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Key Stage One		
Wrens – Amelie & Sumaya	Owls – Tabitha & George	Herons – Rex & Emily
Kingfishers – Ottilie & Charlotte	Starlings – Naomi & Yahya	Ravens – Tom & Harrison
Finches – Yasmeen & Omer		Eagles – Phoebe M & Ethan
Sparrows – Jacob & Oliver P		

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: **Starlings 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 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	
Monday 31 March 7.00pm	Summer Term Club Bookings Open on Arbor	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 – During the day	Paddington Picnic – Children to come in or bring in pyjamas	Sparrows and Finches only	
Friday 4 April 3.15pm	School closes for the Easter Holiday	All classes.	
Easter Holiday			

General News

Stakeholder Surveys

Thank you to all the parents, staff and children who completed our stakeholder surveys last month. These have all now been processed and collated. Leaders including governors will review the outcomes at the next meeting of the governing board in April. Following this we will write to all families with a summary including any proposed action the school will take following on from the feedback received. Thank you to everyone who took time to respond. Your feedback has been received and will be reviewed and considered carefully. We will update further in the summer term.



There will be a vacancy on our governing board from September 2025. Please see the additional letter regarding this. As you will see from the letter the vacancy is for a Local/Academy governor meaning it could be a parent but could also be someone from our wider community.

Where you are able, please do share this around your professional and community networks as we seek to continue to have the widest range of representation on our governing board as possible. Thank you.

Summer Term Clubs

We are currently putting together the extracurricular clubs for next term. These will be sent out to parents Friday 28th March and opened on Arbor for bookings to commence on Monday 31st March at 7pm.

There will be two after school Sporting Influence clubs available through the Summer Term. Instead of booking through Arbor for these two clubs Sporting Influence have introduced a new system where Parents/Carers can book and pay direct through their site. Once the link is live we will send this out to all the relevant families.

Road Works

Please see the additional letter regarding to road works taking place around school at present.

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.











Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight





As part of our Climate Education Week, on Thursday, KS2 had an exciting assembly with Power Down Pete! Pete is extremely passionate about climate education and explained climate change in a fun and engaging way. The children learnt about the small things they could do (at home and at school) to live more sustainably and help take care of the planet.

Owls and Starlings then had a workshop with Pete all about the rainforest. On Friday, Herons will explore climate education from an international perspective with Pete. Eagles / Ravens will have the final workshops with Pete focusing on WW2 eco workshops. Look out for more news on these to follow. All classes have also learnt about Earth Hour which takes place this Saturday between 8.30pm and 9.30pm. For any families who would like to take part, further details can be found <a href="https://example.com/here-exa

For more photos, please visit the <u>News Section</u> of our website.

Year Six Mosaic Competition

After SATS, Year 6 have an exciting mosaic project to look forward to. The children will be working with Artizan interventional to make 3 large tiles which will be displayed in school.

The competition launched this week and is for Year 6 only. The challenge is to design 3 tiles to reflect our school's ethos (one tile for love, one tile for learn and one tile for shine). The winning design will be transformed into the final mosaic project! The children have been encouraged to be creative and try to reflect all the amazing things about St Peter's in their designs.

Please can all entries be returned to Ravens and Eagles class teachers by WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2025. We look forward to seeing the designs! Good luck!



On Wednesday, our Climate Crew took part in an exciting climate change event at RHS Harlow Carr. The children took part in three fascinating workshops about waste and recycling, supporting biodiversity and living in an eco-friendlier way. Mrs Pywell was blown away by the children's brilliant contributions to the workshops – they threw themselves into every task with enthusiasm and showed super critical thinking skills. They are looking forward to sharing their learning back at school with the other classes through their Eco Crew work and the different events they run in school.



A copy of the entry form can be found here.



For more pictures please visit the <u>News Section</u> of our Website.

A Busy Sporting Week

Children have enjoyed a double sporting competition week this week.

On Tuesday after school, we took a team of 5/6 girls to a 7 a side football competition at Rossett High School. There were three schools in the tournament, and we played really well as a team, overall, scoring nine goals. Violet and Maddie each received a certificate for amazing social skills whilst playing. On Wednesday we took a team of 10 year 1&2 children to Harrogate High to play in a dodgeball competition, we played against 6 other schools, the children played really well together, Isabel received a certificate for her amazing social skills, sharing the ball and always encouraging and supporting her teammates.

Well done to all who represented St Peter's so well and thank you to Mrs Oldfield for accompanying them.





For more pictures please visit the **News Section** of our Website.

Sharing a Story.

The Heron's class have been writing some fantastic stories in English. Once they had finished their books, they came to share their masterpieces with the children in the Wren's class. Each child had a very special story read to them and had some time to ask questions too. The Wren's loved having some quiet time listening to stories that the older children had written.



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.



FOSP News



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

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



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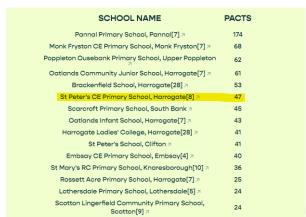


Sponsor Forms Attached with this Newsletter.

Community News



Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact



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Parents who wish to support the campaign and sign the pact can do so via the link <u>here.</u>







We're thrilled to introduce our brand-new blog, "Welcome to the Little Crickets Family: A Home Away from Home for Your Little One" − a heartfelt look at what makes our pre-school so special. ♥

Choosing the right pre-school is a big decision, and we're here to support you every step of the way. Our latest blog explores how we create a warm, nurturing environment where children feel safe, happy, and ready to learn.

- Read our blog: https://www.littlecrickets.co.uk/post/welcome-to-the-little-cricketsfamily-a-home-away-from-home-for-your-little-one
- i Join Us for Our Open Afternoon 28th March!

If you're considering Little Crickets for your child, we'd love to invite you to our Open Afternoon on Friday, 28th March, from 1:15 to 2:30 PM. Come and meet our friendly team, explore our engaging learning spaces, and see firsthand how we make early education magical.

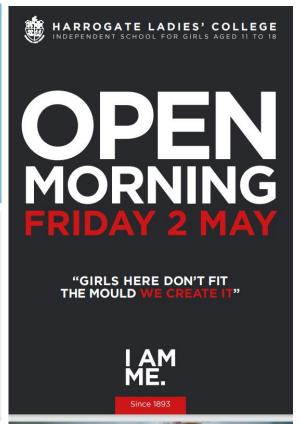
- When? Friday, 28th March, 1:15 2:30 PM
- Where? Little Crickets Pre-School, The Cricket Ground, St Georges Road, Harrogate. HG2 9BP

Book a visit: https://www.little-crickets.co.uk/contact

We can't wait to welcome you into the Little Crickets family!









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King James School, Knaresborough Wed 9th April

Boroughbridge High School Wed 16th April

Ages 7 to 13 years - 10am til 3pm

Dont forget your packed lunch, drinks & snacks.

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King James School, Knaresborough Wed 9th April

Boroughbridge High School Wed 16th April

Ages 4, 5 & 6 years - 10am til 12pm

£10 for 1 day / £18 for 2

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