



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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 [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.

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 [website](#).

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME



Awards

Shine Awards

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

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		

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.



Governor Vacancy

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.





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 [here](#).

For more photos, please visit the [News Section](#) 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!



A copy of the entry form can be found [here](#).

Climate Crew Eco Workshop at RHS Harlow Carr

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.



For more pictures please visit the [News Section](#) 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



Easter Bunny Bounce



Join FOSP in a celebration of Easter fun!
Every child in school will have the chance to spend
7 minute bouncing on a bouncy castle on
Friday 4th April to earn a certificate.
Can St Peter's children achieve a full day of continuous
Easter bunny bouncing to raise money for the school?



**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE.
BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.**

**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

**Sponsor Forms Attached with
this Newsletter.**

Community News



Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact

SCHOOL NAME	PACTS
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

UPDATED – 7.3.2025

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

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



PAINTING POLLS **SID HÖRNER & SON PRINTING**

THE GREAT KNARESBOROUGH BUNNY HUNT

5TH - 21ST APRIL

THE BUNNIES ARE BACK! BUY YOUR NEW SUPERSIZE MAP FOR £5 FROM -
BUNNY HQ ON BUTTER LANE OR THE KIOSK @ CONYNGHAM HALL

FIND THE BUNNIES. ENJOY THIS YEAR'S TWIST. FILL IN YOUR FORM & HAND THEM BACK IN TO RECEIVE A SWEET TREAT & STICKER.

A WINNER WILL ALSO BE DRAWN EACH DAY & RECEIVE A PRIZE DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES.

ALL PROFITS THIS YEAR WILL GO TO
ANDY'S MAN CLUB,
SAINT MICHAEL'S HOSPICE
AND THE KINGFISHER KIOSK.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE GREAT KNARESBOROUGH BUNNY HUNT
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGES OR GO TO
WWW.GREATKNARESBOROUGHBUNNYHUNT.CO.UK

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Exciting News! Our New Blog & Open Afternoon at Little Crickets Pre-School 🏠 ✨

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.little-crickets.co.uk/post/welcome-to-the-little-crickets-family-a-home-away-from-home-for-your-little-one>

📅 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>

7 We can't wait to welcome you into the Little Crickets familv! ❤️

Our aims:

- We encourage our siblings to be independent, confident and unapologetically themselves.
- Experience the outside world via group trips by public transport.
- To create friendships with those of similar age and circumstance, and develop a community.

To sign up your child contact us

Contact info
 hannah@thesiblinggroup.org
 www.thesiblinggroup.org
 Find us on facebook and Instagram too

the sibling group

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ABOUT US

Harrod's Pathways support of The Sibling Group was founded by Grace Williams (CEO/Provision Lead). Grace has a former special needs teacher background and has a private learning disability. Grace has experienced first-hand the lack of appropriate support for further growing and has spent years providing and adults with complex sensory and communication needs. She decided to set up SGL to support people with similar needs.

SGL is dedicated to creating positive change to adults with complex needs. Our goal is to support these individuals to thrive in adulthood by giving them appropriate support and guidance.

We offer a range of specialist activities led by a team with vast experience and training, join us in transforming lives and creating a brighter future.

Grace Williams
 CEO/Provision Lead
 Grace is an experienced and qualified special needs teacher (SEN) with experience working with young people and adults with complex sensory, communication and sensory needs and individual behaviours.

Grace has a first-class degree (BA Hons) in Special Education and a currently undertaking a masters degree in autism and inclusion.

Grace is a trained attention autism practitioner and has extensive training in sensory needs and planning and delivering sensory stories and activities. She has also published a range of research focused on the impact of having a disabled child on families, in particular siblings.

OUR SESSIONS

- Sensory Activities**
We offer engaging sensory activities such as sensory exploration, art, cooking, TACTAC and physical activities.
- Communication**
We are dedicated to enhancing the communication skills of our service users. We use a variety of specialist methods such as PECS (Picture exchange), object cues and intensive interaction techniques.
- Life Skills**
We help individuals enhance their confidence and self-reliance through cooking, personal care, cleaning and motor development.
- Community Trips**
We are dedicated to enabling our service users to access the community. This will encourage social interaction, personal growth and teamwork.
- MUSIC**
We encourage our service users to experience the joy of vibrant music, including instruments, dancing and vocal expression.

HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AGED 11 TO 18

OPEN MORNING
FRIDAY 2 MAY

"GIRLS HERE DON'T FIT THE MOULD WE CREATE IT"

I AM ME.

Since 1893

What makes us different?

- Small size enables all pupils to be known as individuals
- Scholarships in Sports, Music, Drama, Textiles, Choral, Art and Academic ability
- Mini bus routes to all local areas
- The Sunday Times Top 10 Independent School for Academic Performance North
- Means tested bursaries up to 110%

Open Days are a great way to find out more about the next school in your daughter's educational journey. Our Open Morning takes place on a normal teaching day so you'll get to see our school in action.

Open Morning
 Friday 2 May 9.30am - 12pm

- Meet our Principal, Heads of School, staff and pupils
 - Hear specialist curriculum talks
- Tour the school with our pupils including academic, extra-curricular and social facilities
 - Observe lessons and activities taking place
 - Find out practical information about joining College

To register visit hlc.org.uk/openday or email events@hlc.org.uk

To find out more, or to book a personal visit, please email admissions@hlc.org.uk or call 01423 537045

www.netball4all.com

EASTER CAMP DATES



Come and join us this Easter!
Our camps are filled with lots of netball activities and match play which you will love.

All abilities welcome.

Sign up today to secure your place.
Prizes up for grabs & certificates for all.
Get your trainers on & join us!



www.netball4all.com

JUNIOR EASTER CAMP DATES



King James School, Knaresborough
Wed 9th April

Boroughbridge High School
Wed 16th April

Ages 7 to 13 years - 10am til 3pm

£25 for 1 day / £45 for 2

Dont forget your packed lunch, drinks & snacks.



www.netball4all.com

MINIS EASTER CAMP DATES



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

Dont forget your drinks & snacks.

