



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 28 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.

Martin Powell

We were delighted to welcome our community PCSO Martin Powell into school this week. Martin came to deliver road safety awareness sessions to all our children from Early Years to Year Six. Martin made use of the THINK road safety materials to help children understand the important messages of how to keep themselves and others safe when using the pavements and when travelling with adults on the roads. There are some great follow up resources and activities that families can look at on the [THINK website](#).



Free Sensory Training for Families

*Let's Talk - Sensory Processing - Tuesday 01st April;
10.00am and 7.15pm*

This session for parents and carers of children with SEND will focus on sensory preferences, differences and how to find a calm state. The session has been developed in partnership with NYC Inclusion and NHS Occupational Therapy. Sessions will consider the following questions:

- What is sensory integration?
- Why do people respond differently to their environment?
- What is the purpose behind actions?
- Is it ok to intervene and how do we go about it?
- How can we develop self-regulation?

Filtering System Checks

When was the last time you checked?

Parents can check their home internet filter's effectiveness at www.testfiltering.com



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*Both sessions are the same (no need to attend both)
No prior booking required - the direct meeting links
can be found on the events section of our website
here - [Upcoming Events — Parent Carer Voice North
Yorkshire](#)*



Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens – Lily & Leo Kingfishers -Augustin & Jeannie Sparrows – Freddie & Isabelle S Finches – Miri & Rory	Owls - Florence & Felix P Starlings -Oscar & Cedric	Hérons – Xyla & Layla Ravens – Ted & Oliver Eagles – Isaac & Ryan

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 Ravens Class

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)
February Half Term Holiday		
Tuesday 1 April	Broadband Switch	Please see newsletter section regarding this.
Thursday 3 April 9.30 St Peter's Church	Easter Service.	All classes. Helpers to walk to church most welcome, please meet front playground 9.10am.
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	NEW EVENT ADDED - Paddington Picnic – Children to come in or bring in pyjamas	Sparrows and Finches
Friday 4 April 3.15pm	School closes for the Easter Holiday	All classes.
Easter Holiday		
Monday 21 April	Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed	All classes
Tuesday 22 April	School Reopens for the start of the summer term	All Classes
Friday 25 April	Closing Date for Governor Nominations	Open nominations see letter .
Monday 5 May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	All classes
Tuesday 6 – Wednesday 7 May	Year 4 Herd Farm Residential	Year 4 children from Owls, Starlings and Herons.
Monday 12 – Thursday 15 May	End of Key Stage Two (Year 6) SATS Week	Year 6 children from Ravens and Eagles
Friday 23 May	School closes for half term	All classes
May Half Term		

Monday 2 June	School re opens	All classes
Thursday 5 June	Class photos and Year 6 Photo	All classes – full school uniform please.
Wednesday 11 June 2.00pm	Strawberry Tea Music Concert	Families welcome
Thursday 19 June	First Aid Awareness Sessions from Sporting Influence	Year 6 children
Tuesday 24 June afternoon	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit	Year 6 Children
Thursday 26 June	Mr Smit External Adviser Visit	All classes
Monday 1 July	Year 6 Transition Day St Aidan's	Year 6 children moving to St Aidan's in September
Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 July	East Barnby Residential	Year 6
Tuesday 8 – Thursday 10 July	Year 6 Transition Days HGS	Year 6 children moving to HGS in September
Wednesdays 9 – Thursday 10 July	Year 6 Transition Days Rossett High	Year 6 children moving to Rossett High in September
Friday 11 July	End of Year reports sent to parents	All classes
Thursday 17 April 9.30am St Peter's Church	Leavers Service	All classes and families welcome.
Friday 18 July	School closed for end of summer term	All classes
Summer Holiday		

General News

Walking Bus

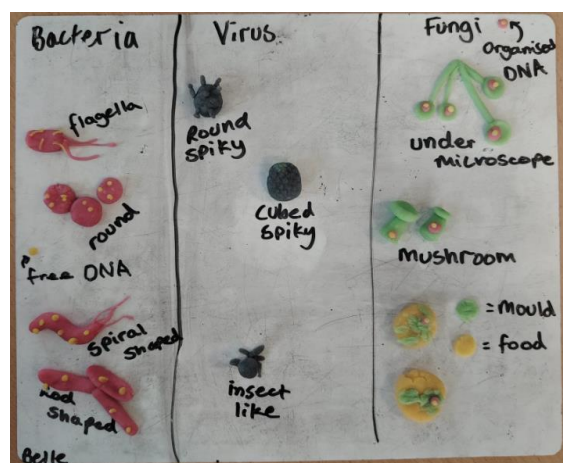
Thank you and a big well done to everyone who walked some or all the way to school today. It was great to see so many walkers join our walking bus from the Stray, each enjoying the benefits of stretching their legs before the start of the school day. A walk is a great way to start the day. It is great for our physical and emotional wellbeing and helps reduce the number of vehicles on the road.

SAVE THE DATES - Next Walk to School Dates -
Fri 23 May 2025
Fri 27 Jun 2025



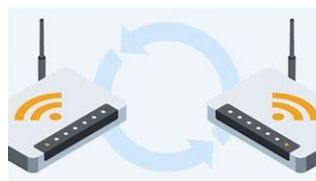
External Adviser and Governor Visit

We were delighted to welcome Mr Smit our Trust external adviser into school this week alongside with Mrs Parker one of our Governors. Mr Smit is a registered Ofsted inspector as well as a school adviser and brings a wealth of experience to his role. He spent time discussing and reviewing our school development strategy as well as working with Mrs McNichol looking at Science across the school, visiting all classes. He was impressed with the attitudes to learning displayed by all the children and commented positively on the work of children in Year 5 Herons who made cell models of bacteria, fungi and viruses from playdough including the added challenge of adding DNA or a nucleus to the cell models. He will return in the summer term to undertake a focus look at the personal development opportunities for children.



Broadband Switch

As part of our ongoing digital amplification and resilience work, we are moving Broadband providers. The switch must take place in line with the contract ending and a new contract commencing with the date outside of our control. The switch over date is **Tuesday 1 April 2025**. We have been assured continuity of service will remain, however we are taking precautions in case there is an interruption to service. School will be fully open on this day however if there was any temporary interruption to our service this would impact on our phone system which like many other schools and business is internet based. We have school mobile phones for emergencies and if necessary, will share the number with families should it be necessary.



Stakeholder Surveys

As mentioned in the newsletter last week leaders including governors will review the outcomes at the next meeting of the governing board in April. Following from 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.



Drink Bottles

As the weather is starting to feel warmer, please can all children remember to bring a water bottle with them each day, with their name clearly displayed on it. We are starting to see an increase in children not having drink bottles with them in school.



Shelter Installation

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we have been working on upgrading our Butterfly Garden area with the addition of a new covered shelter, equipment storage, outdoor chalk board and outdoor book boxes.

We are very much looking forward to fully opening this area soon. The final stage is to complete some surfacing repairs around the area and then secure the bench seating. Once this work is completed, which should take place next week or over Easter, we will open the area for use.



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.



On Friday, Eagles and Ravens had a World War Two themed eco workshop; exploring sustainability during war times, rationing and make do and mend. They also dressed as evacuees and learnt about the role of the Air Raid Precaution (ARP) service with a special visit from ARP Pete!

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

Early Years Stay and Play

Thank you to all who attended our EYFS Spring themed Stay and Play this Monday, it was lovely to welcome so many families into school to visit our children in early years.

The children loved showing their grown-ups the learning environment and completing some great Easter crafts too making full use of our wonderful indoor and outdoor early years facilities. We hope you enjoyed your visit.



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

Love, Learn, Shine mosaic tile design competition

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

The children were encouraged to be creative and try to reflect on all the amazing things about St Peter's in their designs. We were really impressed with the range of ideas and thought that was put into all the design entries. We are hoping to be able to take elements from a number of designs to create the final mosaics. We are pleased to share some of the entries here and look forward to displaying the final completed mosaics later in the summer term.



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

Bumper Sporting Week



Swimming Gala

On Wednesday children from across KS2 had an incredible afternoon at the KS2 School Swimming Gala! We were proud to be one of the ten schools competing, showcasing amazing talent and sportsmanship. St Peter's gave a fantastic performance, securing 3rd place overall! 🏆 They were holding strong in 2nd place until the very last round, demonstrating determination and skill.

We are so proud of all the children who participated and gave their best. Your hard work and dedication truly shone through. 🌟👏 Congratulations to everyone involved!

Football Tournament

On Tuesday Mrs Oldfield took a team of five girls to play football at Rossett sports centre, there were four schools in the competition, and we played against them all. The girls played really well as a team, communicating well and supporting each other. Annabelle received a certificate for respect from the Sporting Influence team.

Para Sports

On Wednesday Mrs Oldfield took six children to Harrogate High to take part in the Sporting Influence Para Sports competition. All the children got to take part in wheelchair basketball, goal ball where the children were all blindfolded and the ball had a bell in it. The children played in 2 teams and had to try and score goals. They also tried curling and Boccia which they had to do whilst seated. We are proud to work closely with sporting influence who offer a wide range of traditional sporting fixtures as well as giving children the opportunity to participate in and experience a more diverse range of sporting activities.

Jess received a certificated for respect whilst supporting and encouraging the other children in her team.



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

Collective Worship

We have enjoyed continuing to explore our theme this half term of Justice. This week we looked at the highway code as an example of a set of rules that help guide us to use the roads and pavements safely. We looked at the rules God gave to Moses in the form of the ten commandments and had some great discussions about the rules we would have to create a more just world in 2025.



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

Easter Competitions

Many thanks to FOSP who have organised the following.

Easter Bonnet or Decorated Egg Competition

Get creative and decorate a hard-boiled egg or eggs or make your very own Easter Bonnet.

Entries should be brought to school on Thursday 21 March where they will be judged and prizes awarded.

Early Years Egg Hunt

This will take place in the side garden area of school at 3.15pm on Thursday 21 March. Entry is just £1.00 with all proceeds going to FOSP funds.



Sponsored Bounce

FOSP have very kindly organised a fun fundraising opportunity for every child.

On Friday 4 April 2025 all children will get the chance to take part in a sponsored bounce. It is completely free for all children to take part. Each child will have one minute to complete as many bounces as possible with the support of their classmates cheering them on. Each child has today received a paper copy of a sponsorship form as well as this being attached electronically with the newsletter. All children may wear their PE kit on Friday 22 March.



Easter Bunny
Bounce



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



Easter Bunny
Bounce



Join FOSP in a celebration of Easter fun!
Every child in school will have the chance to spend 1 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



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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

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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

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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 POTTS

GREAT KNARESBOROUGH BUNNY HUNT

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5TH - 21ST APRIL

THE BUNNIES ARE BACK! BUY YOUR NEW SUPER SIZE 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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RIPON MUSEUMS

Hop into the Easter spirit at Ripon Museums during the school holidays!!

With creative, hands-on activities for the whole family, there's something for everyone to enjoy across our three museums. Here's a taster of what's coming up this April:

- Victorian Easter Cards - every day
- Baking sessions - 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th
- Make a Scarecrow - 9th
- Easter Crown Making - 16th
- Lettuce Planting - every day
- Cops and Robbers Puppets - every day
- Easter Code Breakers - everyday

All activities are included in the price of your ticket/annual pass. Don't miss out - check out the 'What's On' section on our website for more fun happenings

<https://riponmuseums.co.uk/things-to-do/>

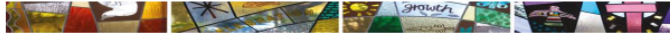


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St Peter's Clubs Summer term 2025 (April 2025)

- **Some clubs start w/c Tuesday 22nd April 2025 and some w/c Monday 28th April**
- **PLEASE ENSURE ANY CLUB PAYMENTS ARE MADE IN FULL WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING**
- **NO CLUBS LAST WEEK BEFORE BREAK FOR SUMMER**

Day & Lunchtime or After School	Duration of Club	Club	Time	Who for	Charge if applicable	Booking Details	Location
Monday After School	9 x weeks 28 th April 25 - 7 th July 25	Choir	EYFS & KS1 3:15pm - 4:00pm	EYFS & KS1	None	Book through Arbor	Meeting Room or Herons
Monday After School	9 x weeks 28 th April 25 - 7 th July 25	Choir	KS2 3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS2	None	Book through Arbor	Sparrows or Top Hall
Monday After School	9 x weeks 28 th April 25 - 7 th July 25	Sporting Influence - Summer Sports Club	3:15pm - 4:30pm	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	£4 per child per week £36 total	Book through Sporting Influence link - on separate email Max 22 x children	Stray - Neil & PG
Tuesday Lunchtime	5 x weeks 22 nd April - 20 th May 25	Recorder Club	12:00pm - 12:30pm	KS2	If new to this club, please purchase own recorder prior to first lesson	Book through Arbor Max 20 x children	Snug or Herons
Tuesday Lunchtime	5 x weeks 22 nd April - 20 th May 25	Recorder Club	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Year 1 & 2	If new to this club, please purchase own recorder prior to first lesson	Book through Arbor Max 10 x children	Snug or Herons
Tuesday After School	5 x weeks 22 nd April - 20 th May 25	Sporting Influence - Multi-sport club	3:15pm - 4:30pm	KS2 (Years 3 - 6)	£4 per child per week £20 total	Book through Sporting Influence link - on separate email Max 20 x children	Outside / Upper Hall
Wednesday After School	5 x weeks 23 rd April 25 - 21 st May 25 FIRST HALF TERM	Futsal	3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS2 GIRLS (Years 3 - 6)	£3.00 per child (to cover the cost of Futsal Balls)	Book through Arbor Max 12 x Girls	Outside
Wednesday After School	5 x weeks 4 th June 25 - 2 nd July 25 SECOND HALF TERM	Futsal	3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS2 BOYS (Years 3 - 6)	£3.00 per child (to cover the cost of Futsal Balls)	Book through Arbor Max 12 x Boys	Outside



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Wednesday After School	5 x weeks 23 rd April 25 – 21 st May 25	Table Tennis	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5 & 6	£2.00 per child per week £10.00 total	Book through Arbor Max 10 x children (This club will not run for the second half term)	Upper Hall Paul Devall
Thursday Lunchtime	11 x weeks 24 th April 25 – 10 th July 25	Makaton	12:30pm – 1pm	All Year Groups	None	Book through Arbor	Wrens
Thursday Lunchtime	11 x weeks 24 th April 25 – 10 th July 25	Homework Club	12pm – 12:30pm	Eagles, Ravens, Herons	None	Book through Arbor	Herons
Thursday After School	11 x weeks 24 th April 25 – 10 th July 25	Netball	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	£55.00 (£5.00 per session for 11 x weeks)	Book through Arbor and pay through ParentPay	Outside / Upper Hall
Thursday After School	11 x weeks 24 th April 25 – 10 th July 25	Dance Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 (Years 3 – 6)	None X 12 max	Book through Arbor	Kingfishers or Top Hall
Friday Lunchtime	11 x weeks 25 th April 25 – 11 th July 25	Chess Club	Open all lunchtime for anyone to drop in	KS2 (Years 3 – 6)	None	No need to book – children can simply turn up on the day	Starlings Class
Friday Lunchtime	11 x weeks 25 th April 25 – 11 th July 25	Drawing Club	12:30pm – 1pm	EYFS & KS1	None	Book through Arbor	Wrens Classroom
Friday After School	5 x weeks 25 th April 25 – 23 rd May 25 After school 6 x weeks 6 th June 25 – 11 th July 25 Lunchtime	Young Leaders	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5/6 (priority to year 6 in event of numbers reaching 12+)	£15.00 voluntary donation to cover cost of materials)	Book through Arbor After school for first half term & then lunchtime from 6th June 25. Max 12 (6 minimum for club to go ahead)	Snug

Sporting Influence Website link:

Sporting Influence will now be managing the bookings and payments of their clubs. Payment for their clubs need to be made at the time of booking, through their site.

You will receive an email from school at 8pm on 31st March which will include the links for both clubs and then bookings for both clubs will be all be open from 8pm that same evening.

When you receive the link, you will need to register your child / children on the Sporting Influence website before you can book the clubs. If you encounter any problems with this, you can use the link below to assist you.

<https://help.classforkids.io/en/articles/6744654-how-parents-and-carers-book-into-classes-and-camps?location=conversation>