



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 7 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.

### Messaging Apps and Groups Chats

Did you know WhatsApp has an **age rating of 13+**? This means it has been assessed as not suitable or appropriate for children under the age of 13. This is for several reasons including that children below this age are not yet equipped with the knowledge, skills and maturity to manage messaging in this way, in particular in groups. You can read more about this [here](#).



### Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

We are pleased to have published our dedicated online safety newsletter for March. This can be found in the online safety section of our website which can be accessed [here](#).



### Threadworm

We have been advised by some parents that their children have recently experienced threadworm. As per the advice children may continue to attend school if they have a case of threadworm. Families can access credible advice on the treatment of threadworm via [NHS advice](#).



### Support and Information for People Impacted by Domestic Abuse. Free Online Talks.

Accessing the right support and information can be difficult, especially if you're unsure where to turn. That's why IDAS are offering a series of free online talks designed to provide practical information and guidance in a safe, confidential space. Our talks are designed for people who have been impacted by domestic abuse who are living in North Yorkshire. More details can be accessed [here](#).



Next Steps  
Online talks

## Awards

### Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> – Alessandro & Serena <b>Kingfishers</b> – Oliver & Matthew <b>Sparrows</b> – Lyra & Daisy <b>Finches</b> – Liberty & Jaxx	<b>Owls</b> – Jamie & Elisabeta <b>Starlings</b> – Liliana & Charlie M	<b>Hérons</b> – Sophie & Freddie <b>Ravens</b> – Bentley & Alex <b>Eagles</b> – Elliot & Grace

### 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 classes that all won the Climate Champion Award are Owls, Herons, Eagles & Starlings. The trophy will be looked after by the Owls class this week. Well Done everyone!**

## 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)
<b>February Half Term Holiday</b>		
Tuesday 11 March	Parent consultations	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	All classes (except Starlings) – Sign up via Arbor.
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.
<b>Easter Holiday</b>		

## General News

### Staffing News

We are pleased to announce that Miss Crankshaw is pregnant with her baby, which is due in August. I am sure you will join me in sending her and her partner our congratulations and best wishes. We will shortly begin a recruitment process for a maternity cover teacher and will keep families updated with our progress on this.



### Behaviour Merits

We are delighted to share that so far this year children have been awarded **16,567** positive behaviour merits for demonstrating our behaviour for learning expectation of being responsible, respectful and safe. A huge well done to everyone. This week we have launched a very special '5 merit kindness award'. So far 45 of these have been awarded, one each day in each class. Families can keep fully up to date with merits awarded via the Arbor Parent App.



### Planned Road Works Around School

Please see the additional letter sent along with the newsletter this week regarding the roadworks planned for around school starting later this month. Please be reassured school will be fully open throughout these works.

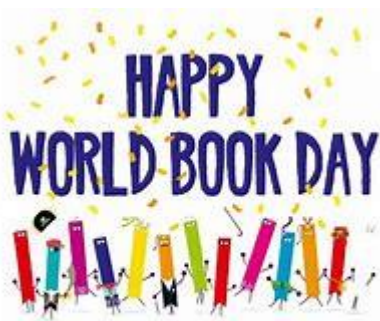


### Red Nose Day 2025

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 all very much enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2025 in style with a host of special events and activities including making the most of our newly updated library and nurture room facilities. Both these spaces have recently been fully refurbished, with a focus on creating relaxing and nurturing spaces which enable children to embrace the joy of reading. Massive thank you to Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) who have played a key role in fundraising to support both these spaces as well as generous grants from Johnson and Mukherjee.

Prior to the day the St Peter's Eco Council ran a very successful costume swap. There were over twenty costumes donated, and all the costumes went to a new home. At around £10 per costume that was around £200 saved and 20 costumes that won't be thrown away. Throughout World Book Day week children also enjoyed listening to stories recorded by staff and governors at the school who selected their favourite book to share with children.

On the day there was the long-established tradition of World Book Day costumes with children and families showing their creativity with a host of marvellous costumes. Every class enjoyed a visit to St Peter's new school library to share the selected World Book Day focus book 'What a Wonderful Word'. Children explored this book, which is a collection of untranslatable words from all over the world celebrating the magic of language, with beautiful original artwork and fascinating facts about each word and the culture it comes from. This was followed up with further work in their classrooms creating their own words from a mixture of two or more words.

Children also had the opportunity to enter the schools World Book Day competition to design a new front cover for their favourite book and explain their design. The winning designs from each year group will win a trip to Waterstones in Harrogate to take part in a special book theme workshop later in the term.



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



### Sustainable 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.



### Early Years Religious Education (RE)

In RE the Wrens have been thinking about their big question for this half term - Why do some Christians put a cross in their Easter gardens? They learnt all about the story of Palm Sunday from the Bible and made their very own palm leaves! Once the children had made their very own props, they were able to re-enact parts of the Bible story which is very important to Christians - especially in the lead up to Easter.



### Share Your SHINES

We love hearing about and celebrating children's achievements within and away from school and like to feature them on our newsletter.

*If you would like to share your 'Shine Successes Stories' please just email them to [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk)*



### Collective Worship

As we continue this half term, we are still exploring the theme of Justice. This week we explored that for true justice we need often need to use wisdom. We discussed how we can ask questions to dig deeper and learn about more situations before making decisions. We discussed how often compromise is often the wise choice.



### Stay and Play – Save the Date

The Wren's Early Years team are excited to be planning a Stay and Play Session for parents of children in Wrens for next half term. The Easter theme Stay and Play session will take place on Monday 24 March 2025 from 1.30pm – 3.15pm.

During this session parents, carers or family members are welcome to come along and join in with their children in the various provisions in our Early Years unit, both indoor and outdoor. Families are welcome for all or part of the session. We hope the advanced notice gives families the chance to arrange someone to attend from each family. If you have any questions regarding this, please do speak to Mrs Renton or Miss Ward.



## FOSP News

### Pancake Treats

A big thank you to the FOSP volunteers who helped us celebrate Shrove Tuesday this week we a wonderful pancake stall after school on Tuesday. Everyone seemed to enjoy their tasty treats while also raising funds for FOSP which go directly to support the work of the school. Thank you to everyone who helped and all those who purchased a pancake.



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](mailto:fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk)

**TICKETS NOW AVAILIABLE.  
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](mailto:FOSP2015@yahoo.co.uk)  
BACS payment to St Peter's PTA, Yorkshire Bank  
Acct 16916423 S/C 05-04-54

## Community News



# Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact

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
<b>St Peter's CE Primary School, Harrogate[8] ↗</b>	<b>47</b>
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](http://www.thegoto.org.uk)

**The Go-To**  
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

**NHS**



**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](http://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.

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**THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY!!**

# totalsports

**THE REGION'S NO. 1 HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**RUNNING AT.....**  
**HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**50+ ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK!! 2 CHOICES EVERY SINGLE HOUR!!**

**PART OF OUR ROTATING SUPER "WOW" EQUIPMENT (CHECK WHEREABOUTS ONLINE)**

**JOIN OUR ENERGY PROGRAMMES OR FOOTBALL CAMP!!**

**TAXFREE CHILD CARE VOUCHER'S ACCEPTED - SAVING YOU A FURTHER 20%!**

**FLEXIBLE BOOKING - BOOK ONLY THE DAYS YOU NEED EACH WEEK!**

**REFER A FRIEND SCHEME - SAVE £20 EACH! SEE ONLINE - IT'S SUPER EASY!**

**DID YOU KNOW?...TOTAL SPORTS ALSO TEACH IN OVER 40 PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING TERM TIME??**

**ARTY | CRAFTY | SPORTY | ADVENTURE | FUN**

**OPEN 8AM-5:30PM EVERY DAY**

**OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13 - SEPERATE AGE GROUPS!**

**BOOK ONLINE: WWW.TOTALSPORTSLIMITED.CO.UK**

## VENUES & KEY INFORMATION

AREA & VENUE	AGES	ENERGY CAMP	FOOTBALL CAMP	SWIMMING
<b>YORK VENUES</b>				
HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE	5-13	✓	✗	✓
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE, HARROGATE	5-13	✓	✓	✗
ASPIN PARK ACADEMY, KNARESBOROUGH	5-13	✓	✗	✗

**CHOOSE TOTAL ENERGY!!!**

TOTAL ENERGY IS OUR MUCH LOVED MULTI SPORT, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR ADVENTUROUS, TEAM BUILDING, FUN PROGRAMME, FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13!!  
 OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME RUNS EVERY DAY AT VENUES IN HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH!!

TOTAL ENERGY ENCOMPASSES 50+ CHOICES OF ACTIVITIES AND 2 CHOICES EVERY SINGLE HOUR! CREATIVE AND ACTIVE, THIS CAN BE ANYTHING FROM FOOTBALL OR PAINTING, YOGA TO CRICKET, HOCKEY TO DODGEBALL, CRAFTS TO DEN BUILDING, NERF TO TIC GAMES!!  
 YOUR CHILD CHOOSES EACH HOUR.

OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES OUR WOW EQUIPMENT (45FT INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE, BOUNCY CASTLES, NERF, SILENT DISCO AND MUCH MORE), WET WEDNESDAYS, PARTY THURSDAYS AND THEMED ACTIVITIES - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLUBS!!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR TOTAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AND YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS WITH OUR CHOICES!! YOUR CHILDREN ARE SPLIT INTO AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LED BY OUR DBS CHECKED EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF!!  
 WE PROMISE A HIGH ENERGY, VARIED DAY, FOR ALL INTERESTS AND AGES!!

**FOOTBALL CAMPS!!**

OUR DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS WILL ALSO RUN AT ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE. YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEIR FOOTBALL DAYS WITH OUR FA QUALIFIED COACHES!!

OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS ARE PERFECT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES AND CLUBS WITH A VARIETY OF SKILL DRILLS, CHALLENGES, GAMES AND PLENTY OF TOURNAMENTS!!

DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS FOR FOOTBALL M&D CHILDREN RUNNING EVERY HALF TERM, EASTER & SUMMER!!

**SWIMMING**

SWIM WITH OUR QUALIFIED LIFEGUARD TEAM!!

YOUR CHILDREN CAN ENJOY SWIMMING ACTIVITIES EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AS PART OF OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME AT HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE!!

**PRICES, CHILD CARE VOUCHERS & DROP OFF TIMES**

STANDARD DAY - 8AM-4PM  
 EXTENDED DAY - 8PM-5:30PM (CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PRICES)

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

PLANS CHANGED? ADD OUR INSURANCE OPTION ONTO YOUR BOOKINGS & RECEIVE A REFUND, CREDIT OR CHANGE DATES IF YOUR PLANS CHANGE!

FLEXIBLE DROP OFF BETWEEN 8AM-8AM COLLECT BETWEEN 4PM-5:30PM

**BOOK ONLINE: WWW.TOTALSPORTSLIMITED.CO.UK**



**Ready for a fun-filled, action-packed Easter?**

With the Easter holidays just a few weeks away, North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service has a range of experiences planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this Spring.

Family Activity Days are a great option for spending quality time together, taking on a challenge in the great outdoors and making memories that will last a lifetime. Join the team on a canoe journey at either Beverley Park in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby near Whitby and get 10% off your Family Activity Day booking using the code 'Hello10'.

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. They will make new friends, challenge themselves and learn a whole range of different skills, all while having lots of fun!

There are also three exciting courses available for young people to try this Easter – rock skills, paddle sports and sailing. Find out more about what's on and when at [www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays](http://www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays) and get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other!