



**St. Peter's**  
Church of England Primary School

**LOVE LEARN SHINE**

Friday 25 April 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.

### Online Safety Parent Information Session

Through our partnership with Knowsley Learning we are pleased to offer:

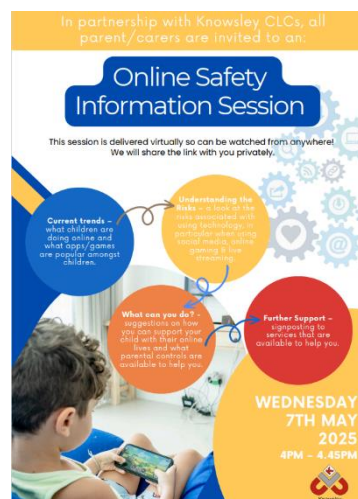
#### *Parent/Carer information session*

**Summer: Wednesday 7th May 2025 – 4pm – 4.45pm**

The link to access this session will be sent to you one week before the event so families can join if they wish. This session (and all their virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared. No pre-registration is required.

### Collection of Children

As we begin the new term, now is a good time to ensure your collection permissions are up to date. If you wish for older children to walk home by themselves or go to the library, we must have up to date consent for this. Consent can be provided via the Arbor App. If consent is not given children will remain in school until a parent has been contacted.



## Awards

### Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> – Violet & Lily <b>Kingfishers</b> – Matthew & Alice <b>Finches</b> – Arlo & Daisy <b>Sparrows</b> – Sylvia & Octavia	<b>Owls</b> – Seb & Jude <b>Starlings</b> – Tanya & David	<b>Herons</b> – Will & Lola <b>Ravens</b> – Charlie & Greta <b>Eagles</b> – Oliver & Gracie

### Golden Light Switch Award

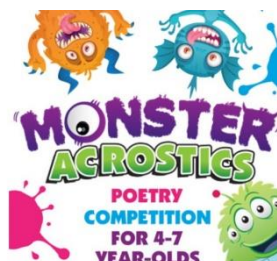
The Golden Light Switch award is presented each week to the class who have earned the most eco points throughout the week. Points can be earned every day by switching off the lights and smartboard when classrooms are not in use. The winning class will keep the trophy in their classroom for the whole week.



**This week the Golden Light Switch Award goes to: Starlings Class**

### Young Writers Poetry

In the Spring term, some children in Sparrows and Finches entered the Young Writers poetry competition and wrote fantastic monster acrostic poems. Their poems were so good that they will be published in a poetry book that will be available from the 16th of June.



**Congratulations** to all the children who entered and who are now going to be published authors!



## 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)
<b>Easter Holiday</b>		
Friday 25 April	Closing Date for Governor Nominations	Open nominations see <a href="#">letter</a> .
Monday 5 May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	All classes
Tuesday 6 – Wednesday 7 May	Year 4 <a href="#">Herd Farm</a> 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	Zero Carbon Walk to School Day – Walking Bus 8.15am West Park Stray	All children and family members welcome.
Friday 23 May	School closes for half term	All classes
<b>May Half Term</b>		
Monday 2 June	School re opens	All classes
Monday 2 June – Friday 13 June	National Multiplication Check window	Children in Year 4.
Thursday 5 June	Class photos and Year 6 Photo	All classes – full school uniform please.
Monday 9 Friday 13 June	Phonics Screening Week	Children in Year 1
Wednesday 11 June 2.00pm	Strawberry Tea Music Concert	Families welcome
Tuesday 17 June – morning.	Sports Day	All classes, families welcome
Thursday 19 June	First Aid Awareness Sessions from Sporting Influence	Year 6 children
Monday 23 June 2.00pm	Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal	Year 6
Tuesday 24 June afternoon	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit	Year 6 Children
Tuesday 24 June 6.00pm	Year 6 Production Evening Performance	Year 6 children and families welcome

Wednesday 25 June 6.00pm	Year 6 Production Evening Performance	Year 6 children and families welcome
Thursday 26 June	Mr Smit External Adviser Visit	All classes
Friday 27 June	Zero Carbon Walk to School Day – Walking Bus 8.15am West Park Stray	All children and family members welcome.
Saturday 28 June 1.00 – 3.00pm	FOSP Summer Fare at School	All welcome
Sunday 29 June 9.00am	FOSP Junior Parkrun – Valley Gardens	All welcome
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	<a href="#">East Barnby</a> 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.
Thursday 17 April 12.00 – 1.00	Year 6 Pizza and Ice Cream Van	Year 6
Thursday 17 April 6.00pm – 8.00pm	End of Year Disco	All welcome
Friday 18 July	School closed for end of summer term	All classes
<b>Summer Holiday</b>		

## General News

### Staffing News

#### Mrs MacDonald

Mrs MacDonald has recently undertaken some further training to pursue her passion for working in television and film set production. In order to be able to take up work in this area she will finish working substantively at St Peter's on Friday 2 May. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the next chapter of her professional life. As work in this area is often on a contract-by-contract basis Mrs MacDonald will continue to work with St Peter's on a supply basis, in particular during the interim period while we seek to recruit a new member of staff to join our team.



#### Miss Potter

We are delighted to share the happy news that Miss Potter is expecting her first child in October. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations to Miss Potter and her partner. We are currently undertaking a recruitment process for a maternity cover teacher and will keep families updated.



#### Playground Upgrade

As we begin the summer term we have been delighted to unveil and begin using our new playground shelter and storage area this week. The children have very much enjoyed having a quieter section of the playground to access over playtimes and lunchtimes. Within the new shelter area children can sit and talk with their friends, eat their playtime snacks, play a board game, read a book or play one of our new chalk board games. The new shelter also contains storage for playtime equipment including stilts, balance boards and skipping ropes, which the children have been enjoying using.



For more pictures have a look at the [News section](#) of our website

**Summer Term PE**

We are looking forward to continuing working with Mr Crooks from Sporting Influence next term to support our PE lessons. All classes will access the Stray for PE on Tuesdays (weather permitting) starting from the second Tuesday back (Tuesday 30 April 2025). Early Years and Key Stage One will have their lessons on a Tuesday afternoon from approximately 1.15 – 2.30. If any parents are able to come and support with walking to and from the Stray, we would be most grateful of the extra adults. If you are able to help out weekly or on an ad hoc basis we would love to hear from you. Please email [admin@stpeters.ycys.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycys.co.uk) to let us know.



**Freedom Performing Arts raffle - Dance World Cup in Spain fundraiser**

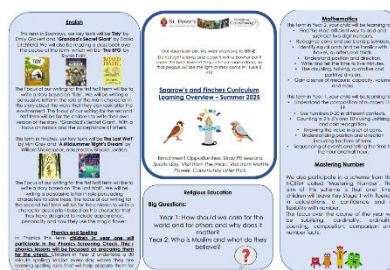
Some children in school would like to sell raffle tickets to support the Freedom Dance World Cup trip. The dance school are trying to raise £40,000 to pay for their Junior & Senior Elite Team to travel to Spain this summer and represent England in the Dance World Cup Finals. They have incredible prizes such as a STOCKELD PARK FAMILY VOUCHER, DINNER FOR 2 AT GRANTLEY HALL, AFTERNOON TEA AT GOLDSBOROUGH HALL... Plus many more! The tickets can be bought from the school office until 3pm on Tuesday 29th April. The tickets cost £2 a ticket / £10 a book. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and ALL stubs must be returned to Freedom dance school no later than 30th April.



**Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight**

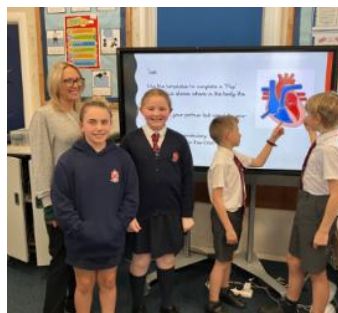
**Curriculum Overviews**

We are pleased to have produced our summer term curriculum overviews, which outline the learning ahead for the summer term for each class. We hope these provide a helpful overview that allows families to share and talk about their children’s learning over the term. These overviews can be accessed via each respective class page of the website. If you have any follow up curriculum questions, please do speak with your child’s class teacher.



**Upper Key Stage Two Science**

In science this week, children in upper Key Stage Two have been learning about the human heart and its function as part of our biology unit, the Circulatory System. We investigated how our heart rate changed during intense exercise, and we also made a fantastic 'lift the flap' model of the human body to show the position of the heart.



### Early Years

Wrens found a very exciting letter in their classroom this week - a letter from Mr Crab!! They were set a mission to find out who was stealing Mr Crab's shell.

Understanding the World & Art - Over the past weekend, many members of the Wrens were very excited to tell us about their visits to the Stray to see the blossom. They have created their very own 3D blossom pictures using tissue paper and glue.



### Collective Worship

As we begin a new half term, we are pleased to be exploring a new collective worship theme. This half term in our worship we will be learning about and reflecting on the value of service. Through our worship we will consider what service means and how we can serve others within and beyond our communities.



## Community News

**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**



## 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

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

# EMPOWERING PARENTS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE



Bounce Forward, in collaboration with the Harry Kane Foundation, are gifting a series of six online sessions that equip parents with the knowledge and tools to foster mental resilience and emotional wellbeing for themselves and their children.

**What we'll cover**

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Nurturing optimism and thinking flexibly to overcome adversity
- Helping children gain more control over how they feel and behave
- Developing empathy
- How to connect meaningfully
- Enabling a growth mindset and focusing on strengths

**17,000+ parents highly rate this programme**

*"It was so amazing, I looked forward to the sessions each week, learnt a lot of mind blowing information, that I have applied to my life and have seen improvements! Wish there was more sessions, so sad that it has ended! I have loved learning about my strengths, the ABCs, process praise, the growth mind set, being aware of my gremlins, it has been wonderful learning, and these sessions have been apart of my self care!  
Thank you ever so much!"*

**REGISTER HERE**

To register please click [here](#).