



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Friday 16 May 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.

Road Safety

As I am sure families are aware the zebra crossing outside the library is currently out of service.

We will continue to speak with the children in an age-appropriate way to discuss general road safety messages as well as the specific risks at present in and around school as well as how to minimise these risks. If your children walk some or all the way to school by themselves, please do talk to them about safe crossing places. There are some excellent tips and hints available at [THINK Road Safety](#). While it does not fully replace the zebra crossing there are a set of traffic lights and an island at the Waitrose and Stray ends of Victoria Avenue. In the absence of the zebra crossing, we advise that families needing to cross Victoria Avenue do so at either end. If your children walk part or some of the way to school by themselves, we suggest you advise them of these alternatives.



Phones in School

A polite reminder that it is our position that no child needs any type of mobile phone to attend St Peter's School. If parents feel it is essential for safety of children who are walking to or from school independently then a request for mobile phone to be brought into school form must be completed and phones must be handed to the school office upon arrival at school and collected from the office at the end of the day.

If children are bringing phones into school and then being collected by an adult, we will politely and respectfully question the necessity of the phone being in school.



Awards

Shine Awards

| Early Years and Key Stage One | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
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| Wrens – Billy & Ashton Kingfishers – Sava & Finn Finches – Liberty & Scarlett Sparrows – Yousaf & Lyra | Owls – Summer S & Emelie Starlings – Evie & Ayah | Hérons – Michelle & Emmeleia Ravens – Bentley & All the Year 6 Eagles – Maddie & All the Year 6 |

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.

The Golden Light Switch Award will roll over to next week.



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) |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Easter Holiday | | |
| 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 |
| May Half Term | | |
| 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 |
| Thursday 26 June 3.45 – 5.15 | Open Classrooms Event | All classes all parents and children welcome to come and look at work from the year. |
| 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 30 June | Year 6 Transition Day St Aidan's | Year 6 children moving to St Aidan's in September |

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| 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 July 9.30am St Peter's Church | Leavers Service | All classes and families welcome. |
| Thursday 17 July 12.00 – 1.00 | Year 6 Pizza and Ice Cream Van | Year 6 |
| Thursday 17 July 6.00pm – 8.00pm | End of Year Disco | All welcome |
| Friday 18 July 2.00pm | School closed for end of summer term | All classes |
| Summer Holiday | | |

General News

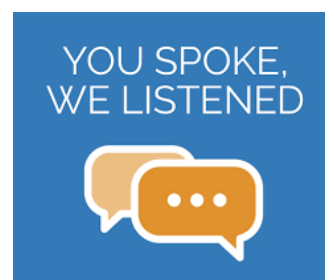
Open Classrooms - Save the date.

We are pleased to give advanced notice of an opportunity for families to come and see their children's work from the year and chat with their child's class teacher. On Thursday 26 June classrooms will be fully open from 3.45 – 5.15. Children's books will be available for viewing and teachers will be present to talk with parents about the successes of the year and answer any questions about the following year as well as chatting through tips and ideas to help children prepare for the following year group. No booking is required simply make your way to your child's class any time between 3.45 and 5.15 on Thursday 26 June. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend this with parents to share and talk through the work in their books.



Survey Follow Up

We are pleased to have sent a separate letter in addition to the newsletter this week following on from our recent stakeholder surveys. This letter outlines how leaders have reviewed the information provided by parents, children and staff and the steps we have already and those we plan to take in response to the feedback we received, many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the questionnaires.



Year Six Standard Attainment Tests (SATS)

We would like to say a big well done to all our children in Year 6 who have completed the SATS this week. They all approached these with maturity and gave 100% effort which is all that can ever be asked. Thank you to the staff team especially Mrs Bolton who provided all the children with breakfast each day this week. Thank you also to all the other children from across school who have been extra quiet this week while moving around school in order that Year 6 could keep focused on their assessments.



Sports Day 2025

SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday 17 June Morning

We are pleased to share the date for Sports Day 2025. Children will be preparing and practicing ahead of this date in their weekly Stray PE sessions.

Families are very welcome to join us to support their children. There will be toilets on hand for children, parents and any younger siblings.

We would also very much welcome some volunteers to help with the running of some activities. If you are able to help please email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Early Years

In RE, the children have been learning all about 'Special places'. This week they learnt all about the features of a church and talked about why a church is a special place to Christians. They were wowed by some of the stain-glass windows that some churches have and designed their very own!



On Tuesday, the Wrens had an exciting visit to Harrogate library. They had a fantastic time reading books and learning all about world flags too! What a great way to spend a Tuesday morning!



Young Leaders Continue to Shine

Our Young Leaders continue to shine in their weekly sessions. Over the last few weeks, they have explored traits of good and bad leadership creating freeze frames of these. They have also completed a number of challenges to test out and develop their leadership skills and qualities including the cup and blindfold obstacle course challenges. They continue to shine each week with their interactions with each other and their commitment to completing the award.

They have begun completing their five personal challenges with many of them starting this off by cooking a meal for their family. We are really proud of their efforts. Well done to them all.





The Great Cup Challenge!

On the table in front of you are a number of cups. You must make a pyramid tower with these, but **no part of your body** may touch the cups or the table. **Everyone** must be involved and you can **only use the elastic band tool** to assist you in this challenge.

You have 3 minutes and your time starts now!

Sporting Competition

On Tuesday a team of 8 year 1-2 children travelled to Rossett High School to compete in a dodgeball competition where they played against 6 other schools. The children played amazingly as a team and overall came 2nd. Tom M received a certificate for great communication skills.

On Wednesday a team of 5 children competed at Bliton cricket club in a rounders competition. The children played well as a team, the competition continues next week.

Oscar B received a certificate for amazing social skills.



Collective Worship

We have continued to explore our theme for the half term of service in our worship. This week we thought about serve with no strings attached. We explored the meaning of this idiom and considered the impact of giving without expecting anything in return on those who give and also those who receive. We have been looking out for acts of no strings service this week and have been impressed with how many children have been making an effort to help others in small but powerful ways.



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 |

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


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MAY HALF- TERM



Make history your family's next adventure at Ripon Museums

Get creative as well as learn fascinating stories from the past. Join us for family-friendly crafts across our three museums this half term

All activities are included in the price of an annual pass

- Bake in our Victorian kitchen at the Workhouse Museum - May 27th and 28th from 11:30am to 3pm
- Make your own Workhouse Wastrel - May 27th from 10:30am
- Make wooden spoon dolls in the Workhouse Museum - every day of the hols
- Create your own Victorian optical illusion at the Prison & Police Museum - every day of the hols
- Play 'Guess Who' at the Courthouse Museum to discover who is a criminal - every day of the hols

www.riponmuseums.co.uk/things-to-do

HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

Upcoming Dates:

Ilkley Cow & Calf - 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th May 2025
Brimham Rocks - 27th, 30th May 2025

Summer Dates Also Available - Check Online

Childcare Vouchers accepted





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An update on
**WELLBEING FOR
SCHOOL PARENTS**

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An NHS learning space developed by psychologists



May 2025

inourplace is funded in your area to provide your family with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on [inourplace](http://inourplace.co.uk) this month.

End of term prep for school moves

Adolescence: Emotional health for boys



Moving up

A digital hub of resources for parents to help you navigate and support your child to thrive as they move up or start a new school



How parents can raise emotional skills development for young boys

The Child Psychologist and Psychotherapist's view

[easy reads and watch digital hub](#)

[\(5 minute read\)](#)

FREE ACCESS

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Navigating nightmares and night terrors



My child is having nightmares or night terrors

Advice and guidance from Clinical Psychologists and Health Visitors with parent voices

[\(5 minute watch\)](#)

Talking about big world problems



How to talk to your child about events in the news without making them anxious

The Psychologist's advice.

[\(5 minute read\)](#)

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