



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 2 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.

Headlice

There have been some cases of headlice reported by families to school. Children with headlice should continue to attend school with any long hair tied up. Parents should follow the advice given by the NHS in relation to the treatment of headlice. This can be accessed [here](#).



Monthly Online Safety Newsletter & Online Safety Session.

We have published the May Online Safety Newsletter on the online safety page of our website. 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 is below.

[Click here](#).

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Online Safety Newsletter May 2025

Wonderlab+
Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website.
<http://familydigitalplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

Minecraft
Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.
Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are

Cyberbullying
What is cyberbullying?
Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

Free Parental Support

Raise Resilience is free for parents across the country, as part of the partnership between Bounce Forward and Harry Kane Foundation.

Growing up has never been more challenging and having an unhappy child is unbearably difficult for parents. Knowing how to respond to moods, tears and tantrums is complicated, and the way adults respond matters.

Raise Resilience guides parents through a series of six online sessions.

Packed full of tips, skills, knowledge, tools and resources that teach children how to face challenges with confidence, use their strengths to problem solve, develop empathy, understand emotions and build the mental resilience to live well in the context of an ever-changing world. Further details can be accessed [here](#).

EMPOWERING PARENTS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE

B bounce forward | **HKF** HARRY KANE FOUNDATION

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

Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens – Monty & Flynn Kingfishers – Kayleigh & Elsie Sparrows – Rabia & Eva Finches – Alex & Hetty	Owls – Sarena & Hugo W Starlings – Naomi & Grace	Hérons – Robbie & Sidney Ravens – Annabel & Noah C Eagles – Tom & Austin

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 EYFS/KS1 Golden Light Switch Award goes to **Finches**
 This week the KS2 Golden Light Switch Award goes to **Ravens**



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)
Easter Holiday		
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	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

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	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

Year Six Standard Attainment Tests (SATS)

These assessments for children in Year Six will take place the week beginning Monday 12 May 2025. The table opposite shows which tests children will take on each day.

The team will be running SATS breakfast for all children in Year 6 Monday – Thursday of this week from 8.30am in the lower hall. This is a lovely way for everyone to come together, relax and share breakfast at the start of each morning in the school hall. Children can access the breakfast via the fun club doors. This is free of charge for all children in Year 6 and no booking is required.

Test Timetable

Date	Activity
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Mathematics paper 3

Sharing Our Shine

Recently Oscar in Starlings took part in a big motorbike trial — there were 49 children competing and lots of parents and spectators watching, so it was quite a big crowd. He was a little nervous beforehand about taking part, but he pushed through his nerves — and not only did he do it, he came in 3rd place.

We are particularly proud that he was awarded the "Respect" award for being so polite and considerate to all the observers around the course. In trials, the observers stand at different sections and keep score, marking how well the riders manage each challenge. The aim of the sport is to ride over difficult obstacles without putting your feet down — if you do touch the ground, you lose points.

We’re so proud of him for giving it a go and for the way he carried himself throughout. Well done Oscar a shine to be proud of. Keep up the great work.

SHINE



We love hearing how you have shared your shine in the evenings, weekends and holidays. If you would like to share your shine news with us, please email your news and any photos to admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk

Site Safety and Security

As you may have noticed we have recently installed a small amount of CCTV equipment at school. The cameras mounted externally cover the external doors only. There are no cameras installed within the school building.

The equipment has been installed to help keep our building as secure as possible and deter any unauthorised access to the site and building considering our town centre location.

Our CCTV policy can be found in the policies page of our website.



Road Works Update

By way of an update on Victoria Avenue, over the last fortnight the contractors have:

- Completed footpath works to the northwestern corner of Victoria Ave/Station Parade with the paving installed and the footpath re-opened
- Completed one side of the new tactile crossing heading towards the island at the Victoria Avenue/Belford Street junction
- Excavated, re-kerbed and installed tactiles to Victoria Avenue/Station Parade island, which will be surfaced once the electric has been disconnected
- Excavated the southwest side of the footpath, installed ducting, Traffic Signal sockets and boxes, re-kerbed and are currently repaving the area aiming to have it back open for access this week
- The contractors are starting work on the north side footpath at Belford junction today, excavating old kerbs and flags for the reconfiguration of the zebra crossing. Paving is also continuing on the southwest section of Victoria Ave/Station Parade. Over the next 2 weeks they will be completing the works at Belford Junction/Zebra Crossing and continuing the works around the Station Parade junction. Around the 12th May they will be removing the existing traffic light set up and replacing it with temporary signals so they can work on the crossing points on station parade, these lights will remain in place until the new light installation on 27th May, assuming works continue in line with the program. There will also be lane closures on Station Parade itself to carry out ducting and Signal socket work on the eastern island.

Jasmin Gibson

Improvement Project Delivery Manager (Area 6)

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 to let us know.



Climate Education

We are delighted to share that as part of our ongoing work on climate education St Peter's have achieved Level 1 of the RHS School Gardening awards! 🌸 🌿 🌻

To achieve this the school, with our children, have demonstrated an understanding of the benefits of gardening as well as a commitment to making to most of green spaces in school including thinking creatively of how we can plant in different places such as our new mounted planters on the new playground shelter.

We received a wellbeing garden book and some seeds which we will plant with the Climate Crew.



And Next.....

As part of our climate education work, the Climate Crew have been looking at how to make our school grounds greener and more biodiverse. As part of this work, we plan to launch a gardening club. We have started to plan this work and are pleased to announce that St Peter's have just achieved their level 1 RHS School Gardening award! There are 5 levels altogether. However, to work towards level 2, we need the help of our school community...

Are you having a clear out? Do you or any family members/friends have new or used gardening equipment that you would be willing to donate to our new gardening club?

Items that would be useful to start our gardening club include propagators, seed trays, unopened seed packets, plant pots, planters, watering cans, small handheld gardening tools (such as trowels and weed forks) compost, small gardening gloves, a garden tools storage container, bedding plants and a mini/portable greenhouse.

Once we have enough equipment, we look forward to launching our gardening club and planting in the summer term. Thank you in advance, all donations would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Williams and the Climate Crew

New Story Sacks

We are delighted to have launched a brand-new set of Story Sacks packed full of fiction and non-fiction books alongside activities and games linked to these books. We are hugely grateful to CGI for their sponsorship of these new sacks which has fully funded the new bags as well as all the resources within them.



Learning Through Play
with Story Sacks

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Story sacks are a fun, engaging way to support early years literacy and learning. They combine stories with props and toys to boost children's imagination, vocabulary, and comprehension through role play. Many include themes around emotions and relationships, helping build empathy and emotional awareness.

Story sacks also strengthen home-school links by encouraging parental involvement, giving families an enjoyable way to support their child's development.

We are very grateful to CGI for their generous sponsorship of our Story Sacks.

CGI has been working with organisations across the UK for nearly 50 years. We use technology to support important services that help people and communities. With over 6,000 members in places like London, Manchester, Leeds & Newcastle, we're dedicated to giving back to the communities where we live and work.

To learn more about CGI's services and community initiatives, visit cgi.com/uk

Outdoor Learning

Herons Class has been making the most of our fantastic new outdoor shelter!

With plenty of seating and the use of a chalk board, this makes a perfect outdoor classroom - especially when the weather is glorious! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Geography lesson somewhere different, and they look forward to another opportunity to do the same again!



For more photos check out the News Section of our website.

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.



Summer Clubs

We are delighted to have launched our summer term club schedule with a wide variety of clubs at both lunchtime and after school. Mr Griffiths and Mr Atkinson from [Sporting Influence](#) have joined forces again to run a sports club. Having listened to parent feedback and with the space of the Stray this club is for children from Reception all the way to Year 6 meaning siblings can participate in a club together. It was lovely to see the older children helping the younger ones enjoy their games and activities.



English and Drama in Owls.

Children in Owls thoroughly enjoyed their drama lesson linked to our new text 'Friend or Foe!' They had to put themselves in the evacuees shoes and use intonation, body language and volume to act out their part. They were fabulous!



Collective Worship

As we continue the half term we are pleased to be exploring and reflecting on the value of service. Through our worship this week we have considered what service means and how we can serve others within and beyond our communities. We thought in particular how we can use our gifts and interests to serve others such as performing in a school or local choir.





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
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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