

Friday 23 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 <u>letters section</u> of our website. As well as our weekly newsletter there is also plenty of school news shared throughout the week in the <u>News Section</u> of our website.

Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of <u>Love Learn Shine</u>. 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.

Family Support

<u>inourplace</u> is funded in North Yorkshire to provide families 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.

They have a wide range of support on topics such as, moving up in school and understanding relationships.

All the articles and resources can be accessed here.

Big News Events

There are times when the events in the news can cause children to have lots of questions about what's going on in the outside world beyond their front door.

As parents, we instinctively want to protect our children from harm or upset, which can make having these conversations feel tricky to handle. But it's important that we do talk about them if our children ask us, so that we can support them to process what are often big feelings for them, however old they are, and for us too.

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Awards

Shine Awards

| Early Years and Key Stage One | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
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| Wrens – Olivia T & Kit Kingfishers – Elsie & Ottilie Finches – Daisy & Wilf | Owls – Alfie & Lucy Starlings – Alicia & Cedric | Herons – Freya & Charlie Ravens – Year 6 Tabitha & Year 5 Emily Eagles – Year 6 Wilf & Year 5 Grace |
| Sparrows – Isabelle S & Rabia | | |

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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 everyday 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:

EY & KS1: FINCHES

KS2: HERONS



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) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| | 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 – | All children and family member's welcome. |
| | Walking Bus 8.15am West Park Stray | |
| 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 |
| 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 | Leavers Service | All classes and family's welcome. |
| Church | 2007013 0017100 | 7 S.asses and ranning 5 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.



As part of our ongoing work on climate education we were delighted to support Walk to School Day today with our school walking bus. Harry Gator from Harrogate Town FC joined the children and families, leading the way back to school. They enjoyed a sunny walk from the West Park stray, up Victoria Avenue and around to school. The children were very excited to see Harry Gator who even stayed at school to greet all the other children arriving with high 5's and even challenged some to a game of rock paper scissors! Thank you to everyone who supported this event by joining us in person or walking some or all the way following their own route. Even walking part of the way to school is a great way to start the day getting a short burst of exercise and fresh air while preparing for the day ahead.

Climate Education

We are pleased to share some further work completed by the children through their very own Eco Council. Through discussions in class the children have written their own Eco-Code which they have displayed on their climate education board in our entrance.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ECO CODE

Save energy by turning off the lights and smart board when leaving the room.

Tidy up by putting litter in the bins.

Planting seeds to grow our own.

Explore climate education in our eco workshops and climate education lessons.

Trade and reuse pre-loved books, clothes, uniform and other items in our swap shops.

Everyone stays warm when we close our doors and save heat.

Recycle all we can by using our recycling bins correctly.

Sustainable transport by using our amazing walking bus!









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, if you are able to help please email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Library Partnership

We are delighted to have such a strong partnership with Harrogate library with regular visits for each class throughout the year. Children in early Years and Key Stage One have contributed to one of the library displays with their wonderful 'book-er-flys' which are now on display in the children's section of the library. If you have time why not pop along and take a closer look.



Herons Art

For each Art unit, Key Stage 2 children focus on a famous artist. This term we will research the life and work of either Gaudi or Matisse. Here are examples of our fact files produced.







Collective Worship

We have continued to explore our theme for the half term of service in our worship. This week we thought about serving from the heart and looking at the gifts and qualities that are not always seen upon first look. We discussed the phase 'don't judge a book by its cover' as well as how we might be able to surprise someone with an act of service from the heart. The children thought and reflected very carefully and have been surprising us this week with small yet valuable acts of service around school which has been a pleasure to see.



Sharing Our Shine

William in Herons has been nominated and received 'Rookie of the Year' award from his under 9's team at Harrogate Rugby Union Football Club.

There were three nominations for the award, and it came down to the coaches who selected William for his fantastic determination and that when he gets the ball it takes "four-five other players to wrestle it off him"!

William was awarded rookie of the year at a ceremony at Harrogate RUFC, watched on by family.

Well done to William, keep up the great work. You should be very proud of your 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



FOSP

Reading Challenge

We are pleased to be working closely with FOSP again on our annual reading challenge.

The Half Term Holiday Reading Challenge is a great way to keep reading as well as helping raise money for the school. Certificates will be handed out after the deadline of 6th June. Please hand in the completed challenge forms plus any sponsorship money to the office in an envelope marked FOSP Reading Challenge, with your child's name and class clearly marked so that we can award certificates. We hope you enjoy the challenges!



Community News



Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact

UPDATED - 7.3.2025

Parents who wish to support the campaign and sign the pact can do so via the link <u>here.</u>

| SCHOOL NAME | PACTS |
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| Pannal Primary School, Pannal [7] | 174 |
| Monk Fryston CE Primary School, Monk Fryston[7] | 68 |
| Poppleton Ousebank Primary School, Upper Poppleton $\ensuremath{\nearrow}$ | 62 |
| Oatlands Community Junior School, Harrogate[7] 🗷 | 61 |
| Brackenfield School, Harrogate [28] | 53 |
| St Peter's CE Primary School, Harrogate[8] 7 | 47 |
| Scarcroft Primary School, South Bank | 45 |
| Oatlands Infant School, Harrogate[7] 7 | 43 |
| Harrogate Ladies' College, Harrogate [28] > | 41 |
| St Peter's School, Clifton 7 | 41 |
| Embsay CE Primary School, Embsay[4] 7 | 40 |
| St Mary's RC Primary School, Knaresborough[10] 7 | 36 |
| Rossett Acre Primary School, Harrogate[7] 7 | 25 |
| Lothersdale Primary School, Lothersdale[5] 7 | 24 |
| Scotton Lingerfield Community Primary School, Scotton[9] | 24 |











Saturday 7th June 2025

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon hosted by Little Crickets PreSchool





The Green Hut 10:00am to 2:30pm

Adults £12.50 Children £7:50 Cake & Coffee £5:00

BOOK A TABLE

Name: No. of Adults: Time: No. Of Children:

For more information call us: 01423 561352 or contact Diane direct on: 07722 301520







