



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Friday 13 June 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.

Frees School Meals Expansion

Free school meals provide vital nutrition for children during the school day. The DFE have just announced that many more families will be eligible.

Over half a million additional pupils will become eligible for Free School Meals under the new eligibility criteria. The change means that all households receiving Universal Credit, above the current £7,400 income cap, will qualify for this support.

This expansion builds upon the existing provision which already covers:

- 2.1 million disadvantaged children
- 90,000 low-income students in Further Education
- Around 1.3 million infants under the Universal Infant Free

You can read more about this [here](#). If you think you might be eligible under the new criteria, please get in touch via admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684 for more advice on how to apply.



Sun Safety

As we head into the second part of the summer term and hopefully some lovely weather it is a good time to remember sun safety tips. When necessary, please can children come to school with high factor sunscreen pre applied plus a sun hat and water bottle. The NHS also has some great advice which can be accessed [here](#).



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Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens – Ben & Max Kingfishers – Elias & Rosie Sparrows – Daisy C & Sylvie Finches – Omer & Bobby	Owls – Kai & Amelie Starlings – Bea & Layla-Rose	Hérons – Sophie & Christy Ravens – Quinn & Serafina Eagles – Mia & Martha

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:

EY & KS1: Wrens

KS2: Starlings



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)
May Half Term		
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
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

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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

Sports Day 2025

We are all looking forward to Sports Day next week which will take place on the Stray from approximately 9.15am – 11.45am.

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

Please ensure your child comes to school on this day in their correct St Peter's PE kit – St Peter's PE T-shirt or plain white T-shirt and shorts or joggers. The weather for Tuesday looks warm sunny and dry. Please make sure children have suncream applied beforehand, a sun hat and water bottle.



Tue 17th



22°
10°

Sunny and a moderate breeze

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 the 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.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Strawberry Tea – Sharing our Musical Shine

We were delighted to host our annual Strawberry Tea outdoor music concert this week. Children from across all age groups performed individually and collectively sharing their musical shine. Families were treated to a host of performances showcasing their fantastic music learning that goes on in curriculum lessons, and our extra-curricular music provision including our two successful choirs and individual music lessons. Thank you to all the family members who came to support the children. We hope you enjoyed the lovely refreshments provided by the wonderful FOSP team. Thank you also to Mrs Pywell who worked incredibly hard to organise and run the concert helping the children prepare in advance. The final and most important thank you goes to the children for sharing their shine so brightly showing what they are capable of and doing so so confidently.



For more pictures have a look at the news section of the website.

Young Leaders

Our Year 6 Young Leaders continue to shine brightly as they work on completing their Archbishop of York Young Leaders award. This week half the group went to complete part of their community action work by volunteering at the St Peter's Church market day café. It was lovely to see the familiar faces of Chris and Karin there to welcome us. The children were fantastic at helping in the café, carrying trays, setting up and clearing tables and talking to all the visitors in the café.

The second group will visit next month to complete their volunteering.



Artizan Art Project

We are delighted to be working with the Artizan group from Harrogate to create three fantastic mosaic art pieces for display in school. Artizan International enables, empowers and supports people with disabilities to meet their full potential through therapeutic craft activities and social enterprise in the UK and the developing world. Their vision is to create a world where disabled people are welcomed, valued and respected as creative contributors to their community and given equal opportunities to their peers. UK specific: Social isolation is decreased, confidence and wellbeing are increased, bridges are built, and negative attitudes are positively transformed.

Following a competition earlier in the year the design of the mosaics has been created based on a number of designs submitted by the children. Children in Year 6 are now working with staff and volunteers from Artizan to create the mosaics ready for display in school. We look forward to sharing the finished artwork with you in the coming weeks.



People Who Help Us

Children in Early Years have been learning all about "people who help us". As part of this learning children were lucky to have a visit from the police earlier this week. To start they heard all about how the police help in lots of different ways, then they asked the questions that they had thought about and written down, about the police and finally they were even lucky enough to sit in the back of the police van.

What a fantastic morning we had learning all about how the police can help us!



Collective Worship

As we continue the final half term of the year we are pleased to be continuing to explore our theme, which is exploring the value of Truth and Truthfulness. This week we explored the idea of the impact of telling lies to get our own way. The children discussed and reflected on how sometimes this might work but how people might feel when this happens including feeling guilty or that we might have let ourselves down.



Community News

COME ALONG TO OUR GREAT GET TOGETHER!

WHAT: "Family Fun Day"

WHEN: Saturday 21st June
1 - 5pm

WHERE: United Reform Church, West Park Centre, HGI 1BL

RSVP: MoreInCommonHarrogate@gmail.com

Free Entry!

#MoreInCommon

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER
INSPIRED BY JO COX



A "More In Common Group" has been set up in Harrogate and Knaresborough as part of the Jo Cox Foundation.

We believe like Jo that:

'We have more in common than that which divides us.'

We are part of



Our Great Get Together event is:

A Family Fun Day

Saturday June 21st 1 – 5pm

United Reform Church, West Park, Harrogate HG1 1BL

Open to all with free entry to Choir, Folk Music, Ukuleles, Circus Skills, Banner-making, Dancing, Crafts, Café and so much more.....

(No dogs inside except Assistance Dogs)



ALL VENUES

YORK
ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S SECONDARY (E S)
COPMANTHORPE PRIMARY (E)
HEADLANDS PRIMARY (E)
HUNTINGTON SECONDARY (E F)
MANOR SECONDARY (E F)

EASINGWOLD
OUTWOOD ACADEMY SECONDARY (E)

HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH
ASPIN PARK ACADEMY (E)
HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE (E S)
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE (E F)

WAKEFIELD
QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (DECS) (E S)

LEEDS
BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL (E)

EAST YORKSHIRE
POCKLINGTON SCHOOL (E F S)
TRAMBY (E)

KIPPAX
BRICHAH HIGH SCHOOL (E F)

YOUR NEAREST VENUE IS:
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE OR HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE

VENUE KEY:
E - ENERGY PROGRAMME
F - FOOTBALL CAMP
S - SWIMMING DAYS

totalSPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

ARTY | CRAFTY | SPORTY | ADVENTURE | FUN
HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS.
OPEN 8AM-5:30PM EVERY DAY OF SUMMER!!!

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YOUNG WILD PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2025

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Enter today

Are you aged between 5 and 16 with a camera or a smartphone? Do you love getting out into nature and watching wildlife? Why not enter our **Young Wild Photographer** competition? There are some great prizes on offer, and you'll get the chance to have your pictures shown on our website and our social channels.

Capture the Moment

We are looking for images from young photographers that capture a single moment in nature. From the first drops of rain on a leaf to the emergence of busy bees and butterflies, or a dew-laden spiderweb caught in early sunlight, we'd love to see your shots of these welcome moments in nature.

Entry Age Categories

Young: 5 - 8 Years
Junior: 9 - 12 Years
Senior: 13 - 16 Years

FINAL DATE FOR ENTRIES: 6 JULY 2025

Sponsored by
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Your judge will be award-winning wildlife photographer Richard Birchett



Full entry details on the website:
www.henharrierday.uk/get-involved/young-wild-photographer/

YOUNG WILD WRITERS COMPETITION 2025

www.henharrierday.uk/get-involved/young-wild-writers/

FINAL DATE FOR ENTRIES: 6 JULY 2025

We are looking for original writing that clearly shows a single moment in the life of a plant, animal or habitat. Examples could be the beginning of a season, the hatching of an egg, the opening of a flower, the first drops of rain on a leaf, the arrival of the combine harvester in a field, or the melting of a glacier.

Stories must be set in natural conditions, but this could be anywhere from your back garden to the Sahara Desert. We want young entrants to capture a moment in nature that is important to them, but it can be about anything – a bird, insect, weather, trees or anything else.

Write a story, poem, prose, article, song lyric or letter up to 500 words on the theme of
Capture the Moment

Age Categories

Young: 5 - 8 Years
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Prizes

RSPB Puffin Binoculars, Book Vouchers and more. Plus for the overall winner, an online school visit by children's author Gill Lewis

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YOUNG WILD WRITERS COMPETITION 2025



SEPTEMBER SPACES NOW AVAILABLE

LITTLE CRICKETS PRESCHOOL NOW HAS SPACES FOR SEPTEMBER. GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER YOUR CHILD

WWW.LITTLE-CRICKETS.CO.UK

