



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Friday 12 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. Thank you for making the time to read this information each week as it is a key part of our communication with you. 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.

Updated Road Markings



As you may have noticed the yellow zig zags outside school have now been repainted following the resurfacing work. Please help keep everyone safe by respecting these markings and not stopping or parking anywhere along these markings at any time.

Please also take care on the corner of Belford Road and Belford Place. It has been noted that some cars reverse out of Belford Place onto Belford Road which can at times catch pedestrians unaware. Please take extra care on this corner.



Safety Drills

As we are sure families would expect we have a structured and systematic approach to health and safety. As part of these procedures, we conduct various safety drills and rehearsals throughout the school year. Next week on Thursday we will conduct our autumn term fire drill. As it is the first of the year the children will be prepared in advance for this to support them including informing and reassuring them it is only a rehearsal.



Awards

Shine Awards

| Early Years and Key Stage One | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
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| WRENS – Lydia & Theodora KINGFISHERS – Ned & Olivia C SPARROWS – Evie & Gaibriel | OWLS – Freddie & Miri STARLINGS – Viv & Tabitha | HERONS – Jamie & Sarena RAVENS – Noah C & Violet EAGLES – Rosie & Grace |

Sharing Our Shine

In this section we like to share the shine of our children and families from beyond school life. If you would like to share some news for this section, please email it to admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk.

Trail Bike Success

Oscar in Year 4 took up trail biking last year and quickly took to competing locally in different competitions. He enjoys the speed and challenge of the obstacles and loves being outdoors in the different landscapes. Last weekend Oscar entered two trail bike competitions competing against over 130 other children across both competitions. As well as having a thoroughly enjoyable time testing his skills he came first place in both competitions. Well done Oscar we are all really proud. Thank you for sharing your shine with us.

Why not share your shine with us by emailing: admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk and we could be featuring you 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) |
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| Summer Holiday | | |
| Monday 8 September | Individual School Photos – Full school uniform please | All classes |
| Tuesday 16 September 6.00pm | Phonics Information Evening, Parent Social & Children's Story Night | Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes children and parents – Wrens, Kingfishers, Sparrows. |
| Wednesday 24 September time and venue tbc | FOSP meeting | All welcome |
| Thursday 2 October 9.30am | Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church | All welcome |
| 30 September – 8 October | Year 6 Cycle Training Sessions – see group lists and letters. | Year 6 in groups – see letter |
| Thursday 9 October | VR Geography Experience | Key Stage Two – Please see letter |
| Sunday 12 October | Applications open for Reception starters 2026 | Any families with children due to start in Reception in September 2026 |
| Wednesday 15 October | YCST School Improvement Adviser Visit | Visit to classrooms to talk with children. |
| Friday 24 October | INSET Training Day - School closed to children. | All classes |
| October Half Term | | |
| Monday 3 November | School opens for start of second half of the autumn term. | |

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| Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 November | Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park | Year 6 children |
| Friday 28 November | Walk to School Day – Walking Bus | All welcome |
| Thursday 18 December 9.30 St Peter's Church | Christmas Church Service | All welcome |
| Friday 19 December 1.15pm | Carols at the Alms Houses | All classes & families welcome |
| Friday 19 December 2.00pm | School closed for Christmas Holidays | All classes |
| Christmas | | |

General News

Great Attendance

Well done to the very large number of children who have achieved 100% attendance in the first two weeks of the new term. Families can read lots more about the impact of great attendance in the [attendance section](#) of our website including advice on if you are [not sure your child is well enough to come to school](#).

Please do try not to book holidays during term time. Schools have very limited criteria under which they can authorise term time holidays & attendance at school is important.

The DfE's '[Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#)' guidance is now statutory for state funded schools.



Reception Starters 2026 Sibling Survey

As part of our strategic planning, we are keen to hear from all families who already have children at St Peter's and have a **child or children due to start school next year**. If you have a child **due to start primary school in September 2026** we would be most grateful if you could complete this short survey which can be accessed [here](#). If families would like to, we would also love to welcome you into school for a visit which can be arranged by booking direct via [Eventbrite](#) or calling the school office on 01423 569684.



Please remember that even if families have children at St Peter's already each individual place must be applied for. If you have a child starting school in September 2025 the admission round opens on 12 October 2024 and closes on **15 January 2025**. Places can be applied for via the North Yorkshire Admissions Portal which can be accessed [here](#).

New Starter Tours

As our new reception children continue to settle well into life at St Peter's we are already planning for next year. If you know any families with children who will start school in September 2026 please do suggest they come and have a look at St Peter's. We personalise school tours for every individual family allowing them an individual visit and meeting with Mr Griffiths at a time of their choosing.

Visits can be arranged by booking direct via Eventbrite or calling the school office on 01423 569684. Please spread the word.



PE Days

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| Wrens | Tuesday & Friday |
| Kingfishers | Thursday & Friday |
| Sparrows | Thursday & Friday |
| Owls | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| Starlings | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| Herons | Monday & Wednesday |
| Ravens | Wednesday & Friday |
| Eagles | Tuesday & Wednesday |

Year 5 Swimming – Tuesday mornings

Toys, Key Chains 'Fidget' / Fiddle Resources

We politely request and remind families that toys, including any sensory or 'fidget' toys and 'Key Chain' items/toys should not be brought into school, and that school does not accept any responsibility for loss or damages of items such as this brought into school. We appreciate some children like to accessorise their school bags and sometimes their lunch bags with these items.

Any sensory equipment such as fidget 'toys' needed will be provided by school. If you feel your child needs equipment such as this, please in the first instance speak to your child's class teacher.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

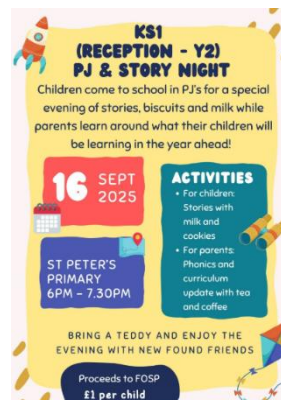
Phonics Information Evening & Infant Story Night

We are delighted to be hosting our first parent event of the year next week which is aimed at families and children from Early Years, Year One and Year Two.

Phonics Information evening and story night is for children in Reception, to Year Two and their parents. While the children enjoy a selection of stories read by staff and volunteers, parents can meet with the teaching team to receive helpful information about how phonics and reading are taught in Reception, Year One and Year Two. The event takes place in the school hall on 16 September from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.

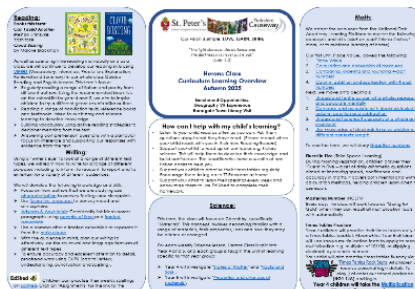
It is also a great time to meet other families at the start of the year.

There is no need to book and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there.



Curriculum Overviews

Each term we publish curriculum overviews, which provide information to families regarding the areas of learning their children will be undertaking. These are designed to help families with supporting children with their learning. These are published via the respective class page of the website.



Kindness Book and Work

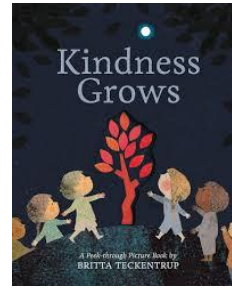
*It all starts with a crack that we can hardly see,
It happens when we shout or if we disagree.
But with every kindness that we care to show
Something good and magical will begin to grow.*

*Angry words cause a crack to open up but find out what
happens when kindness begins to blossom.*

Children from across all classes have really enjoyed exploring the ideas above via the thought-provoking book *Kindness Grows* by award-winning author and illustrator Britta Teckentrup.

In this beautifully illustrated, affirming picture book poignant text is mixed with gorgeous illustrations to show us how the choices we make can bring us together or drive us apart reinforcing the inspiring message that kindness can grow something beautiful.

The children have produced a lovely range of written and artistic work including poems, stories, and kindness promises, which are now on display in and around school. We are delighted to share some examples of their work opposite.



For more pictures, please have a look at the [news section](#) of our website.

Collective Worship

This half term we are thinking about the value of Generosity. We will explore this value in our Key Stages and our class worship learning, what it means, and how we can live this value out in our everyday lives.



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

FOSP Meeting

We are blessed with an amazing FOSP team who are our equivalent to a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). They do an amazing job planning and hosting events throughout the year that provide great experiences for children and families as well as raising money to support projects in school such as subsidising school trips and contributing towards improvement projects such as the outdoor play equipment, the library and the nest. The first meeting of the year will take place Wednesday 24 September.



The first FOSP meeting of term will be on Wednesday 24th September at 6pm at the Four Leaf, Harrogate.
<https://share.google/sSmKeRD6hGA6LCANv>

Please come along to have a drink, meet the team and find out about our upcoming calendar. We are always delighted to have new members and new ideas. We'll also be looking for some people to help us run the many exciting events we have on this term. We look forward to seeing you there!

Community News

www.netball4all.com

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QUALITY JUNIOR COACHING

Our Junior Hub has been a huge success so far & we are excited to be able to release more spaces & a new session, so more children can get involved. Contact us to register for a **FREE TASTER SESSION !!**

St John Fishers School
Wednesday, 5-6pm
Years 3 to 5

Ashville Sports Centre
Thursdays, 6-7pm
Years 6+




Enchantica's Rising Stars

Enchantica's Afterschool Clubs

Starting W/C 8th Sep

Rising Stars
Location: Enchantica's Studio
Day: Mondays
Time: 3:45 - 4:30pm
Ages: 4-8

Musical Theatre
Location: Enchantica's Studio
Day: Mondays
Time: 4:30pm - 5:15pm
Ages: 4-8

Yoga Adventurers
Location: Enchantica's Studio
Day: Thursdays
Time: 6pm - 6:45pm
Ages: 7-11

See reverse for class info >>>





Class information

Rising Stars

Rising Stars is a magical mix of drama, storytelling, singing, yoga, and mindfulness, designed to build confidence, creativity, and emotional well-being. Through role-play, songs, and calming practices, children explore emotions, build resilience, and express themselves with joy.

Perfect for imaginative young minds, each session helps kids develop life skills in a playful, supportive space — where learning feels like magic and every voice matters.

Musical Theatre

In this lively musical theatre class, kids learn to tell stories through music, dance, and drama while building coordination, confidence, and performance skills. With fun routines and group storytelling, children connect with their characters and express themselves in a supportive, creative space. Whether new or experienced, every child leaves feeling more confident, inspired, and stage-ready!

Yoga Adventurers

Join Suzie for a fun, creative hour of yoga, mindfulness, and imagination! Each session blends storytelling, breathwork, and movement to help kids build strength, balance, focus, and confidence — all in a calm and supportive space.

No experience needed — just bring comfy clothes, a curious mind, and a big smile!



Next term now booking:

<https://bookwhen.com/enchanticasworkshop>

Summer Reading Challenge

Any children who signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge this year who have read their 6 books and haven't yet collected their prizes still have time to do so. The library has plenty of certificates & medals remaining and would love for these to be given out. Harrogate library opening hours are:

Monday: 9am-7pm
Tuesday: 9am – 7pm
Wednesday: 9am – 7pm
Thursday: 9am – 7pm
Friday: 9am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 4pm