



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Friday 5 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.

Designated Trained Safeguarding Leaders



Mr Paul Griffiths
Headteacher &
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs Alice Jones
Assistant Headteacher, (SENDCO) &
Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DDSL)



Mr William Naylor
Safeguarding Governor

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of children or adults, please contact the school office via admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or 01423 569684 who will direct you to one of the designated safeguarding leaders. If you have a concern about the dealing of a safeguarding issue by any of the trained safeguarding staff you should contact the safeguarding governor.

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

Each month we publish a dedicated online safety newsletter packed full of hand tips and hints to support families in helping their children navigate the online world. We are pleased to publish the newsletter for September which can be accessed via the dedicated online safety page of our school website [here](#).



Awards

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
WRENS – All the Wrens Class KINGFISHERS – All the Kingfishers Class SPARROWS – All Sparrows Class	OWLS – Luca & Iylah STARLINGS – Ty & Reggie HERONS – Poppy & Harvey	RAVENS – Dinuthi & Hugo D EAGLES – David & Christy

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)
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.
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.	
Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 November	Year 6 Residential to Beverley Park	Year 6 children
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

Welcome Back

We would like to offer a warm welcome back to all families as we begin the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome our new starters in Wren's alongside all the children returning across our other year groups. We have been impressed with how quickly everyone has settled back into the rhythm and routine of school life. It has been a pleasure to see the building come back to life again with children engaging with their learning and catching up with friends.



Individual School Photos

We have booked the individual school photos to be taken on the morning of Monday 8 September. Children should wear full school uniform on this day. If it is a PE day they should bring PE kit in a bag. This photo is for internal school use (to identify children via a picture on our Management Information System – Arbor) and for parents to purchase should they wish. These photos are not published.



Consent from parents is required and without consent given on Arbor under "Photograph student" the external photographer is not permitted to take a photo of your child. There is not time on the day to chase parents who have not completed the consents on Arbor. A 'nil' response will be taken as no consent, and the photo will not be taken. The photographer will not return for individual photos until next academic year.

Please also see the letter sent earlier in the week if you are interested in sibling photos with siblings who are not yet in school.

Lost Property

We aim to minimise the amount of lost property by always returning named items directly to parents or children. This can be achieved very easily where all uniform, coats, lunchboxes, snack boxes and any other items are clearly labelled with the child's name (not just their initials). Where items are found to be lost with no clearly identifiable name they will be placed in one of two locations for up to the remainder of the term and will then be responsibly disposed of.

Unnamed clothing items will be in boxes in the meeting room and parents can check these as needed. Unnamed lunch and snack boxes will be placed in the large boxes on the table under the bike shed at the side of school, which again can be checked by parents as needed.



PE Days

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



PE Kit

- St Peter's blue PE round neck t-shirt with logo. It is our strong preference all children have this t-shirt for PE. If this is not possible a plain white round neck t-shirt is an acceptable alternative.
- Plain navy shorts, 'skort', navy jogging bottoms or leggings.
- St Peter's navy PE top, PE hoodie or usual school jumper / cardigan or a completely plain navy hoodie (**no logo, picture or branding**).
- St Peter's long sleeve PE top.
- Plain black trainers (see examples below).
- NO Football shirts, shorts or socks please.

Swimming Autumn 2025-2026

All Year 5 children will be swimming this term.

They will be swimming on a Tuesday morning, starting next week, Tuesday 9th September and this will continue all term, with the final swim date as Tuesday 16th December 2025.

All children attending swimming lessons must have with them the following items in a separate bag each week:

Costume or Trunks / Swim Hats for both Girls & Boys / Goggles / Towel
They can come to school in their PE kit on these days, Payments for the swimming lessons can be made on Arbor.



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New for 2025

Having listened to feedback from children, parents and staff we are pleased to introduce a new style PE top which is lighter weight and much quicker drying.

Overtime we will phase out the heavier PE hoodies and move towards this top only. Throughout 2025-2026, children may continue to wear PE hoodies. As and when children need a new PE outer top, families are encouraged to opt for the new style option.

Toys, Key Chains 'Fidget' / Fiddle Resources

We politely request and remind families that 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.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Early Years

Wrens have had a fantastic first week. They have enjoyed making new friends and of course meeting Trevor the tortoise! They learnt about the foods Trevor likes to eat and what his hard shell is for too.

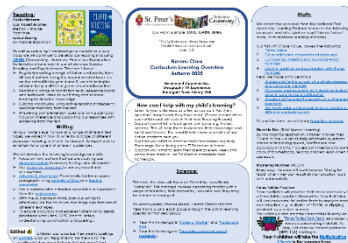


Snacks - we have had lots of children bringing whole grapes. To ensure we comply with EY regulations please can grapes be cut in half length ways.

Please can we ask that children only bring one healthy snack in each day.

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 and will be available from next Friday 12 September.



My Happy Mind

We are pleased to have secured funding to implement the My Happy Mind scheme across school this year.

'myHappymind' is based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves.

Please see the additional letter alongside the newsletter that provides more information regarding this scheme.





KS1 (RECEPTION - Y2) PJ & STORY NIGHT

Children come to school in PJ's for a special evening of stories, biscuits and milk while parents learn around what their children will be learning in the year ahead!

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SEPT
2025

ACTIVITIES

- For children: Stories with milk and cookies
- For parents: Phonics and curriculum update with tea and coffee

ST PETER'S PRIMARY

6PM – 7.30PM



BRING A TEDDY AND ENJOY THE EVENING WITH NEW FOUND FRIENDS

Proceeds to FOSP
£1 per child

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 Afterschool Clubs

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



Starting W/C
8th Sep




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>

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