



## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 19 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.

### A Fresh New Look

We are pleased to share our newsletter in its new format using Microsoft Sway. This platform allows improved sharing of photos and video content alongside all the features families are familiar with. We hope you enjoy the new updated format. If you have any feedback please do email [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk) using the subject Newsletter.



### 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.

## Online Safety Parent Information Session

***Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 4pm – 4.45pm***

Focus: Online Safety Briefing - this session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data & guidance on how you can support their online lives.

The link to access this session will be sent out before the event.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared for anyone not able to attend initially.



## Safety Drills

As mentioned in advance last week we completed our first key safety drill of the new academic year this week on Thursday. The children responded brilliantly evacuating the building sensibly and quietly in very good time.



## Awards

### SHINE AWARDS

#### Early Years and Key Stage One

**Wrens** – Owen & Posy

**Kingfishers** – Sanuga & Selena

**Sparrows** – Daisy & Lyons

**Year 3/4**

**Owls** – Arlo & Sylvia

**Starlings** – Rosie D & Felix P

**Year 5/6**

**Hérons** – Elisabeta & Summer

**Ravens** – Rafi & Sienna

**Eagles** – Reuben & Maddie



Please click on the shine awards box to see the winners.

### **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.

**WEEKLY WINNERS COMING SOON.....**

## Sharing Our Shine

### Share Your Shine with Us

We love to hear about the activities children and families are involved within beyond school.

In this section we like to share the shine of our children and families from beyond school life. It might be an individual or team sporting achievement, musical group, a new hobby or a family adventure. Just let us know your news with any photos and we could be featuring you here next week.

If you would like to share some news for this section, please email it to [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk)



*1 - Could it be you featured here next week?*

## Diary Dates - All diary dates are now on the Arbor Parent Portal

The term dates for 2025-2026 are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY

- **Wednesday 24 September 6:00pm** - All Bar One, Harrogate - 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 - All Classes
- **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
- **Tuesday 9 December 2:00pm** - Nativity Dress Rehearsal - EY and KS1 All families welcome - St Paul's Church (Next to school)
- **Tuesday 9 December 5:00pm** - Nativity Evening Performance - EY and KS1 All families welcome - St Paul's Church (Next to school)
- **Wednesday 10 December 2:00pm** - Nativity Day Time Performance - EY and KS1 All families welcome - St Paul's Church (Next to school)
- **Friday 12 December** - Whole School Pantomime Trip – Harrogate Theatre - All classes
- **Thursday 18 December 9.30am** - 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 three 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**

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our sibling survey. As mentioned 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 2026 the admission round opens on 12 October 2025 and closes on **15 January 2026**. 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 ahead 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**

Wrens - Tuesday & Friday

Kingfishers - Thursday & Friday

Sparrows - Thursday & Friday

Owls - Tuesday & Wednesday

Starlings - Tuesday & Wednesday

Hérons - Tuesday & Wednesday

Ravens - Tuesday & Wednesday

Eagles - Tuesday & Wednesday

### **YEAR 5 SWIMMING - TUESDAY MORNINGS**



## **Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight**

### **Phonics Information Evening & Infant Story Night**

We were delighted to welcome so many families back to school on Tuesday evening this week for our Phonics evening and story night event. Children from reception through to year two returned to school in the evening in pyjamas and armed with their favourite cuddly toy to enjoy stories in our newly refurbished Early Years and Year 1 classroom. They enjoyed three different stories with different reading volunteers from the fabulous FOSP team. While they were enjoying their stories along with milk and cookies parents had the opportunity to

talk to staff about how phonics and early reading are taught and how school and families can work together to help children learn to read.

We are pleased to have shared all the resources from this information session on the [phonics and early reading page](#) of our website for families to access at their convenience. If you have any questions about phonics or reading, please in the first instance arrange to speak with your child's class teacher. You can do this by emailing [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk) or by calling 01423 569684.



### **A Super Sporting Start to the Year**

We were delighted to begin our busy calendar of weekly sporting fixtures with our partners at Sporting Influence this week. Competitions usually happen on Tuesday or Wednesday nights at Harrogate High or Rosset sport halls or pitches.

This week it was the turn of children from Year 1&2 to take part in football. In glorious sunshine they took part in a number of matches against other local schools. Showing great teamwork and some super passing as well as individual skills they won all the matches and are currently top of the standings! Well done to all the children who represented St Peter's School so well. Thank you also to Mrs Oldfield for accompanying them and to parents for their support in transporting the children and cheering them along.







### **Collective Worship**

This half term we are thinking about the value of Generosity. This week we have been looking at different examples of generosity including how we can be generous with our time and our words. This has linked very well with our focus on Kindness as we explore our updated [behaviour expectations](#) which can be accessed here.

### **Sustainability Shop**

Our [sustainable school shop](#) is committed to a greener future. We offer an eco-friendly marketplace for families to sell or gift their pre-loved school uniform, toys, books, coats, shoes, trainers, footballs, wellies or anything else you would like to pass to another family to enjoy.

This group aims to foster a community that values sustainability while saving all families money.

How it works in 3 easy steps!

1. Take a photo of your item and write a short description including the size and price of the item or if you would like to gift the item please put 'free to a good home'.
2. If you would like an item please comment below the photo.
3. The seller will then select a buyer and message them directly to arrange collection.

Enjoy saving money and promoting sustainability.





## 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 at All Bar One, Harrogate at 6:00pm**..... come along, enjoy a drink and find out more about the events they organise and run, they are always looking for new ideas and help.

Please do follow the **Facebook & Instagram FOSP pages**. There's lots of information about events and things happening in school, as well as updates, which are regularly posted on these two pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BjUrvvQQT/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

[https://www.instagram.com/friends\\_of\\_st\\_peters?igsh=MW9rbzUzOXdxHJldg%3D%3D&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/friends_of_st_peters?igsh=MW9rbzUzOXdxHJldg%3D%3D&utm_source=qr)



***The first FOSP meeting of term will be on Wednesday 24th September at 6pm at All Bar One, Harrogate.***

*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!*

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LMgieWMCCjbGW7x69>

## Community News



The poster is for 'Enchantica's Afterschool Clubs' and features a purple background. At the top left, a circular inset shows a woman with a red wig and a girl with a headband. At the bottom right, another circular inset shows two girls in a dance studio. A large yellow star in the center contains the text 'Starting W/C 8<sup>th</sup> Sep'. The Enchantica's Rising Stars logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, it says 'See reverse for class info >>>'.

**Enchantica's**  
Rising Stars

### 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  
8<sup>th</sup> 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/enchanticaworkshop>



'Guides is the most adventurous thing... It gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'

Bryony



# Guides

10th Harrogate Tuesday 7.15pm  
[10thharrogateguides@gmail.com](mailto:10thharrogateguides@gmail.com)

## Girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons

for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Guides group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

10th Harrogate Guides have places for new starters this term - register directly with the Girl Guiding / join us link or for more information please email Sue at 10th Harrogate Guides.  
Thank you

[www.netball4all.com](http://www.netball4all.com)

# ★ HARROGATE ★

**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+

