

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 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.

Latest News - Website News Feed

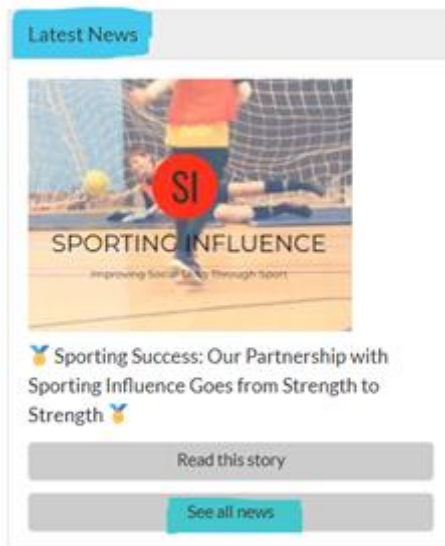
Take a Peek - Inside School Life at St Peter's

Want to know what's happening at St Peter's? Our News Section is the best place to stay connected with school life and your child's learning. It's packed with updates that give you a real insight into what children have been doing and achieving.

This week, we've shared a wide range of posts from poetry master classes to mindful moments and plus sporting achievements, library visits, Makaton club and soil science to name but a few. You'll also find photos, examples of children's work, and exciting projects that make St Peter's such a vibrant place to learn.

Many articles include helpful links so you can follow up learning at home.

👉 Click [here](#) to visit the [News Section](#) and discover what makes St Peter's such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.



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.

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter for December

As we head into the festive season, many children will be excited about new devices, games, and apps. Our December Online Safety Newsletter is packed with practical advice to help families keep technology fun and safe.

Here's a quick snapshot of what's inside:

- New Tech at Christmas – Guidance on setting up parental controls for consoles, tablets, and smartphones. Includes helpful links for Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch, iPhone, and Android.
- AI Chatbots & Companions – Why these apps are trending, the risks they pose, and how to talk to your child about them.
- Roblox Alert – Following a recent investigation, we share what parents need to know about user-generated content, chat features, and safety settings.
- Messaging Apps – Updates on Signal and Discord, including age ratings and tips for safer use.

We know that technology can be a wonderful tool for learning and connection, but it's vital to stay informed. Please take a few minutes to read the full newsletter via the link [here](#).



Safe in Sport

Keeping children safe in sport is vital for their wellbeing and enjoyment. The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) provides guidance to ensure activities are fun, inclusive, and secure. Parents can help by checking that clubs have safeguarding policies, trained staff, and clear procedures for reporting concerns. Encourage children to speak up if something feels wrong and remind them that their voice matters. Look for signs of good practice, such as staff who prioritise welfare over winning and environments where respect is key. For more advice and resources, visit [here](#).



Awards

This weeks SHINE AWARD winners are.....

Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens – Maeve & Nehir

Kingfishers – Leo & Lily

Sparrows – Oliver & Matthew

Year 3/4

Owls – Hannah & Tom

Starlings – Yeva & George R

Year 5/6

Herons – Tanya & Sam

Ravens – Emily W & Elijah

Eagles - Rex & Ibbie



1 - 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.

And the winners this week are.....

EY & KS1 - Sparrows

KS2 - Owls

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.



2 - 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.

- **Saturday 29 November** - FOSP School Christmas Fare - All Welcome - 12.00 – 2.00pm
- **Monday 1 December 2025** - Advent Music Concert – Choirs and Recorder Groups - 4.30pm – 5.15pm (All welcome to attend – Venue TBC)
- **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)
- **Wednesday 10 December** - 6:30pm - Parent Consultation Bookings go live on Arbor - All class appointments available to book from this time.
- **Friday 12 December** - Whole School Pantomime Trip – Harrogate Theatre - All classes
- **Wednesday 17 December** - Christmas Jumper Day and school Christmas Lunch - 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

- **Monday 5 January** - INSET Training Day – School closed to children - All classes
- **Tuesday 6 January** - School reopens for the start of the spring term - All Classes
- **Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 January** - Parent Consultation - Appointments for parents of children booked via Arbor - after school appointments

General News

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of the national curriculum, and we encourage all children to take part. However, if your child is unable to swim due to illness, cold weather, or any other reason, please don't worry. We always have sufficient adults in school to supervise children who remain on site, and they will continue with their learning during this time. If your child will not be swimming, please inform the school office and let us know the reason. This helps us plan effectively and ensure every child is safe and supported. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and enjoyable swimming programme for all.

😊 Just a quick reminder that payments for these lessons can be made through Arbor under the Clubs section. 🙌 A big thank you to everyone who has already paid - we really appreciate it! 💙



Autumn Assessments

Next week, alongside the usual teaching and learning, children will take part in a series of assessments to support teacher judgments as we approach the end of the autumn term. These will be completed in a low-stakes way within the normal classroom environment, so

children should simply do their best without any added pressure. Teachers will decide how much time is needed for each activity, ensuring it fits naturally into the school day. Any test results will be used to inform teacher assessments, which will appear in end-of-term reports. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss these reports during consultations in January. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk.



Pantomime Visit

✨ Love, Learn, Support: Helping FOSP Funds Go Further

A Little Help Goes a Long Way. ❤️

Thank You for a Great Start, **More Donations Welcome.**

We're so grateful for the incredible support from our parent community.

As we plan exciting events ahead, we want every pound of FOSP funds to go further.

One easy way to help? Purchase your pantomime tickets through us!

Every ticket sold reduces costs and raises more for enriching your child's learning and experiences.

Your generosity truly makes a difference—thank you for being part of it!"

Don't forget to order your Pantomime Packed lunch on Select by 5th December and let us know if you can help walk children to and from the theatre.



👉 Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far including those who have made multiple contributions.

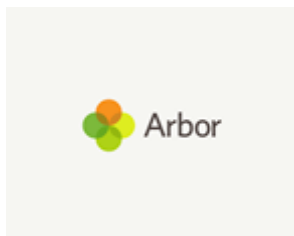
All contributions can be made on Arbor via the Trips section.

If you require any help with this, please just pop in and ask the office 🤍

Booking for Parent Consultations – January 2026 – Save the Dates

We are pleased to advise that booking for the parent consultation evenings scheduled for Tuesday 13 January 2026 and Thursday 15 January 2026 will open **from 6.30pm Wednesday 10 December.**

Bookings can be made via the Arbor parent portal or the Arbor App.



🎄 Christmas Jumper Swap Shop! 🧥

Promoting Sustainability in School

Mrs Williams and our Climate Crew have organized the **Christmas Jumper Exchange** to help us all prepare for Christmas Jumper Day in a sustainable way!

Key Dates and How to Swap

If your child wishes to participate in the swap, please follow these steps:

1. **Drop-off Deadline:** Bring a preloved Christmas jumper into school by **Wednesday, 10th December**.
2. **Golden Ticket:** In exchange for their jumper, your child will receive a **Golden Ticket**.
3. **Swap Day:** The swap/sale will take place in **Eagles classroom** at lunchtime on **Thursday, 11th December**. Your Golden Ticket can be exchanged for a new, preloved jumper there.

Purchasing and Donations

- **Buying:** If children do not have a jumper to exchange, they can still purchase one for **£3.00** at the swap/sale on Thursday.
- **Donations:** We are gratefully accepting any extra Christmas jumpers to build our stock! Please bring donations to the **School Office** on or before **Wednesday, 10th December**.

Thank you for helping us support this green initiative!



🎁 Climate Crew Christmas Craft Corner! 🎄

Don't forget to visit the **Climate Crew's stall** at the School Christmas Fair for some unique, eco-friendly, and very affordable Christmas crafts!

The crew has been busy crafting wonderful items for you:

- **Festive Bookmarks (50p):** Perfect little stocking fillers decorated with fun Christmas themes!
- **Charming Christmas Critters (£1):** Tiny, adorable, fuzzy creatures wearing Santa hats—a perfect decoration or gift!
- **Reindeer food (50p):** Something special to sprinkle outside for Santa's hungry friends on Christmas eve!

- **Magic elf dust! (50p)** using locally sourced ingredients.

All funds raised will support our mission to make the school and the planet greener! **Support the Climate Crew and find great gifts starting from just 50p!** We can't wait to see you there!



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

A New Home for Curriculum News💡 Learning Updates Made Easy for Families.

📖 Curriculum News Now Online!🌟 Explore School Life at Your Leisure

Simply click [here](#) to access all articles in the news section.

Following the wonderful feedback, we received about our regular updates to the News section of the school website we're excited to share a small but meaningful change to how we communicate with families.

To make it easier for everyone to access regular content about school life and curriculum learning, we've now moved the Curriculum News section from the weekly newsletter to the [News section](#) of our website.

This change means families can now scroll through updates at their own pace, exploring the articles that interest them most—whether it's a peek into classroom learning, a celebration of pupil achievements, or a spotlight on special events.

We hope this makes staying connected with your child's learning journey even more enjoyable and accessible. It's all part of our commitment to helping every child Love, Learn, Shine.

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Community News

Your Harrogate Christmas Toy Appeal

Ensuring that every child wakes up to a gift on Christmas Day remains the aim of an annual countywide toy appeal.

In its seventh year, the Reuse Santa campaign encourages residents to donate pre-loved toys, games, books, and puzzles in a good condition.

The appeal is run by the 'Yourwaste' waste management company in partnership with North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council.

From November 15 to 30, donations will be accepted at all household waste recycling centres. All items must be clean, complete, and in working order.

Last year, 5,000 items, or 30 van-loads, were donated for children and teenagers who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Toys powered by mains electric cannot be accepted. Site operatives at the recycling centres will be on hand to accept donations, as well as advise on recycling or disposing of items that are unsuitable.

The donated items will be sorted, cleaned and distributed to local organisations and charities including the council's early help team, the British Heart Foundation, and the Daisy Chain Project.

Details of recycling centres across North Yorkshire and York can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/hwrc and www.york.gov.uk/WasteAndRecycling



Founded in February 2024 after one WhatsApp group went viral, [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) is now a community of over 350,000 parents working together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

We've made it our mission to provide solidarity, support and solutions to parents who are struggling with what's become one of the defining parenting challenges of our time.

And we're using the voice of our community to push for more support from the government in the battle to reclaim childhood from Big Tech's addictive algorithms.

Sign the pact [here](#).



Sort by:	Leaderboard	School name
School	Pacts	
Pannal Primary School ↗	172	
Poppleton Ousebank Primary School ↗	76	
Oatlands Community Junior School ↗	70	
Monk Fryston Church of England Primary School ↗	64	
St Peter's Church of England Primary School ↗	62	
Rossett Acre Primary School ↗	56	
London, West ↗	790	
Manchester ↗	2928	
Merseyside ↗	1914	
Norfolk ↗	1493	
North Yorkshire ↗	2216	
Northamptonshire ↗	798	
Northern Ireland ↗	2883	
Northumberland ↗	569	
Nottinghamshire ↗	1598	
Oxfordshire ↗	4291	

🎄⚽ Premier Coaching Christmas Football Party! ⚽🎄

Join us for festive fun with football matches, skill-based games, and plenty of holiday cheer!

 **Date:** Wednesday 10th December

 **Time:** 5:00–6:00 PM

 **Location:** Forest Moor Primary School (Indoor)

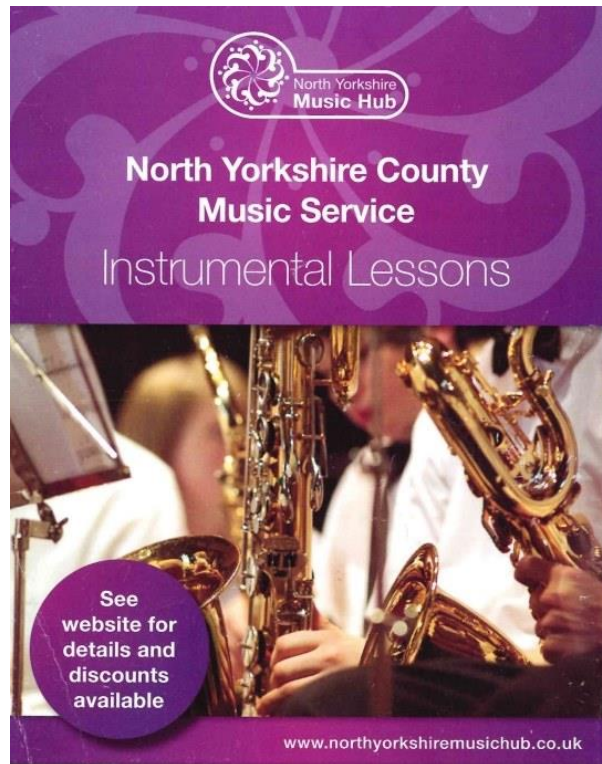
 Open to all children – regular attendees, after-school club pupils, or anyone who wants to join in!

 **Cost:** £10 per child | £16 for two siblings

☎ To book: Call **07359 355962** or email **leroymcarthur09@googlemail.com**

Let's make this Christmas active and fun! 🧑🏻‍🎓 ⚽

#PremierCoaching #ChristmasFootball #ActiveKids #FestiveFun



The poster features a purple background with a white floral logo at the top left. The text 'North Yorkshire Music Hub' is in white. Below it, 'North Yorkshire County Music Service' and 'Instrumental Lessons' are written in white. A central photograph shows students in white uniforms playing brass instruments. A purple circular callout on the left says 'See website for details and discounts available'. The website 'www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk' is at the bottom right.

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Up to **32 lessons per year** are offered to pupils in small group or individual lessons. These take place mostly during the school day and are available to pupils attending schools throughout North Yorkshire. Lessons are sometimes available beyond the end of the school day or on Saturdays at music centres.

Rotating Timetables allow for minimal disruption to the school day. **Regular contact** through **Practice Diaries** and **Termly Reports** ensure that parents are in contact with the Teacher and can support their child's practice at home.

Instruments are available to hire or can be bought using our assisted purchase scheme – see website for more details.

We also run six Saturday morning music centres across North Yorkshire.

To register interest and to find out more details visit:

www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk

Contact us

County Music Service, CYPs Business Support,
County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE

Tel: **01609 532 783**

Email: **MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk**

Or visit our website at: **www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk**

If you would like this information in another language or format please ask us.

Tel: **01609 780 780** email: **customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk**

🎄 Santa Stories & Elf Workshop! 🎄

WHEN: Tuesday 2nd Dec 2025 – from 4pm

WHERE: Little Crickets Pre-School, Harrogate Cricket Ground

Join Santa Blake & Mrs. Claus for a magical story time and meet-and-greet
(with a small gift for every child! 🎁)

Elf Workshop Includes:

Bauble decorating 🎄 Reindeer feed making 🦌 Elf photobooth 📸 Tree decorating
Christmas Party Tea

£10 per child (Suitable for Pre-school & Reception aged children & their siblings)



To book a place follow the following link:

[Santa Stories Booking](#) or
email info@little-crickets.co.uk
Places are limited

