

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 14 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



 **Stay Connected with School Life - Visit Our Website [News Section](#)** 

Want to see what's happening in our classrooms and across the school? Our [News Section](#) on the school website is the best way to stay in touch with the learning, creativity, and achievements taking place every day.

You'll find photos, examples of children's work, and updates from across the classes – from exciting classroom projects to whole-school events. It's a great way to celebrate our children's efforts and share in their successes.

 The News Section can be found by this link [here](#).

Take a look and see what makes St Peter's a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.

👁️👁️Take a look at one of the posts we have shared this week. There is something for everyone from daily residential updates, library and local walk trip reports, our remembrance events a curriculum work and a celebration of a superb class musical performance. 👁️👁️



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 Advice and Support

At 'KidsOnlineWorld', their aim is to keep children, parents and professionals up to date with the games, websites and apps that young people are currently using.

As well as this up-to-date information there are tips and hints for parents as well as explanations of recent changes and developments.

There full range of advice can be accessed via the link below.

<https://www.kidsonlineworld.com/>



The Impact of News on Children - Internet Matters

The world is one of cycles. The current generation moving through the school system, are doing so in a time of particular instability. The consequence for the media landscape has been a shift from 'light' news to a constant stream of 'heavy' content. Online this trend has been inescapable whether to drive clicks or generate controversy, increasingly our media consumption has been overtaken by gloom.

News stories that would have once been unquestioned, now straddle the line of real and fake. For children and young people whose critical faculties are not yet fully developed, this can provoke a whirlwind of confusion. Confusion can breed negative mental health effects since one can no longer distinguish true from false.

Internet Matters has recently produced a page explaining what can be done, to help children and young people navigate an increasingly murky information space. If interested, please follow the link [here](#).



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matters.org**

Awards

This weeks SHINE AWARD winners are.....

Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens – Leo & Cleo

Kingfishers – Amelie & Flynn

Sparrows – Rosie & Fraser

Year 3/4

Owls – Alex & Oliver C

Starlings – Summer S & Yahya

Year 5/6

Herons – Ayah & Elodie

Year 5 – Emmeleia & Rafi



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..... to be continued next week

Sharing Our Shine

Share Your Shine with Us

On Saturday, Florence and her fellow musicians from the [Brass Brigade](#) junior brass band took to the main stage at the Harrogate Fireworks on the Stray for a spectacular performance! The band delighted the crowd with a vibrant mix of pieces, including the ever-popular *Firework* by Katy Perry — perfect for the occasion. It was a fantastic showcase of talent and teamwork, and we couldn't be prouder of her achievement. Well done to Florence for making the evening truly memorable!

Brass Brigade is a local initiative in partnership with Harrogate Band and Wetherby Silver Band to encourage and teach more young brass players. You can see more [here](#).

If you would like to share some news for this section, please email it to admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk.





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.

- **Monday 17 November** - Nasal Flu Vaccine
- **Thursday 20 November** - KS2 Movie Night - 3.15 – 5.30 - Children in Key Stage Two (Years 3 – 6)
- **Friday 28 November** - Walk to School Day – Walking Bus - All welcome
- **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)
- **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

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- **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

Pantomime Visit

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

A Little Help Goes a Long Way. ♥

Thank You for a Great Start, More Welcome.

We're so grateful for the continued support from our wonderful parent community. As we plan upcoming events, we'd love to make FOSP funds stretch even further.

One simple way to help is by maximising parental contributions for pantomime tickets.

Every ticket purchased helps us reduce costs and raise more for the school, directly benefiting our children's learning and experiences. Your generosity makes a real difference.

👉 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.



Reminder: Nasal Flu Vaccinations on Monday

This is a friendly reminder that nasal flu vaccinations will take place in school on Monday. If you have not yet given consent, there is still time but it must be completed online via the [official link](#).

Please note:

We cannot accept verbal consent on the day.

- Without completed consent, your child will not receive the vaccine in school.
- To avoid delays and keep phone lines clear, please do not call the office to give verbal consent as this cannot be accepted.

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to follow up with families who have not completed the form, so if consent is not submitted via the link, your child will not be vaccinated.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe and healthy this winter.



Help Our Young Explorers Stay Warm and Dry This Winter!

As the colder months approach, we want to ensure our Early Years children can continue enjoying outdoor learning and play. Outdoor provision is a vital part of their development, but winter weather can make it challenging without the right gear.

We are kindly asking for donations of child-sized wellies and waterproofs (ages 4–5) to help keep our little adventurers warm, dry, and happy while exploring the outdoors.

If you have any gently used items at home or would like to contribute new ones, please drop them off at the school office. Your support will make a big difference in helping our children access outdoor learning safely and comfortably.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our school community!



2 - Donations welcome

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.

Community News

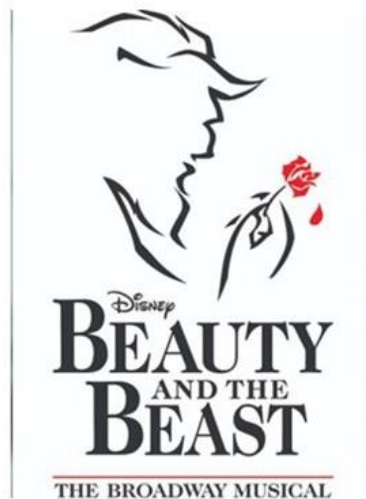
🚲 St Peter's Church Bike Repair Day – Saturday 15th November 🚲

St Peter's Church is hosting a Bike Repair Day on **Saturday 15th November** from 10am to 3pm. Families are warmly invited to bring along their bikes for repairs — all for a small donation to the church.

Whether your bike needs a quick fix or a bit of TLC, this is a great opportunity to get it road-ready before winter. If you have a bike you no longer need, donations are also welcome and will be gratefully received by the church.

Come along, support a good cause, and keep your wheels turning!





St Peter's Church



Thursday 20th Nov at 7.30pm
Friday 21st Nov at 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd Nov at 2.30pm

Adults (16+) £10
Children Free



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

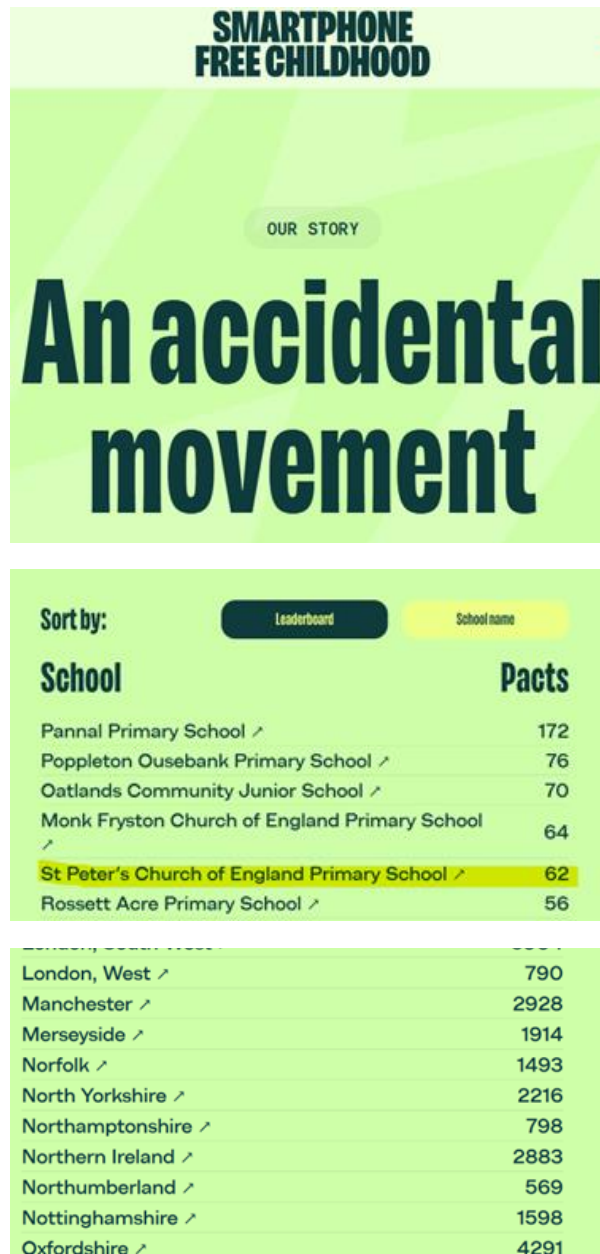


Founded in February 2024 after one WhatsApp group went viral, [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) is now a community of over 350,000 parents working together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

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](#).



Henshaws Charity Festive Showcase, a joyful evening of music, performance and community celebration at Ripon Cathedral. It's always such a special event, filled with warmth, laughter and festive spirit and we'd love for the local community to be part of it. It's a lovely opportunity for an evening out together in the run-up to Christmas, and a chance to see the creativity and talent of the people we support here at Henshaws. Please see further details below.

Date: Monday 24th November 2025

Venue: Ripon Cathedral

Time: Doors open at 6.45pm, performance begins at 7.00pm

You can find full details and book tickets via our website here: [Henshaws Festive Showcase](#)

We'd be so pleased to welcome you. Every ticket purchased helps us continue supporting people with sight loss and disabilities.

The Sibling Group

We run sibling groups for children ages 5-16 with a brother or sister with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.



We offer a range of fun activities such as games, arts and crafts, sports, dancing, cooking and baking, music and lots more.

We also run trips to places such as the seaside, the park, trampoline parks, bowling and lots more!



Email hannah@thesiblinggroup.org

