

❄️ 🎄 NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 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

Inside Life at St Peter's

This Week at St Peter's.....

Wondering what's been happening at St Peter's? Our [News Section](#) is the perfect way to stay connected with school life and your child's learning journey. It's packed with stories that celebrate creativity, curiosity, and achievement.

This week, children have shone in so many ways! From Drama Club's Greek myths performance at Harrogate Theatre and joyful Advent music celebrations, to EYFS outdoor adventures and festive role play in the Christmas shop. We've shared library visits, Makaton Club's Christmas signs, and even a fruity D&T challenge in Year 2. Worship explored courage and compassion through Miriam and Moses, while Sparrows enjoyed a magical Advent surprise.

Take a peek and enjoy the photos, projects, and moments that make St Peter's such a vibrant place to learn!

Follow us on [Instagram](#) also



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.

Photos at School Public Events

We are looking forward to welcoming families to a number of events and performances over the coming weeks and know these moments are precious. As we approach these events it is a good opportunity to remind everyone about photo etiquette and expectations at school public events. Families are welcome to take photos and videos of their own children for personal use, but please do not share them publicly online without consent from everyone featured. Once posted, images can be copied, altered, and remain visible for years, which

may compromise children's privacy and security. AI tools now make it easy to manipulate photos, so extra caution is needed. Some children cannot appear online for safeguarding reasons, so sharing without permission could put them at risk. Our school may take official photos for internal use, respecting any opt-outs. Please also avoid blocking views when recording and ensure if you are using your phone to take photos it is on 'silent'. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe.



Awards

🎄 ✨ This Week's SHINE Award Winners Are... ✨ 🎄

Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens – Gigi & Harvey

Kingfishers – Sumaya & Hayley

Sparrows – Whole Class

Year 3/4

Owls – Hetty & Yasmeen

Starlings – Florence & Cedric

Year 5/6

Hérons – Oscar & Emelie

Ravens – Thenumi & Noah A

Eagles - Marcel & Paige



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 - Wrens

KS2 - Herons

Sharing Our Shine

🎹 ✨ **Big Congratulations to Jamie P!** ✨ 🎹

Last week, he smashed his **first piano exam** with a **Merit!** 🍌 🍌

He played **3 amazing pieces**, scoring highest on “Jinx” 🦄 where the examiner said:

"A sense of the mysterious mood was imaginatively captured." 🧠

Jamie's hard work and dedication really paid off – we're so proud of him! ✨ 💪 🎵

Well done 🍌



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.

- **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 January** - Parent Consultation - 3:45pm - 7:15pm - All classes - Appointments for parents of children booked via Arbor from Wednesday 10 December at 6.30pm
- **Thursday 15 January** - Parent Consultation - 3:45pm - 7:15pm - All classes - Appointments for parents of children booked via Arbor from Wednesday 10 December at 6.30pm

General News

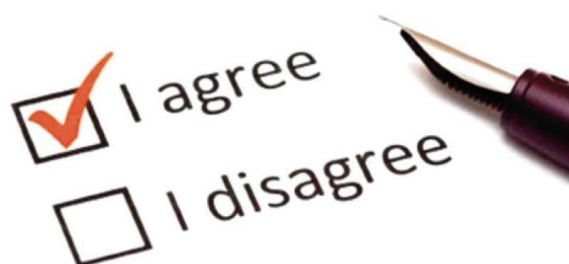
Photo Consent Update

We've written to parents about changes to photo consent and included a summary below. Please read the full letter attached with this week's newsletter.

From January 2026, photo consent will be simplified from eight options to four:

1. **No photos.** Your child will not appear in any photos taken by the school.
2. **Professional Individual photo only.** Professional Individual photos taken annually and shared directly to the individual child's parents / carers, by the Professional photographer's website. Photo will be used on our school Management Information System (MIS) which is Arbor and used by school directly with the individual child's parents / carers, for example on the front cover of your child's school reports.
3. **Professional annual class photo.** Your child will appear in the annual class photo which will be shared with all parents in the class via the professional photographer's website.
4. **External and internal publication.** Photos may appear in printed format around school, on our website, in newsletters, social media, or local press (children will never be named).

Please update your child's consent in Arbor by 6 January 2026. If we don't hear from you, we'll assume no consent. Existing consents will be archived on 19 December 2025. For queries, email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684.



Autumn Assessments Update

This week, children have completed their autumn assessments, and we want to say a big well done to all for approaching these tasks sensibly and maturely. The assessments were carried out in a low-stakes way within the normal classroom environment, allowing children to do their best without any added pressure. Teachers will use the outcomes to support their judgments, which will be reflected in end-of-term reports. Parents will have the chance to discuss these reports during consultations in January. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to celebrate every child's progress.



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.

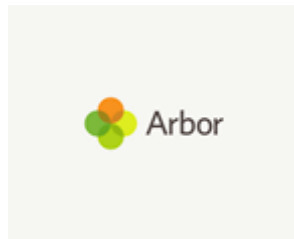
All contributions can be made on Arbor via the Trips section.

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!



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

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

CHRISTMAS ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

£62.50, sibling discounts available (7-16 years old)

Upcoming Dates:

The Big Depot- 10:00-16:30, 21st Dec, 2nd Jan

The Climbing Hub - 10:00-16:30, 22nd Dec, 4th Jan

Childcare Vouchers (The Climbing Hub Only) accepted



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Rock Climbing Clubs 2026



Since 2021, we've been teaching young people how to become independent climbers. From **knot tying** to **belaying**, **bouldering** to **lead climbing** we progress through the essential skills both Indoor and Out, developing self confidence to fitness in a long-term hobby.

Mixed: Saturday -10:00-13:00, The Climbing Hub, Bradford

Saturday - 10:00-13:00, Live for Today, Harrogate

Ages: 7-17 (Live for Today & The Climbing Hub)

Dates: 10th Jan 2026 (6 weeks)

Cost: £35.00 per session or £180.00 6-week block

Childcare vouchers available at The Climbing Hub

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Our Harrogate Hub sessions are going from strength to strength and we have been delighted with the level of engagement. We would love to increase our younger session with children in Years 3 to 5. Contact us to register for a **FREE TASTER SESSION** and see what we are about!!



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

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



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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

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Tel: 01609 532 783

Email: MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk

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