



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and previous versions can be found in the [letters section](#) of our website. 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

Your Insight into Life at St Peter's Each Week

As we move into the fourth week of the spring term, there has been plenty happening across school. Our worship theme has focused on courage, and children have also been marking Holocaust Memorial Day with thoughtful reflection and discussion. Staff have continued developing our oracy strategies, using stem sentences to help children structure their talk and strengthen their writing.

It has been a week rich in experiences too: Year 6 enjoyed seeing St John Fisher's perform The Addams Family at Harrogate Theatre, Kingfishers visited the library, and Owls explored gratitude during their My Happy Mind session. We also saw more sporting action on Wednesday evening at Harrogate High and much more. Take a moment to browse the News Section to see photos and stories from another vibrant week at St Peter's. Take a peek at the photos and stories that capture the energy and enthusiasm of life at St Peter's visit the [News Section](#) today. 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.

Routine Eye Tests

Routine eye tests are an important way to check not only children's vision but also the overall health of their eyes and wider wellbeing. Children do not need to be able to read for an optician to carry out a full assessment—there are lots of simple, child-friendly ways to test how well their eyes are working. Eye tests for children are free, quick and completely painless. Most high-street opticians offer NHS-funded appointments for children, and families can book at a time that suits them. If you are unsure whether your child needs a test, or simply want more information, you can ask at any opticians for advice. Early checks make a big difference, so do take advantage of this free support.

Family Wellbeing

We know how important it is for families to feel supported as children grow, change and face new challenges. In Our Place is fully funded in our area, giving families completely free access to high-quality online courses about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes and relationships. The resources are created by experts and designed to help families better understand what children need in order to thrive.

This month, there are some excellent modules exploring emotional regulation, positive routines and how children's brains develop at different ages. There are also helpful guides for supporting children through worries or behavioural changes. We hope families find these reassuring, practical and easy to dip into. You can access everything directly through the [In Our Place website](#) whenever you need it.



Awards

⭐ This Week's SHINE Award Winners Are...

⭐ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Arielle & Sid

Kingfishers - Juliet & Ted

Sparrows - Bea & Bobby

⭐ Year 3/4

Owls - Daisy & Faye

Starlings - Max & Viv

⭐ Year 5/6

Herons - Grace & Poppy

Ravens - Tom & Zach

Eagles - Hermione & Phoebe



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.

#winners this week are rolled over from last week!

Sharing Our Shine

Share Your Shine with Us

We love celebrating the amazing things our children and families achieve outside of school! This is your chance to share successes, achievements and endeavours that make you proud. This section is dedicated to showcasing these wonderful stories and inspiring others. If you would like to feature here, please email us at admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk with a short description and any photos you'd like to include. Let's celebrate the fantastic things happening beyond the classroom together!



2 - Congratulations to Daniel who passed his guitar exam earlier this week and was awarded a merit Level 4 music grade in Rock and Pop by Trinity College London!



3 - Florence and Tabitha (Starlings) raised an amazing £31.50 selling the loombands they made. Proceeds went to FOSP to support school activities. Congratulations for your hard work!

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.

- **Week Beginning Monday 2 February** - Parent meetings for children with Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)
- **Monday 2 February** - Year 1 Trip to Tropical World
- **Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 February** - Scholastic Book Fair in School - All classes
- **Friday 6 February** - 8.30am - Walking to School Day – Walking Bus from The Stray - All Classes
- **Wednesday 11 February** - 9.45am – 11.30am - Lower School Choir Music Event at St Aidan's School - Lower School Choir Members – Volunteers welcome please see Miss Corrigan
- **Wednesday 11 February** - Midday – 11.00pm (approx.) Young Voices Concert Sheffield - Upper School Choir
- **Friday 13 February** - School Closes for Half term - All classes

February Half Term Holiday

- **Monday 23 February** - School opens for second half of spring term - All classes
- **Wednesday 25 February** - 7pm - 9.15pm - FOSP Fish & Chips Quiz
- **Thursday 5 March** - World Book Day - All classes
- **Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 March** - Prayer Spaces Event in School – The Snug - Classes TBC
- **Thursday 26 March** - 9.30am - St Peter's Church - Easter Service - All classes & all families welcome
- **Thursday 26 March** – 3.15pm - School closes for Easter Holiday - All classes
- **Friday 27 March** - INSET Training Day – Staff Training School closed to children

Easter Holiday

- **Monday 13 April** - School opens for start of summer term - All classes

General News & Key Messages

Parking

We want to make family routines as simple as possible, and it's lovely to see so many children walking and cycling to school. We know this isn't always possible, so we continue to offer parking permits for anyone collecting children from St Peter's. These can be collected from the school office and are intended to support families during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

To keep everyone safe and to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, please remember that permits only allow short-term use of nearby pay-and-display bays. They do not allow parking on double yellow lines or blocking driveways or access to any properties, including Radfield Home Care. Please park legally, safely and considerately so this helpful scheme can continue for all families.

Please see the full letter sent earlier in the week regarding this item which can be accessed in the letters section of the website [here](#).



Share Your Views

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey on end-of-term reports and parent consultations. We received 28 responses in total, and your input is greatly appreciated. Gathering views from both parents and staff has been extremely helpful in understanding what is working well and where we can strengthen communication around children's learning and progress. Leaders, including governors, will now review all of the feedback carefully. In the coming weeks we will share a summary of the findings with parents, along with any adjustments or improvements we plan to make for the next cycle of reports and consultations. Thank you once again for working with us and supporting this important part of our partnership.



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) Update

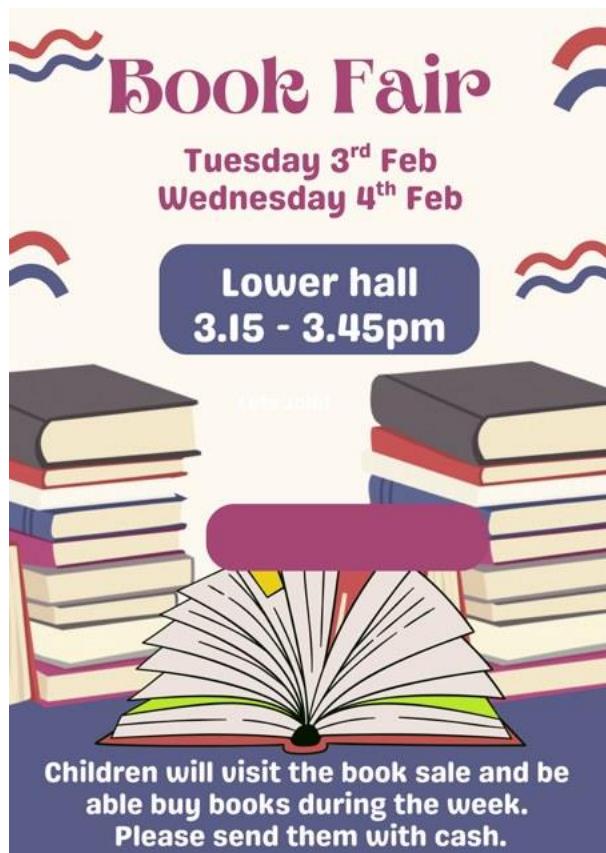
A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Friends of St Peter's meeting last week. We really appreciate the support and the brilliant ideas shared. School and the FOSP team would also like to say an extra big thank you to all families who contributed directly to the pantomime tickets. Your generosity raised an additional £1,400, helping FOSP funds go even further for our children.

There are lots of exciting events coming up this half-term, including a quiz night with a fish-and-chip supper, cake stalls, the Early Years and KS1 egg hunt, and the whole-school decorated egg and bonnet competition. We will also have our sponsored bounce. Please check the calendar dates for full details and how to join in.



Book Fair

The Book Fair will be back in school next week! **World Book Day vouchers** will be handed out to the children on Tuesday in school and can be used against any book they would like to purchase, or brought home to be used at any book store. The Book Fair will be held in The Lower Hall after school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week and during the school day on Wednesday. Only cash can be used during the day, but both card and cash can be used after school. Please send your child into school with cash on Wednesday if you would like them to be able to buy a book.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

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.

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

Some recommendations of helpful parent info from our colleagues at the Early Help Team.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zfy8jsg>



Get free resources and sign up to the CBeebies ...
Get access to free resources for early years practitioners, SLTs, midwives, and healthcare workers by signing up to t...
www.bbc.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people



Tiny Happy People
Tiny Happy People is here to help you develop your child's language skills, with simple activities and play ideas to hel...
www.bbc.co.uk



A poster for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026. It features a blue tit and a blackbird illustration. The text encourages people to join the survey, provides reasons to participate, and details on how to join. It also includes a call to action for sharing photos and stories, and the RSPB logo.

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Youth Hub

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When?

Thursdays 4 - 6 pm
Hampsthwaite Memorial hall
£3.00 + Tuc shop

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Lee McArthur - 07359355962

Email: harrogate.library@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 536658

JUNK SUPERHERO WORKSHOP



Unleash your inner superpowers in our intergenerational junk superhero workshop. In this fun, hands-on workshop you can work together to build and decorate your own hero who will, of course, have legendary powers!

£3 PER CHILD, AGES 5+

BOOK VIA THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
10:30 - 12:00
HARROGATE LIBRARY

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As part of Henshaws Imaginarium Exhibition at Harrogate Library we are pleased to be able to offer you the chance to take part in some workshops that will be running alongside the exhibition. Our wonderful art makers will be leading the workshops and sharing their skills and knowledge about all things creative! Take a look at what's on offer and get booked up as places are limited. We look forward to making and creating with you! Hope you can join us, Henshaws.

Animal Mask Workshop

Come along to a relaxed, hands-on mask-making session where children can create their own colourful animal masks using recycled painted card and paper, stickers, punches and other craft materials. A playful, creative session that encourages self expression and hands on making.

£3 per child. Ages 4+. Book via the library

Monday 16th February
10:00 - 11:00am
Harrogate Library



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Email: harrogate.library@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 536658

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www.netball4all.com

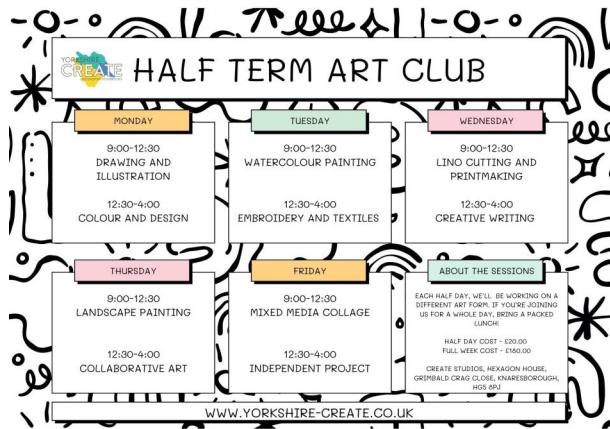
FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMPS



Monday 16th February & Friday 20th February
10am til 3pm
Boroughbridge High School, Boroughbridge
Ages 7 - 14yrs

Come & join us for a great day of netball by booking your place through the website.





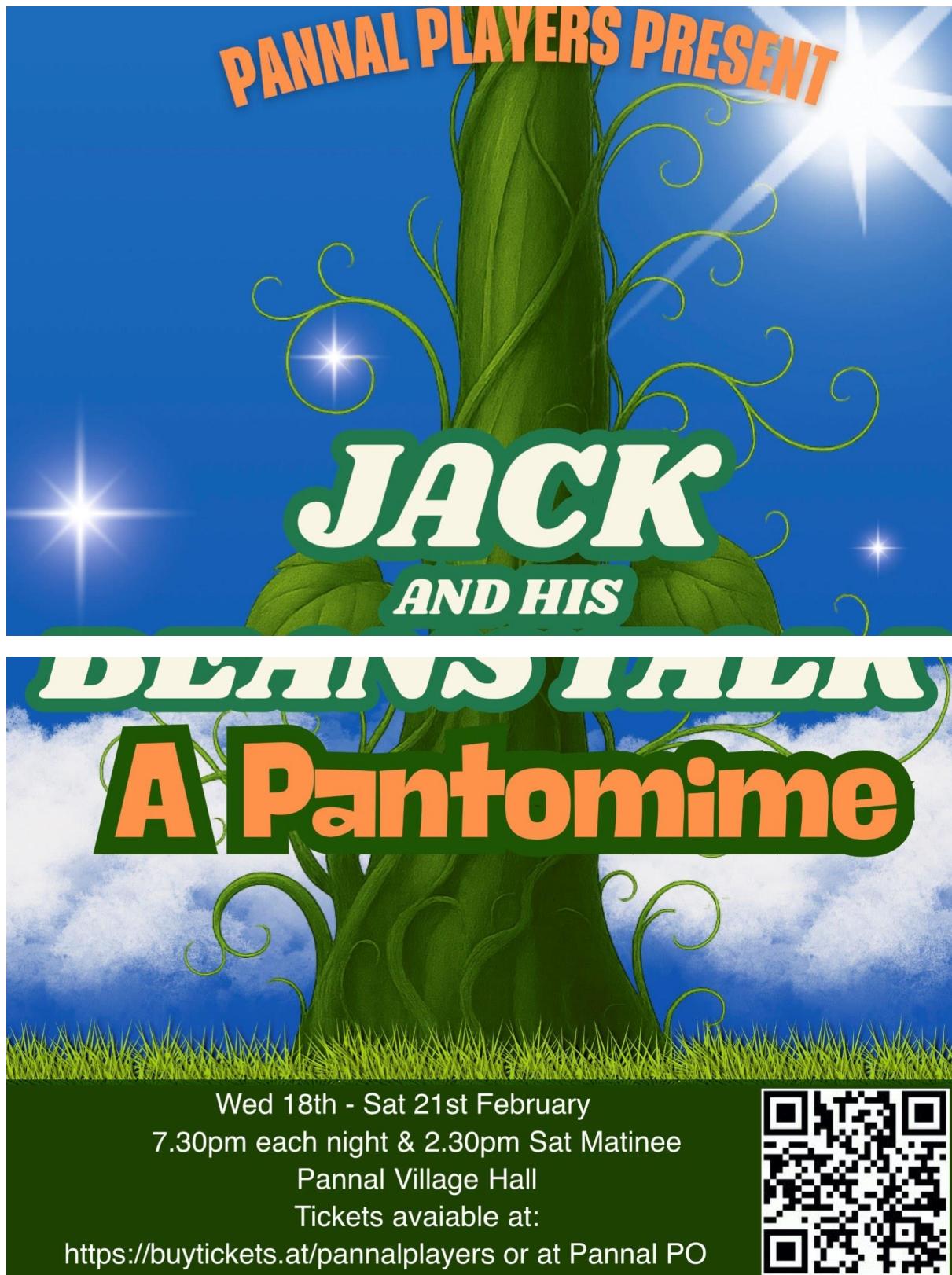
Feb 26 - Footy Camp Post



OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - YEAR 6. THE CAMP IS MIXED AND FUN ACTIVITIES AND FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE. INSIDE SPACE AVAILABLE IN ALL WEATHER! TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE PLEASE VISIT THE LINK

REF ID: <https://forms.office.com/p/posepage.aspx?id=pQvWhJAVYgQJ6ynQvQ7gRmTJvhMsWcN69sKRUMDYxSUhBTDJINzJMSFIUMkhLM0MwVk5U&e=shorturl>

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Vocal Project Days - Poster



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS

**Love to sing?
Want to perform with others?
Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups**

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

For more details, email: Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk

7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June
10am - 3pm

Escrick C of E Primary School
Carr Lane
YO19 6JQ

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13

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 York Music Hub

Ensemble Project Days - Poster



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS

Play an instrument?
Love making music with others?

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

For more details, email: Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk

15 March
19 April
14 June
20 June

10am - 3pm

The Regen Centre
Landing Lane
YO19 6PW

Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.

 scan to register

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 York Music Hub

February Half Term Climbing

FEBRUARY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get enjoying a new sport and meeting new people during the holidays. Activities including climbing and bouldering, it is an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Climbing Hub, Bradford: Tues-Fri, 10:00-16:30

The Big Depot, Leeds: Mon, Thurs & Fri, 9:30-16:00

Live for Today, Harrogate: Mon-Wed, 10:00-16:30

Childcare Vouchers accepted



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North Yorkshire County Music Service

Instrumental Lessons



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We teach in 91% of secondary schools and
95% of primary schools in North Yorkshire

**The County Music Service provides tuition
in a wide variety of instruments:**

Brass: cornet, trumpet, trombone, horn, euphonium, tuba; **Woodwind:** clarinet, flute, oboe, saxophone, bassoon; **Strings:** violin, viola, cello, double bass; **Guitars:** classical, acoustic, electric; **Percussion:** tuned percussion and kit; **Voice and Keyboard/piano**

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



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](#).

A screenshot of the Smartphone Free Childhood website. The top section features the "SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD" logo. Below it is a green banner with the text "OUR STORY" and a large, bold, dark blue title "An accidental movement". The bottom section shows a table with a "Sort by:" dropdown menu, a "Leaderboard" button, and a "School name" button. The table has two columns: "School" and "Pacts". The data is as follows:

London, West	790
Manchester	2928
Merseyside	1914
Norfolk	1493
North Yorkshire	2216
Northamptonshire	798
Northern Ireland	2883
Northumberland	569
Nottinghamshire	1598
Oxfordshire	4291