



# St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

*Love Learn Shine*

## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 13th February 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.

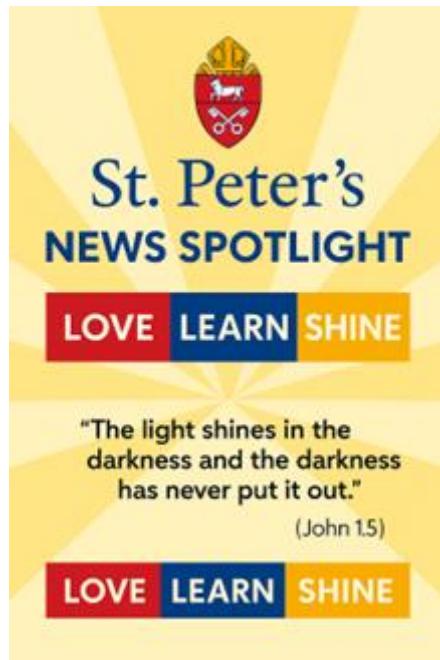
### Latest News - Website News Feed

#### Your Insight into Life at St Peter's Each Week

It has been a wonderfully busy final week of the half term, filled with music, celebration and community across St Peter's. Our Junior Choir shone on the arena stage at Young Voices, while children across the Trust joined together in joyful song for the very first Big Little Sing. Makaton Club brought smiles with their signed performance of Old MacDonald, and we started planning for our World Book Day Swap Shop to return, supporting families and our commitment to sustainability. Alongside this, children explored online safety, celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, spread kindness, and enjoyed enriching learning from library visits to creative classroom adventures.

Do take a moment to explore the [News Section](#) to enjoy the full stories and photos from this uplifting week. We hope everyone has a relaxing half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at 8.45 am on Monday 23 February 2026.

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.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind families about the importance of punctuality so that all children have the very best start to their day. Children should arrive on site just after 8:40am, ready to line up and enter with their class at 8:45am. Early Years children should go straight to their classroom at this time.

Any arrival after 8:45am means that your child is arriving late. You may have noticed that we keep a list of children entering via the main entrance; this helps us ensure registers are accurate and allows us to offer support where it is needed.

Arriving on time means children enter calmly with their class, feel settled for learning, and do not miss any important part of the school day. Every minute truly matters.





## Awards

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

⭐ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Dahlia & Gigi

Kingfishers - The Whole Class! For resilience and giving 100% at all times!

Sparrows - Augustin & Rosie

⭐ Year 3/4

Owls - Harry & Riccardo

Starlings - George G & Leon

⭐ Year 5/6

Herons - Bea, Elodie & Summer

Ravens - Hugo & Jessica

Eagles - Emmeleia & Sofia



### 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](mailto: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 - *Robot Inspiration*

*Sparrows had a wonderful moment at the end of last week when one of the children, inspired by last week's junk-modelling, created their very own robot at home using recycled materials. They proudly brought it into school to show Miss Corrigan and the class, who greeted the new "robot member" with spontaneous applause! It was a joyful celebration of creativity and encouragement within the classroom.*

*The robot now stands proudly alongside the original models, reminding everyone that learning continues far beyond the classroom door. Miss Corrigan shared how delighted she was to see a child carrying their learning into home life with such care and imagination. Moments like these truly capture our Love, Learn, Shine vision and brighten every day in Sparrows.*



## 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.

- **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 26 February pm** - Y4 Guitar workshop
- **Thursday 5 March** - World Book Day - All classes
- **Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 March** - Prayer Spaces Event in School – The Snug - Classes TBC
- **Tuesday 20 March** - FOSP Bunny Bounce - All classes
- **Monday 23 March 1.30-3pm** - Early Years Stay and Play - Families with children in Wrens class
- **Thursday 26 March - 9.30am** - St Peter's Church - Easter Service - All classes & all families welcome
- **Thursday 26 March** - Decorated Easter bonnet and decorated egg competition - All children welcome to enter please take entries to classroom in the morning
- **Thursday 26 March 2026 - 3.15pm** - EY and KS1 Egg hunt in the side garden area - Children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes
- **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

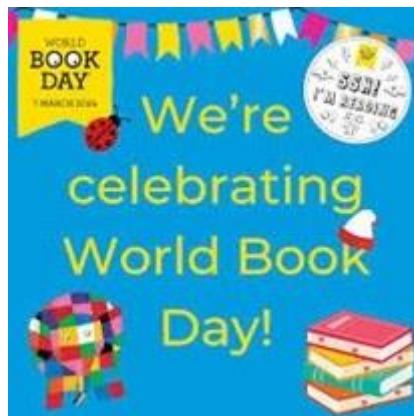
### Warm Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tunnicliff to St Peter's as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. She will be working mainly on Thursdays and Fridays across the school. Mrs Tunnicliff is a fully qualified teacher with experience teaching both in the UK and in British schools overseas, including in Dubai. We are thrilled to have her join our St Peter's family, and we know she will be a wonderful addition to our team. We are sure our families will join us in offering her a very warm welcome and helping her settle into life at St Peter's. We look forward to the children getting to know her over the coming weeks.



### **World Book Day 2026 – Save The Date**

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5 March 2026, and we are excited to invite all children to join the fun! Children can come to school in non-uniform, dressed as their favourite book character, or they may choose to wear pyjamas or a onesie, ready for a cosy day filled with stories. Throughout the day there will be a variety of fun activities, games and challenges, including our special Ten-Word Story Challenge, inspired by Joseph Coelho's Ten-Word Tiny Tales of Love. We are also hosting a Climate Education Team Book Swap: children bring a pre-loved book, receive a token, and swap it for another story to enjoy. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of reading!



### **World Book Day Costume Swap Shop**

As part of our sustainability focus, we are holding our second World Book Day Costume Swap Shop at St Peter's after half term.

The children can bring a pre-loved World Book Day costume into school between Monday 23rd February to Wednesday 25th February.

Children have been asked to hand their costume to their class teacher.

For every costume donated, the child will receive a Golden Ticket (exactly like the Christmas jumper swap).

The children can then use their Golden Ticket to buy a new costume on Friday 27th February.

Please ensure all costumes donated are in a good, clean pre-loved condition.

The costume swap shop will take place on Friday 27th February at 12.20 to 12.45 in Eagles classroom and will be run by the Climate Crew.

## Fancy Dress Costume Swap for World Book Day



### Climate Ed Reading Spine Thank You

#### Climate Reading Launch

We are excited to introduce our new Climate Education Reading Spine a collection of eco-themed books chosen to inspire discussion, spark curiosity and help our children become thoughtful, climate-conscious learners. This special collection has been generously funded by Mr Smith in loving memory of his wife Anne Marie, who enjoyed reading with the children at St Peter's. We are deeply grateful for this kindness, which has helped bring our Climate Education Reading Spine to life.

Each term, our child-led Climate Crew will deliver a carefully chosen book to every class in a distinctive green bag. Teachers will share these stories during the term, and the Climate Crew will return each term to exchange them. The first books will be delivered next Friday.



### Early Years Stay and Play- Save the Date

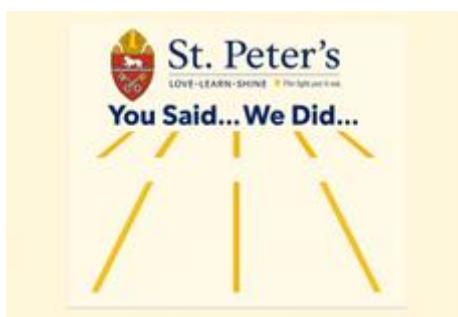
Our Early Years Wrens class warmly invites families to a special Stay and Play session on Monday 23 March 2026, from 1.30–3.00pm. Parents, grandparents and family members are all welcome to come and see learning in action. This is a lovely opportunity to spend time with your child in both the classroom and outdoor areas, experiencing the rich learning

environment they enjoy each day. You'll also be able to chat informally with our Early Years teachers and support staff, helping you stay connected with your child's progress. You are welcome to join us for the full session or simply pop in when you can. We look forward to seeing you there



### You Said We Did

Thank you to everyone who shared their views in our recent survey about end-of-term reports and parent consultations. All responses have now been carefully reviewed by leaders and governors, and we have taken time to reflect on what we can do next. We have outlined the key points raised, along with the actions we plan to take, in a more detailed letter. Families can read this in the [Letters section](#) of the school website, and we encourage everyone to take a moment to look through it. Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback it genuinely helps us improve and continue to serve our children and families as well as we can.



### Respectful Parking Reminder

Thank you to the many families who already park kindly and considerately around school each day. We know morning and afternoon routines can be busy, and we're grateful to everyone who helps keep our children and neighbours safe. For families who need to drive, parking permits remain available from the school office. These permits are designed for short-term use in nearby pay-and-display bays during drop-off and pick-up times.

A gentle reminder that permits do not allow parking on double yellow lines or in front of driveways or access points, including those used by local businesses and residents. Please continue to park legally, safely and respectfully so this supportive arrangement can benefit all families.



## 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>



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# Youth Hub

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*When?*

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

CONTACT US 

Lee McArthur - 07359355962

## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025

KEEP THEM ACTIVE OVER THE WEEK OFF WITH  
OUR RANGE OF HALF-DAY CAMP IN LEEDS.

ALLERTON HIGH SCHOOL, KING LN, LS17 7AG

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

	<u>MINI BOUNCE (5-7 YEAR OLDS).</u> 09:00-12:00 DAILY	
	<u>BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS).</u> 12:00-15:00 DAILY	
	<u>JNL PERFORMANCE (11-15 YEAR OLDS).</u> 15:00-18:00 DAILY	

BOOK NOW AT [COLBC.CO.UK/SESSIONS](http://COLBC.CO.UK/SESSIONS)

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Email: [harrogate.library@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto: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. Age 4+. Book via the library**

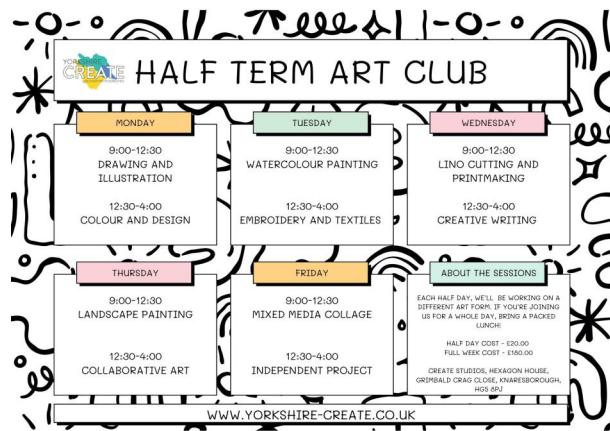
**Monday 16th February**  
**10:00 – 11:00am**  
**Harrogate Library**

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## Invitation to Duchy College Open Morning



**DUCHY  
COLLEGE**  
HARROGATE

# OPEN MORNING INVITATION

Duchy College is preparing for a new co-educational era from September 2026 and we would like to invite you to join us for our Open Morning on Wednesday, 25th March, from 09:30 – 12:00. We will start welcoming boys into Year 7 and Lower Sixth in September 2026, becoming fully co-educational by 2030.



Since 1893

### What to expect at our Open Morning

- Learn about the transition to Duchy College
- Take a tour of Duchy College, including all areas of



- Find out more about our school ethos and the school approach to learning •
- Hear about our Duchy College Seniors curriculum, • Learn more about our new subject for including our extended sports options

September 2026, Design and Technology • Discover practical information about joining, such

- Hear about our unique Flourish as entrance exams and scholarship applications

Programme, supporting the well-being of • See us on a normal school day, as lessons continue our pupils throughout the morning

**To register, please visit [hlc.org.uk/openday](http://hlc.org.uk/openday) or email [events@duchycolllege.org.uk](mailto:events@duchycolllege.org.uk) If you would prefer to book a personal visit please call 01423 537045 or email [admissions@duchycolllege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@duchycolllege.org.uk)**

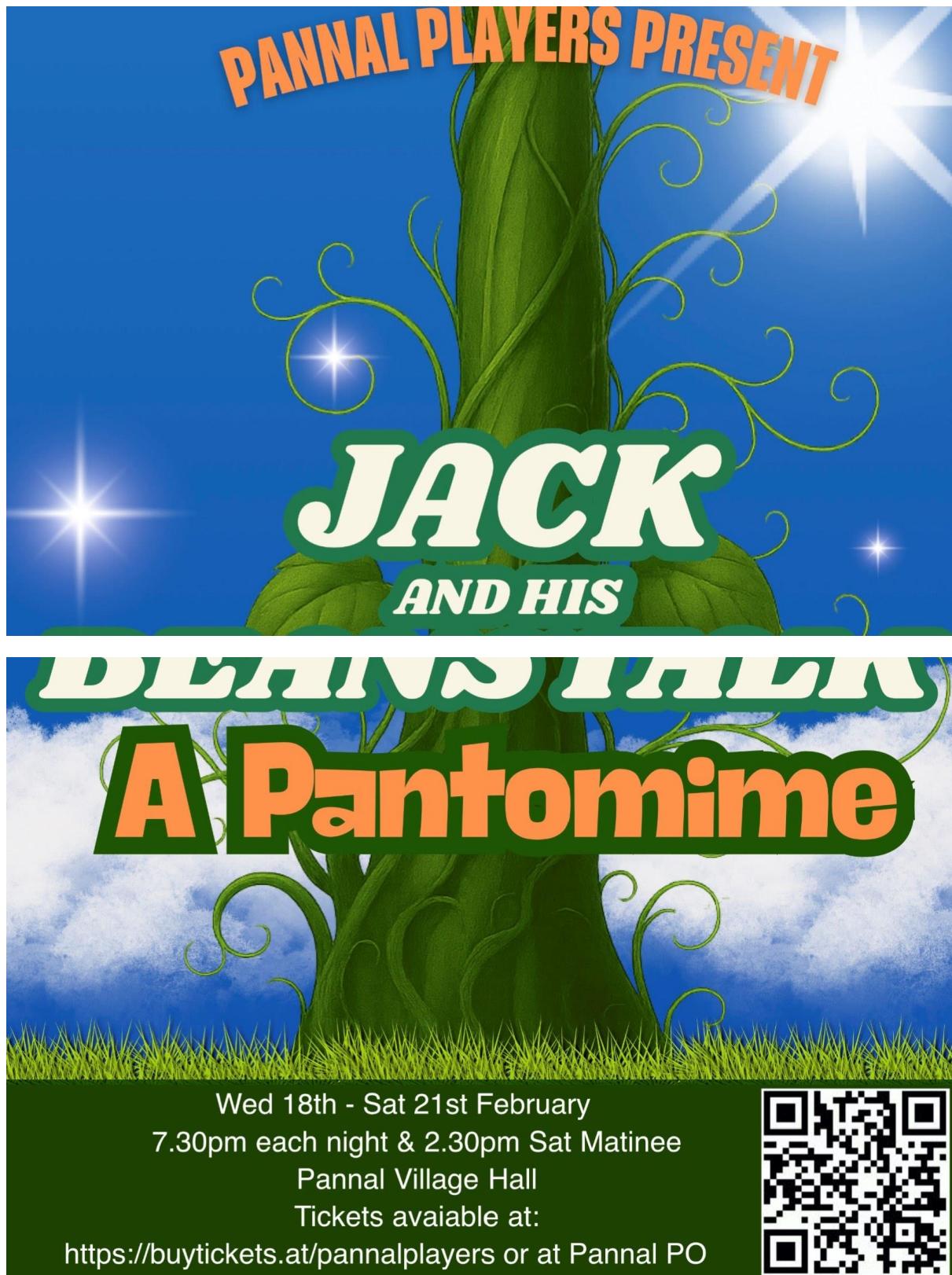
Feb 26 - Footy Camp Post



OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - YEAR 6. THE CAMP IS MIXED AGE AND MIXED GENDER. WEATHER! TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE PLEASE VISIT THE LINE

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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

**scan to register**

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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.

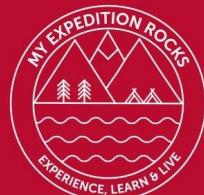
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February Half Term Climbing

# 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



Book online or contact us via email

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## North Yorkshire County Music Service

### Instrumental Lessons



See website for details and discounts available

[www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk)

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**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](http://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](mailto:MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk)

Or visit our website at: [www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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:

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Norfolk ↗	1493
North Yorkshire ↗	2216
Northamptonshire ↗	798
Northern Ireland ↗	2883
Northumberland ↗	569
Nottinghamshire ↗	1598
Oxfordshire ↗	4291