



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 27th 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.

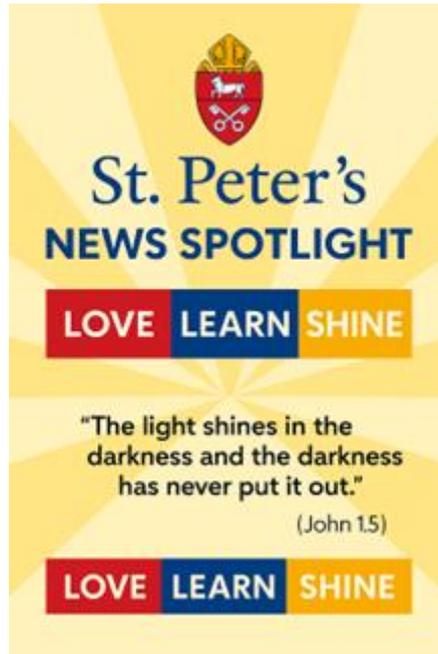
Latest News - Website News Feed

Your Insight into Life at St Peter's Each Week

We've had a vibrant and joyful start to the second half of the Spring term at St Peter's. Mr Griffiths held a very productive meeting with North Yorkshire Sport to explore possible funding options for the next stage of playground development considering carefully how given our central location we can support community groups by sharing our facilities at weekends and during holidays. We will continue to keep families update with progress on this. Children began by exploring our new Collective Worship theme of Forgiveness, using the Roots and Shoots approach to deepen understanding and nurture friendships. Wrens have retold the Palm Sunday story with real enthusiasm, while preparations for our eco-friendly World Book Day Costume Swap are underway thanks to our brilliant Climate Crew. Eagles have been enjoying generous community-donated games and books, and Funclub's half-term creativity still has everyone smiling with tales of Shrove Tuesday bringing flipping fun and reflections on Christian traditions. A huge thank you also to FOSP for a fantastic Quiz Night, bringing parents together and raising valuable funds for school.

For all this and much more 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.

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.



Toy Safety Alert

We would like to make families aware of a national safety recall affecting several children's activity toys that may be contaminated with asbestos. These products were mainly sold by Hobbycraft, although some could have been bought from other retailers. Items include certain sand and craft kits, Colour Forge Basing Sand, the My Living World Worm Kit, and Stretcherz/Slammerz toys. If you think you may have any of these at home, please stop using them straight away. Any loose sand should be sealed in a strong plastic bag and kept away from children. Used sand should be cleaned up carefully using damp cloths, gloves and a mask. Returned items can go back to Hobbycraft or the original retailer. Please see the additional attachment with the newsletter for further details.



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Harvey & Posy

Kingfishers - Flynn & Lily

Sparrows - Finn & Matthew

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Henrietta & Oliver

Starlings - Max & Seb

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Oscar & Sam

Ravens - Rafi & Robbie

Eagles - Ava & Harlow



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...

EY/KS1 - Kingfishers

KS2 - Ravens

★ 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 - Elodie, Rosie, Tabitha and Florence performed at the Royal Hall after months of hard work practicing at their dance school. ☆ it was a wonderful weekend for all involved.



3 - Evie, Ariana & Sienna (year 5), Otilie (year 2) and Bowie (year 1) performed with their dance school at the royal hall in Harrogate over half term. I've attached a few photos of them from the weekend.



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.

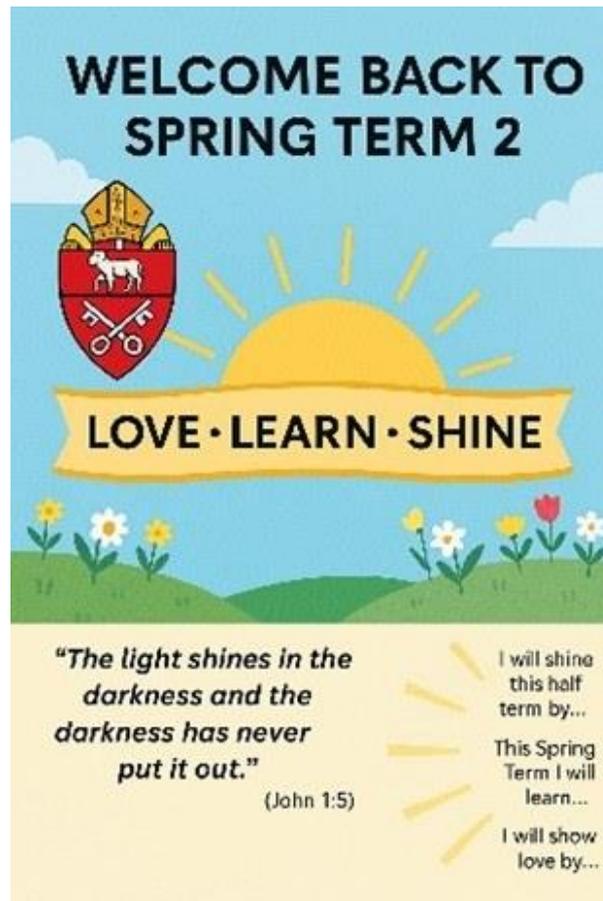
- **Wednesday 4 March** - Mike Smit External adviser visit day - All classes
- **Thursday 5 March** - World Book Day - All classes
- **Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 March** - Prayer Spaces Event in School – The Snug - KS2 classes visit the space and visitors to KS1
- **Friday 20 March** - FOSP Bunny Bounce - 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

The Half Term Ahead

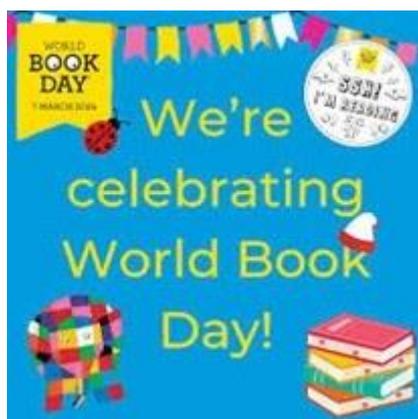


This half term's updates include our whole-school theme of Forgiveness, reminders about uniform, punctuality and attendance, as well as information on snacks, swimming, winter weather arrangements and key dates including the end of term on Thursday 26 March. Families can also stay connected through our website News Section and Instagram for regular glimpses of children's learning and daily school life. You can read the full update on our school website, where all details are available in one place.

Read the full article with all the details [here](#).

World Book Day 2026 – Save The Date

World Book Day will take place next 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!



National Offer Day for secondary school places

National Offer Day for secondary school places for September 2026 entry is **Monday, 2 March 2026**. Parents who applied online will receive email notifications, often starting from 8:00 AM, or can check on the [North Yorkshire admissions portal](#). If you made a paper application, you should get a letter telling you about your offered school place.

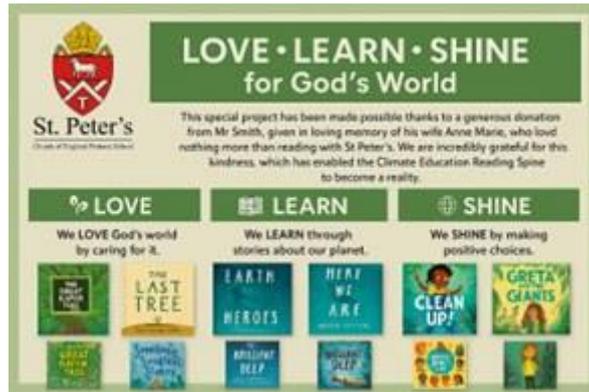


Climate Ed Reading Spine Thank You

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



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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Saturday 7 March

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Future Talent - Inspiring young musicians

Learn about the Future Talent programmes which offer unique opportunities for young musicians to build confidence, develop personal skills, and enhance their musical experience. Their core is in the evolution of the young lives they affect; inspiring examples of musical talent and life development.

The programme is aimed at young musicians from low-income backgrounds. Further information can be found via the link below:

[Programmes | Future Talent](#)

Vocal Project Days - Poster



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

10am - 3pm

 Escrick C of E Primary School
Carr Lane
YO19 6JQ

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



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Ensemble Project Days - Poster

North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS



15 March
19 April
14 June
20 June

10am - 3pm



The Regen
Centre
Landing Lane
YO19 6PW

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.

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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