



# St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

*Love Learn Shine*

## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 6 MARCH 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 another busy, productive and fun week at St Peter's this week. On Wednesday it was wonderful to welcome Mr Smit, our external adviser, into school to support our ongoing self-evaluation. Together we spent valuable time in classrooms looking closely at Early Years provision and oracy across the school. As always, it was a privilege to walk alongside our children, talk with them about their learning and see their enthusiasm shining in every space.

Across school, children have enjoyed another vibrant week. Sparrows continued their adventures and explored emotional journeys through My Name is Not Refugee. Our Little Mathematicians impressed us with confident doubling, while Ravens demonstrated excellent oracy using a full set of Talk Tactics.

Wrens delighted us with ocean learning and their thoughtful Palm Sunday role-play. Starlings mapped food miles with curiosity, and Year 4 children enjoyed a brilliant guitar workshop. We also celebrated the launch of our Climate Education Reading Spine.

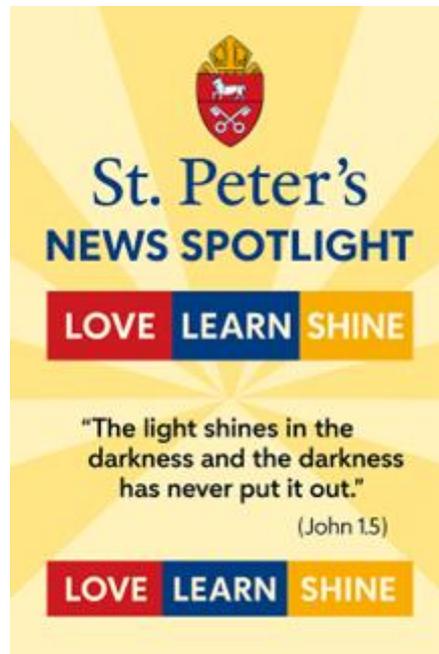
We finished the week with a fantastic World Book Day, filled with creative costumes, book-themed activities and the return of the much-loved Masked Reader.

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.

Mr Griffiths

Headteacher



## 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.

### March Online Safety Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter highlights key issues linked to children's use of phones, games and online platforms. It explains the risks linked to smartphone use, including inappropriate content, contact from strangers and excessive screen time, with links to guidance on choosing the right device and delaying smartphone use. There is also important information about horror-style games such as Five Nights at Freddy's, plus updates on new YouTube parental controls to help limit Shorts and set viewing reminders. The newsletter covers how VPNs can bypass restrictions, and explains how social media algorithms shape what children see online.



## Punctuality – A Big Thank You and Well Done

Thank you to all families for supporting good punctuality after our recent focus. This helps children start the day calmly and ready for learning.

Children should arrive 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 8:50 is recorded as late. We keep a list of children entering through the main entrance to ensure registers are accurate and to offer support where needed.



## Using the Main Entrance in the Morning

In extreme weather, we understand that some families may need to wait inside the entrance area if they arrive early. We kindly ask that this space remains clear enough for families who need to speak with office staff or who are arriving a little later. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Thank you for supporting a smooth and positive start to the school day for all children.

## Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Ava & Theodora

**Kingfishers - Ben & Kit**

**Sparrows - Daisy & Gabriel**

★ **Year 3/4**

**Owls - Morgan & Tom**

**Starlings - Florence & Tabitha**

★ **Year 5/6**

**Hérons - Nell & Sarena**

**Ravens - Ashley & Bentley**

**Eagles - Grace & Rosie**



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 - Sparrows**

**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](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 - Esme shone last weekend at her first ever dance show with Freedom Performing Arts.

*She participated in two dances in the Royal Hall - as a snowman for her frozen ballet dance and also showing off her dance moves in her commercial class in the 2nd half.*



## 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.

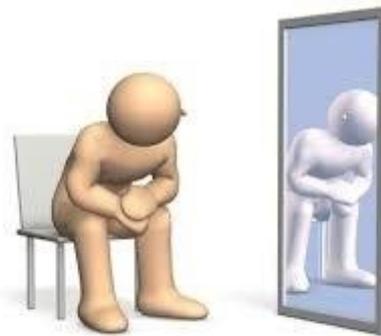
- **Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 March** - Prayer Spaces Event in School – The Snug - KS2 classes visit the space and visitors to KS1
- **Friday 20 March** - FOSP Bunny Bounce - All classes
- **Monday 23 March 1.30-3pm** - Early Years Stay and Play - Families with children in Wrens class
- **Thursday 26 March - 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

### External Adviser visit

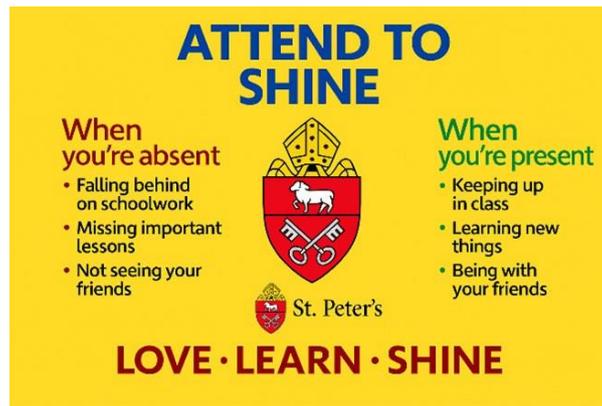


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### Attendance Matters

We would like to remind families that you can check your child's attendance live, daily, on Arbor to see how they are progressing. Attendance is so important, as learning builds cumulatively, and even when attendance looks "okay", being below 90% can add up to as much as four weeks of absence across the year. At St Peter's, we always aim for 98%+ so children can make the most of all the opportunities on offer.

Please do take a moment to look on Arbor and see how your children are doing. We will always call home if a child seems genuinely unwell, but if it's a minor cold or small tummy ache, we are very happy to give things a go in school and contact you if needed. Being present every day brings huge benefits for learning, confidence and friendships.



### 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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**SPORTING INFLUENCE**  
Improving Social Skills Through Sport

## Jobs with Sporting Influence

### Activity Camp Team Leader

We are looking for Qualified Teachers, Experienced HLTA's and/or coaches to work at our Activity Camps during the school holidays. We require staff for EYFS and KSI/2/3 who have a passion for sport or arts & crafts.



### Level 3 Sporting Influence Apprenticeship

The full time role is for 30 hours per week, a great opportunity to develop skills and get a recognised qualification at the end of the year. Role will include school delivery, activity camp work and wrap around care.



### Wrap Around Care Venue Leader

Lead Wrap Around Care at Pool in Wharfedale CE Primary, working three hours per day (3-6pm), term time only. Responsible for creating a fun, safe and engaging after school club for children. Experience working with children is essential.



## Benefits

Uniform provided.

Holiday pay included.

CPD and on the job training.

Working with a fun, dynamic and energetic team.

Summer staff social to thank all staff for their work.

All Sporting Influence staff will obtain first aid training, safeguarding training and prevent training.



Interested?

Contact us:

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Ashville Senior School Open Day

DISCOVER THE 'NEW'



# ASHVILLE

Open Day  
Saturday 7 March

The top performing school in Harrogate and  
within the top 10 independent schools in the North



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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**

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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](mailto:Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk)



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 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

 York Music Hub

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

## 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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