



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 13 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

Springtime Shine

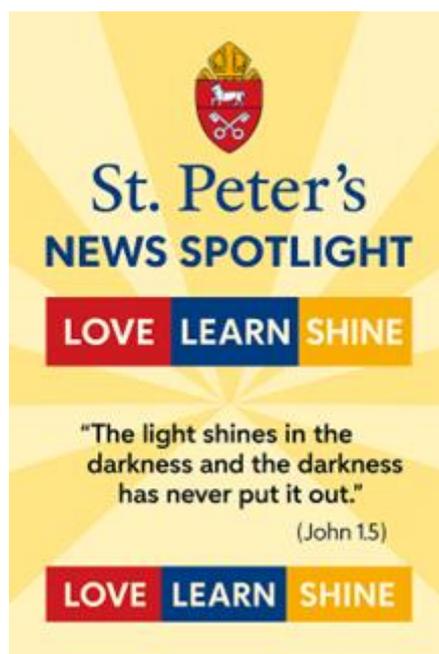
It has been another vibrant week at St Peter's. We began with a highly valuable governors' meeting where school leaders reflected on the Ofsted framework, reviewed our self-evaluation and discussed strengths and next steps, drawing on parent and child feedback. Governors also considered the recent Education White Paper and what it means for our continued journey at St Peter's. The annual Mother's Day Gift Sale brought great excitement thank you to FOSP. Across school, learning has flourished: Wrens explored signs of spring, Sparrows deepened their understanding of Good Friday, and Herons enjoyed a brilliant visit to Harrogate Library. KS2 children were also inspired by a visit from a professional sculptor, enriching their art learning alongside Eagles' impressive Hepworth-inspired soap sculptures. A wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity and community.

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.

Accident Prevention Support

Everyday accidents are one of the leading causes of serious injury for children, especially younger ones who are naturally curious about the world around them. At home and at school, ordinary objects can become hazards hot surfaces, small items that can be swallowed, or substances that little hands might explore without understanding the risks.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust is a UK charity dedicated to reducing these preventable injuries. They offer a free online resource centre with helpful fact sheets, posters and simple activities designed to help families spot dangers and keep children safe.

If you'd like to find out more, you can explore their resources using the link [here](#).



Front Playground Surfacing

Thank you to the parents who have contacted us regarding the condition and recent slippiness of the front playground surfacing. We are aware of the issue and continue to monitor the area closely. The surface has been in place for many years, and it can become slippery when wet. This is made more challenging by the need for regular cleaning due to bird droppings from the protected trees nearby. We will continue to advise and warn children through briefings, newsletters and clear signage, and we are exploring alternative locations for classes who usually line up at the front. We are also working with the Trust estates and finance teams to consider longer-term, cost-effective solutions..



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Charlie and Mercie

Kingfishers - Hayley and Juliet

Sparrows - Phoebe and Seb

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Jonathan and Scarlett

Starlings - Jamie and Mylo

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Nathaniel and Poppy

Ravens - Freddie and Sienna

Eagles - Sophie A and David



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!

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 with a short description and any photos you'd like to include. Let's celebrate the fantastic things happening beyond the classroom together!



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

National SEND Consultation – A Quick Update

The Government is consulting on proposed changes to improve support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The aim is to create a

system where help is early, local and fair, with clearer shared responsibilities between schools, health partners and local authorities.

At St Peter's, this aligns strongly with our vision of Love, Learn, Shine. We believe every child deserves the right support at the right time so they can grow with confidence and thrive.

Why This Matters

The Department for Education is keen to hear from anyone with an interest in the SEND system, including:

- children, young people and families
- teachers and school leaders
- early years, school and post-16 settings
- local authorities and specialist organisations

Your experiences can help shape a more supportive, consistent system for all children.

Read our full website post [here](#) which also has full details of how to respond to the consultation.



FOSP Sponsored 'Bunny' Bounce

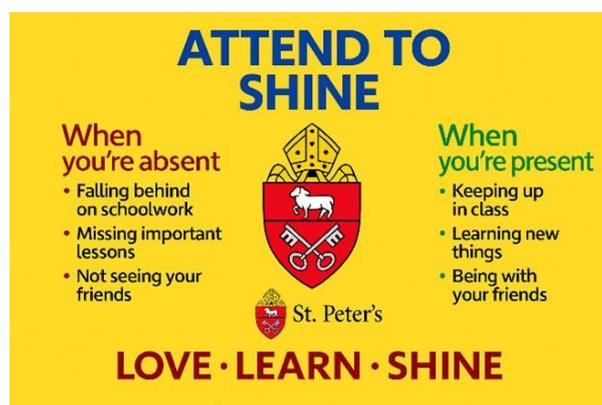
On Friday 20th March, we be holding our annual sponsored Bunny Bounce, organised by FOSP. Every child in school will have the chance to bounce for 1 minute on a bouncy castle, with prizes for the top bouncers in KS2 and KS1. Children will be coming home with a sponsorship form this week. Please consider sponsoring your child to take part. Every penny raised goes towards projects that enhance the children's school experience, such as the annual panto trip, the new nest nurture space, and educational workshops and trips. We hope they enjoy bouncing into the Easter holidays!



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.



Chair of Governors Opportunity

One of our Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust partners, Hampsthwaite CE Primary School, is looking for a new Chair of Governors a wonderful chance to make a real difference to a local school community. This important role involves supporting the team at Hampsthwaite and helping to shape the future of the school so that all children can continue to “Enjoy, Achieve... Flourish.”

Hampsthwaite is a warm, vibrant school with a creative curriculum and a strong focus on happiness, enjoyment, and achievement for every child. If you’re passionate about education and have time to offer, the Trust would love to hear from you.

To learn more or register your interest, please click [here](#).



Happy News – Latest St Peter’s Family Member

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Ratcliffe and her partner welcomed the arrival of baby Margot safely this week on Wednesday morning at 9.00am, weighing a healthy 6lb 1oz.

Both baby and family are doing well, and they are very much looking forward to introducing Margot to the St Peter’s community. We send them all our warmest congratulations and love.



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...

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EASTER

Reception, Y1 & Y2

Egg hunt

26 March

Wrens playground after school.

£1 enter. Cash on the day.



EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

THURS 26TH MARCH

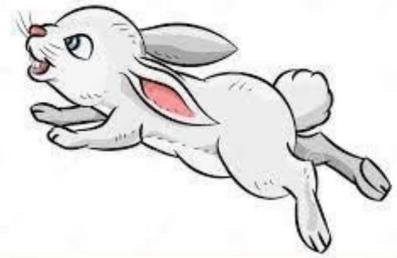
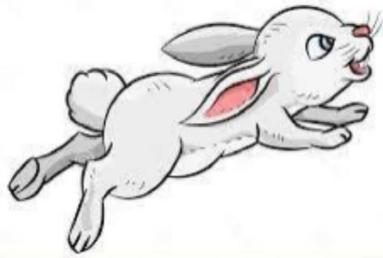
**GET CREATIVE
AND MAKE AN
EASTER BONNET
OR
DECORATE AN
EGG TO BRING TO
SCHOOL!**

**PRIZES FOR THE
WINNERS**



**£1 TO ENTER.
CASH COLLECTED ON THE DAY AT SCHOOL.
PROCEEDS TO FOSP.**

Bunny Bounce Poster



Easter Bunny Bounce



Join FOSP in a celebration of Easter fun!
Every child in school will have the chance to spend
~~4 minute~~ bouncing on a bouncy castle on
Friday 20th March to earn a certificate.
Can St Peter's children achieve a full day of continuous
Easter bunny bouncing to raise money for the school?



www.netball4all.com

EASTER CAMP DATES



Come and join us this Easter!
Our camps are filled with lots of netball activities and match play which you will love.

All abilities welcome.

Sign up today to secure your place.
Prizes up for grabs & certificates for all.
Get your trainers on & join us!



Harrogate Music Centre

Open
Day!

Saturday 14th March
from 9:30 to 12:00

St Aidan's School
Oatlands Drive
HG2 8JR



Enjoy a family-friendly day filled with music
Step inside our rehearsals, see our work in action
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North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



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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:
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7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

10am - 3pm



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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



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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