



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 20 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.

As this is the final newsletter of the term, as next week children break up on Thursday, we would like to wish all our children and families a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. We hope everyone enjoys time together with family and friends. We would like to thank our whole school community for all their support over this term. We look forward to welcoming children and families back to school for the summer term on Monday 13 April 2026

We will keep families updated with any news from the final week of term via the [News Section](#) of our website.

 **Latest News - Website News Feed** 

Your Insight into Life at St Peter's Each Week

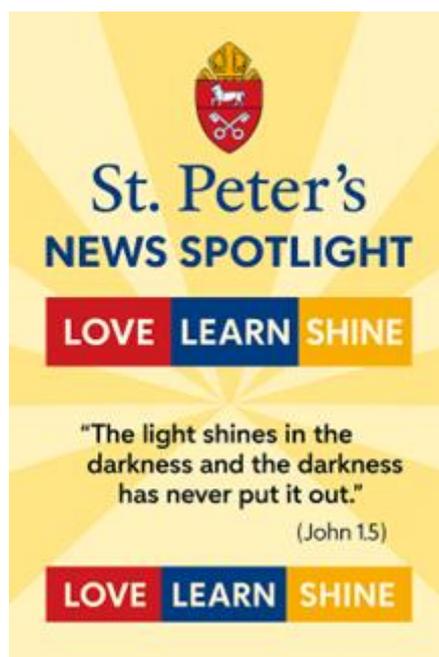
It has been another uplifting week at St Peter's, filled with reflection, inspiration and joyful learning. Our second annual Prayer Spaces Week created calm, thoughtful moments for children to pause and explore big questions with support from our wonderful church volunteers. In Year 2, Sparrows challenged job stereotypes as they learned about inspiring trailblazers who show that ambition has no limits. KS1 children enjoyed an exciting cinema trip to the Odeon Harrogate, sharing the magic of the big screen together. In Collective Worship, the story of The Prodigal Son helped us think deeply about forgiveness. We also came together to celebrate Mothering Sunday, honouring all those who care for and guide our children. A week full of community, compassion and curiosity.

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.

Medical Need –Awareness

We would like to make families aware that one of our children, who is receiving treatment for cancer, will soon be able to spend some time back in school. This is wonderful news, and we are grateful for the continued kindness shown by our community.

Because of their treatment, the child is extremely vulnerable to measles, chicken pox and shingles. To help us keep them safe, please inform school immediately if your child or anyone in your household shows signs of these illnesses. If you would like information about measles immunisation, please speak with your GP.

Your own child is not at any risk. Thank you for your support. Please read the full letter, which can be accessed in the [letters section](#) of our website.



Easter Support

We hope all families enjoy a peaceful and relaxing holiday, but we know difficulties can arise. Holidays can be a difficult time for many reasons. Some children and families may feel worried about spending time with family, money pressures, or managing emotions. Others may feel unsure about keeping safe or coping with changes to routine. It can also feel hard to escape the holiday season, especially if home feels stressful or everyone else seems excited.

[Childline](#) is available throughout the Easter break, offering counselling and safe spaces for children to talk openly about how they're feeling. If you're worried about a child, support is available through the North Yorkshire Children's Partnership. You can find information about services and how to access help [here](#).



Call 0800 1111 ☎

Wellbeing Reminder – Items from Home

We would like to remind families that, as shared at the start of the academic year, children should not bring toys, key-chain accessories, fidget items, jewellery, makeup or stationery into school. This approach supports the wellbeing of everyone by reducing pressure on families to provide unnecessary items and removing the stress children can feel about losing belongings. It also helps staff avoid time spent resolving issues linked to these items, allowing more time to focus on learning and relationships.

School continues to provide all necessary stationery and any sensory resources children may need. Only small stud earrings and a wristwatch (not a smart watch) may be worn. All other items should be kept safely at home. Thank you for your support with this



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Cleo and Fiametta

Kingfishers - Esmae and Samuel

Sparrows - Kaya and Sava

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Isabelle and Leo

Starlings - Felix and Parvi

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Alicia and Jamie

Ravens - Luka and Yiu Yiu

Eagles - Henry and Murphy



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...

EY/KS1 - Sparrows

KS2 - Owls

★ 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.

- **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
- **Tuesday 14 April** - Railway Museum Trip - Owls & Wrens
- **Tuesday 21 April** - Railway Museum Trip - Kingfishers & Sparrows
- **Tuesday 21 April** - evening - Parent Consultations
- **Thursday 23 April** - Railway Museum Trip - Starlings and Herons
- **Thursday 23 April** - evening - Parent Consultations
- **Thursday 30 April** - Railway Museum Trip - Eagles and Ravens
- **Monday 4 May** - May Bank Holiday - School Closed

- **Tuesday 5 May - Wednesday 6 May** - Herd Farm Residential - Year 4
- **Friday 8 May** - Walk to School Day Walking Bus 8.20am West Park Stray
- **Monday 11 - Thursday 14 May** - Key Stage Two SATS Week - Year 6
- **Wednesday 20 May - afternoon** - Key Stage Two Swimming Gala - Selected children - parents will receive a letter if child is selected
- **Friday 22 May 3.15pm** - School closes for half term break

Half Term

- **Monday 1 June - Friday 12 June** - Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
- **Monday 1 June** - Class photos - All children full school uniform please
- **Wednesday 3 June** - Reserve day for class photos - All children full school uniform please
- **Monday 8 – Friday 12 June** - Phonics Check window – children in Year 1
- **Tuesday 9 June** - Mike Smitt – External Adviser Visit
- **Friday 13 June** - Climate Crew Harlow Carr Visit - Climate Crew
- **Friday 19 June** - Walk to School Day Walking Bus 8.20am West Park Stray
- **Tuesday 23 June – 3.30pm – 5.00pm** - Open classrooms event - All classes, all welcome
- **Thursday 2 July** - Year 2 Saltburn Trip
- **Tuesday 7 July** - St Aidan's High School Transition Day - Year 6 children going to St Aidan's in September
- **Tuesday 7 July & Wednesday 8 July** - Harrogate High Transition Days - Year 6 children going to Harrogate High
- **Wednesday 8 July & Thursday 9 July** - Rossett High Transition Days - Year 6 children going to Rossett High
- **Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 July** - Harrogate Grammar School Transition Days - Year 6 children moving to HGS
- **Friday 26 June** - Year 6 Crucial Crew
- **Friday 10 July** - End of Year reports to parents via Arbor
- **Friday 17 July 9.30am** St Peter's Church - Year 6 Leavers Service - All classes and families welcome

- **Friday 17 July 2.00pm** - School Closes for end of Term

Summer Holiday

General News & Key Messages

End-of-Term Reports – Spring Term

Following on from the short end-of-term reports we introduced in the autumn term, we will be sharing updated versions with families next week. These reports are designed to give clear, timely snapshots of how children are progressing in their learning. Thank you to everyone who shared feedback after the first set; we have listened carefully and made several improvements to the template to make it even clearer and more useful. All of these changes are explained in a full in the letter which can be accessed [here](#), and we are grateful to families for taking the time to read it.



Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 21 April and Thursday 23 April 2026 for all classes. **Booking will open at 6.00pm this coming Monday 23 March 2026.** We encourage every family to make an appointment. These important conversations are a chance to hear how your child is doing, celebrate their progress, and discuss their next steps. You will also be able to talk through any points from the end-of-term reports and look at your child's work.

We are pleased to offer free childcare for school-age children during your appointment. Simply drop your children off in the lower hall when you arrive for your appointment. We look forward to welcoming you everyone is invited, and we really do want to see every family.



Early Years Stay and Play- Next Week

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.



Staffing Update - Farewell & Welcome

Next week we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Armstrong, who is leaving St Peter's after ten years of dedicated service to our children and families. She will be moving to a new role with the North Yorkshire Families Team, where she will be supporting families directly. We offer our heartfelt thanks for her care, commitment and kindness, which have made a real difference to so many children. Please help us to make her final week a special one and join us in wishing her every success in her new role.

After Easter, we are pleased to welcome two new members of support staff, Mrs Wrightson and Mrs Plummer, who bring a wealth of experience from local schools



Lost Lunchboxes

We have several unclaimed, unnamed lunchboxes currently stored in the large box under the bike shelter, on the table nearest the Early Years outdoor area. Please check this area before the Easter holiday, as any remaining items will need to be responsibly disposed of. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store lost property beyond one term. We kindly encourage all families to ensure that any items brought into school, including lunchboxes, are clearly named. When items are named and left on the trolley, they can be returned directly to children via their classroom. Thank you for helping us keep lost property to a minimum and supporting children to take care of their belongings.



Funclub Feedback

We are inviting all St Peter's families to share their views in our Funclub Parents Survey. Your feedback is essential in helping us review and improve the before- and after-school care we offer. By telling us openly and honestly about your children's experiences, you help us understand what is working well and where we can make things even better. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and every response makes a difference to the quality of care and activities we provide. Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to a Funclub that is safe, enjoyable and responsive to the needs of all children and families.

Click [here](#) to access the survey.



School Easter Service

We are looking forward to our Easter Service on Thursday 26 March 2026 at St Peter's Church, starting at 9.30am. All families are warmly welcomed to join us for this special occasion, which will be led by our children as they share readings, songs and reflections to mark this important time in the Christian calendar.

If any parents or carers are able to help with walking the children to and from church, this would be greatly appreciated. Please meet on the front playground at 9.05am so that we can set off together safely.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.



Easter Services at St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church in Harrogate has a full programme of Easter events this year, offering something for everyone in this warm and centrally located church community. Alongside regular worship, there are many special services and sessions designed with families in mind. These include opportunities for reflection, craft activities and the much-loved Good Friday service, which always welcomes children and adults together. Families are encouraged to pop along at any point over the Easter period to explore what is happening and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere. Full details of all events can be found on the church's website, where you will also find information about additional activities running throughout the holidays.

Click [here](#) to access the St Peter's Church website for information on their services and events.



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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26 March

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29 MARCH 2026 1 - 4:00 PM

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