



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 24th APRIL 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 and productive second week of the summer term has seen children continuing to shine across St Peter's. Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Railway Museum, including the Bramall Science Centre, where children took part in lots of hands-on learning. Thank you to all our volunteers and FOSP for supporting with the cost and helping make these visits possible. Parent Consultation evenings were positive and well attended, strengthening our partnership with families. Children in Key Stage Two enjoyed first aid workshops with St Johns Ambulance. Children from across all year groups engaged thoughtfully with the Big Green Heart programme, encouraging inclusion and wellbeing and linking to our focus on encouraging one another. In our worship we reflected on building up our friendships with encouragement of each other.

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.

Mr Griffiths

Headteacher



Attendance Matters- Update & News

Warm Welcome

We aim that families will always receive a warm welcome when they arrive at St Peter's School, whatever the time. We know it is best for children to be on time, lining up calmly and ready to enter school with their class. We encourage everyone to arrive between 8.40am and be in line promptly for an 8.45am start. We understand, however, that occasionally circumstances mean families may arrive late. Please be reassured that you will always be welcomed. If the gates are closed, please come through the front entrance and let the office staff know you have arrived, so names can be recorded for registration and safety purposes. If there are ongoing family circumstances that regularly affect arrival times, please speak with us. We are here to listen and to help.

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER,
BUT BETTER NEVER LATE.**

Being on time helps everyone shine from the start of school of the school day.

<p>When you're late</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushed and worried • Missing out on morning activities • Feeling stressed and upset 		<p>When you're ontime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calm and ready to learn • Happy to see your friends • Feeling good
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School starts at 8:45 - let's arrive by 8:40!

LOVE • LEARN • SHINE St. Peter's

How We Are All Doing

We are currently at a school average of 95.5%, above the national average of 94.6%. While this is positive, the DfE and Ofsted are clear that attendance is a national issue, and being above average is not enough. Our aim is a whole-school attendance figure of 97% or above. Arbor is a helpful way to view your children's individual attendance in real time. Attendance of 95% or above is considered good, but it still means around ten days missed across a year. Research shows this can impact learning and social development. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence, and below 95% is an important measure for families. Please check Arbor and talk to us if you have concerns or need support. We are here to help.



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.

Summer Safety

As we move into the summer term, with nicer weather, longer days and more time spent outside, it is a good opportunity to revisit some key physical safety and independence messages with children. Simple road safety reminders are important, including crossing safely, using crossings where possible and staying aware of their surroundings. For families encouraging children to walk to school more independently, it helps to agree clear routes and regular check-ins. Age-appropriate stranger awareness conversations can reinforce staying safe without causing worry. After school, it is vital that children know who is collecting them and what to do if plans change unexpectedly. These shared messages, supported by guidance from [clevernevergoes.org](#), help children build confidence, independence and good safety habits as they enjoy the summer term. To read more click [here](#).



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Fiametta & Rocco

Kingfishers - Amelie & Violet

Sparrows - Rosie & Seb

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Finley & Octavia

Starlings - Felicity & Lilly-Dot

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Alicia & Zoe

Ravens - Dinuthi & Zach

Eagles - Emmeleia & Sidney



☆ Sharing Our Shine ☆

Share Your Shine with Us

We love celebrating the amazing things our children and families achieve outside of school! Whether it's a sporting triumph, a creative project, a community event, or a personal milestone, we want to hear all about it. This is your chance to share successes, achievements and endeavours that make you proud. Our "Share Your Shine" 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 and 2026-2027 are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments. Please note

school are expected to process statutory penalty notices for unauthorised absences of 5 or more days.

- **Tuesday 28th April**- Murton Park History Workshops- Starlings and Eagles/ Ravens Year 5's
- **Thursday 30 April** - Railway Museum Trip - Eagles and Ravens
- **Thursday 30 April** - St John's First Aid Yorkshire Dales Thousand Life Savers Campaign- Herons Class
- **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
- **Friday 15 May** - Bed Race - 60s Day - All classes
- **Wednesday 20 May** - Starlings Class Showcase 9.10am Lower Hall- Parents and families welcome
- **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 - All classes

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 12 June** - Climate Crew Harlow Carr Visit - Climate Crew
- **Saturday 13 June** - Knaresborough Bed Race - All Welcome to support the team running on behalf of St Peter's
- **Friday 19 June** - Walk to School Day Walking Bus 8.20am West Park Stray

- **Tuesday 23 June 2026** – 3.30pm – 5.00pm - Open classrooms event - All classes, all welcome!
- **Friday 26 June** - Year 6 Crucial Crew
- **Wednesday 1 July** - King James's School Transition day - Year 6
- **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 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

Curriculum Overviews

Our Summer Term Curriculum Overviews give you a clear picture of the learning ahead for each class. They outline the key subjects, themes and experiences your children will be exploring, helping you understand what learning looks like in school and how it all fits together. The overviews are available on each class page of the website.

We hope you find these overviews helpful in supporting your children and gaining insight into their learning journey. Please also remember families can keep up to date with the [News section](#) of the website and our [Instagram](#) account, where we share ongoing curriculum updates, events and highlights from across school. Together, these updates help you stay connected and support your children's learning throughout the summer term.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many families engaging in positive, supportive conversations with staff about their children. These discussions are an important part of working together and supporting children’s learning and wellbeing. If you were unable to attend this time, please don’t worry. You can stay informed through newsletters, curriculum overviews, website news articles, open classrooms later in the term and end-of-term reports. Parents are also welcome to request a meeting with their child’s teacher at any point by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk. Staff are always happy to talk and help where needed. We would be grateful if families could complete a short survey using the link provided, to help us continue improving how we support you and your children.



Parent Survey

We are keen to hear from families about their experience of St Peter’s School. Your feedback helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can improve, so that we continue to serve all children and families as effectively as possible. We would be very grateful if parents and carers could take a few minutes to complete our short parent survey. It includes a small number of quick and simple questions, but the information you share is incredibly valuable to us. Your views help shape our priorities, improve communication and strengthen the support we offer to children and families. Please follow the link provided to complete the survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and for working with us to

make St Peter's the best it can be. The survey is open now and can be accessed via this link [here](#) and will remain open until 9.15am Monday 4 May.



Class Showcase

On Wednesday 20 May at 9.00am, we are delighted to invite parents and families to the Lower Hall for a Starlings Class Showcase. This will be a special opportunity to see and hear directly from the children about some of their learning from the year so far. The children in Starlings are keen to share their work, talk about what they have enjoyed and celebrate their progress together. This showcase is being trialled by the class, and we are looking forward to seeing how it works, with a view to offering similar opportunities for other classes at different points across the year. Families are warmly welcome to join us and support the children as they proudly share their learning. We hope you can join us for this exciting event.



Lost Property

Please help us keep lost property manageable and ensure items get back to children quickly. All named uniform, snack boxes, lunch boxes and water bottles are always returned directly to children and their classrooms. Unnamed items are placed in boxes in the meeting room for the duration of the term and are then disposed of responsibly, as we do not have space to store them for longer.

To make space under the bike store for bikes and Early Years equipment, unnamed lunch boxes and water bottles are now kept in these meeting room boxes rather than by the bike store. If your child has lost something, please check the meeting room boxes. The lost property trolley is cleared regularly. Naming items helps: belongings can go back to children.



Bed Race Fun

This year St Peter's School is taking part in the Decorated Bed Race, and we are excited to begin our fundraising and creative preparations together. On Friday 15 May, children will take part in a special 1960s-themed day to kick-start our efforts. Children may come to school in non-uniform for a £2 donation, payable via Arbor, or dress up in a 1960s-style costume, with a prize for the best dressed. The day will include a curriculum focus on key events from the 1960s, alongside creating artwork that will be used to decorate our bed. We are also looking for volunteers to help with decorating the bed or acting as marshals on the day. Please let the office team know if you can help.



Community News

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.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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

Access resources for families [here](#). Sign the pact [here](#).

How should I talk to my child about smartphones? Tips for parents at every stage

Cycling Training for Young Riders

Harrogate Nova Cycling Club are running a series of weekly youth training sessions on Tuesday evenings at the Harrogate Army Foundation College Hildebrand Barracks car park (just off Pennypot Lane).

The sessions start on April 21 and run through to July 14. There is a break over half term and the summer holidays and then some final sessions in early autumn (approx 16 sessions in total). All sessions are run by fully qualified [British Cycling](#) coaches. To cater for different abilities and ages there are two groups:

Group 1: Entry level/younger riders (minimum age: 6). Tuesday evenings: 18.00-18.30. £55 for 16 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee). These sessions are ideal for riders who want to develop their basic cycling skills (i.e. bike control, braking, riding safely in a group)

Group 2: More experienced riders (typically age: 8 - 11). Tuesday evenings: 18.30-19.15. £80 for 16 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee). These sessions are suitable for those who want to progress their skills and become highly competent riders. The sessions cover skills such as riding in a group at speed and more advanced bike handling.

All sessions take place in a car free area with the riders having the opportunity to use Timberfly ramps to help develop their skills.

If you are interested in the sessions and would like further information or would like to go along and attend a free trial session, please complete the 'Open Form' enquiry form on the Harrogate Nova website: <https://www.harrogatenova.cc/youth-coaching>



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The graphic features a purple and white background with a circular logo containing the text 'FIT LIKE A GIRL STUDIO' and the website 'WWW.FITLIKEAGIRL.CO.UK'. Below the logo, there is a black banner with white text that reads 'SPECIALLY STRUCTURED FITNESS CLASSES FOR GIRLS. 8-18YRS'. At the bottom, a purple banner contains the text 'RAISING CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM & RESILIENCE THROUGH FITNESS'. In the bottom right corner, there is a Facebook icon and the handle '@fitlikeagirl'. The background of the graphic shows a young girl in a pink shirt running in a gymnasium.



May half term school holiday activities available to book now!

May half term is just around the corner, and North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have a fun-filled, action-packed line-up planned.

Adventure Club (ages 8–13) is back at Bewerley Park, with planned activities on set days so you know exactly what your child will be enjoying. Plus, save **10% when booking siblings or multiple days**.

Bewerley Park activities:

- Tuesday 26 May- mountain biking and orienteering
- Wednesday 27 May- climbing and bouldering
- Thursday 28 May- underground cave or mine and bushcraft
- Friday 29 May- gorge scramble and high ropes

Our East Barnby team are also running a two-day RYA sailing course from Scaling Dam Sailing Club on 28-29 May, where young people will learn to sail and gain their Stage 1 or Stage 2 qualification.

Find out more and book at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

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