



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15th MAY 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 week at St Peter's, sharing our shine in some many different ways within and beyond school.

This week has truly reflected our Love Learn Shine vision. Our Year 6 children were outstanding during SATs showing confidence maturity and determination and giving one hundred percent in every test. Breakfast together helped create a calm start and sincere thanks go to our staff team especially Mrs Bolton for her much loved bacon sandwiches. Thank you to other year groups for adapting playtimes and moving quietly so Year 6 could focus. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Year 2 children shone in maths using money confidently and rehearsing mathematical sentences through oracy. In worship we reflected on the importance of spending time with friends and the gift of giving time to others through the Bible story of Mary and Martha.

Children also represented St Peter's superbly in inter school dodgeball and rounders competitions with Sporting Influence. Thank you to Mrs Oldfield for supporting these opportunities. We look forward to the KS2 swimming gala next week. We rounded off the week with a superb sixties day in support of our Bed Race runners learning about key events from the sixties and producing artwork to help decorate the bed.

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

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Leave Requests Clarification

We are pleased to clarify arrangements around requests for authorised absence from school. The school recognises that there are circumstances where absence is unavoidable; however, any time away from school can impact the continuity of children's learning and is considered carefully.

Authorised absence may include illness, medical appointments, religious observance, study leave, interviews, educational activities or, in exceptional circumstances, a leave of absence agreed by the headteacher. Exceptional circumstances may include family bereavement, a medical emergency, or situations where parents' operational duties restrict leave. This particularly applies to roles such as the military, NHS or emergency services during critical incidents or local/national emergencies and will require supporting evidence.

Please note that being busy at work, or not being granted preferred annual leave, does not meet the threshold for exceptional circumstances.

Families can access our full Pupil Attendance Policy via the [policy page](#) of our website.



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.

Online Safety Update

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the online safety session that took place last week. The session focused on supporting children to stay safe online and understanding current risks and guidance. For those who were unable to attend, or who would like to revisit the information, a recording of the session and the presentation slides are available to view via the link [here](#).

This allow you to watch at a time that suits you and share the information with other family members if needed.

If you have any questions or would like further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Online Safety Parent/Carer
Session: May 2026

NUT AWARENESS FOLLOWING INCIDENT

We would like to remind everyone that we are a **nut-aware school**. This includes all types of nuts and products containing nuts. Following an incident yesterday where a child experienced a severe allergic reaction and had to be taken to hospital, it is important that we all work together to keep children safe.

Please ensure that your child's packed lunches and snacks **do not contain nuts or nut-based products**, including items such as:

- Peanut butter or chocolate spreads containing nuts
- Nut bars or snack mixes
- **Pesto (which often contains pine nuts, cashew, pistacchio)**
- **Hummus (some varieties may contain sesame/tahini, which can also pose a risk for allergies)**

We kindly ask that you check all food labels carefully before sending items into school. Please also remind your children that food from home should never be shared. As kind and thoughtful as these offers are they can have serious health implications so please do remind your children of this important measure that plays its part in keeping everyone safe.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Nina & Theodora

Kingfishers - Selena & Serena

Sparrows - Fraser & Otilie

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Matvii & Wilf

Starlings - Felix P & Yeva

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Elisabeta & Emelie

Ravens - All of Year 6 Ravens for their hard work during SATS week & Dinuli

Eagles - All of Year 6 Eagles for their hard work during SATS week & Rex

★ 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.

- **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

May 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
- **Thursday 4 June - 7.30-9.30pm** - FOSP Songo Bingo Event- All Welcome
- **Monday 8 June - 2-3.15pm**- Strawberry Tea Music Concert- All Welcome
- **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
- **Wednesday 17 June 9.15am**- Whole School Sports Day- All classes, families welcome
- **Friday 19 June** - Walk to School Day Walking Bus 8.20am West Park Stray
- **Thursday 25 June 3.30pm – 5.00pm** - Open classrooms event - All classes, all welcome!
- **Friday 26 June** - Year 6 Crucial Crew
- **Saturday 27 June 1.00pm – 3.00pm** - FOSP Summer Fare- All families and friends welcome
- **Week Commencing Monday 29th June**- Year 1-5 NTS Assessment Week
- **Monday 29th June- 6.00pm- St Paul's Church**- Year 6 Production Performance- All families welcome
- **Tuesday 30th June- 6.00pm- St Paul's Church**- Year 6 Production Performance- All families welcome

- **Wednesday 1 July 9.15am** – The Stray - Reserve Day for - Whole School Sports Day- All classes, families welcome.
- **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
- **Thursday 16 July**- Year 6 Pizza & Ice Cream- Year 6 Children
- **Thursday 16 July 6-8pm**- FOSP End of Year Disco- All Welcome
- **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

Free School Meals

We are sharing an important update about Free School Meals (FSM) and upcoming national changes that will take effect from September 2026. These changes may mean that more children are entitled to a free, nutritious school lunch each day.

Under the new arrangements, all families in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals, with two categories in place: Targeted FSM (which also brings additional funding and wider benefits for children) and Expanded FSM (meals only).

Although applications cannot be made yet, families will still need to apply to ensure children are correctly recorded, unless they are already registered. Transitional protections will end in July 2026, and eligibility will be reviewed annually each September.

Please read the full letter accompanying this newsletter for detailed information, eligibility criteria and application guidance.



Year Six Standard Attainment Tests (SATS) Week - Year 6 Shine

As a whole school community, we want to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children for the way they approached SATs week. They showed calm, resilience and determination, and we are incredibly proud of them. As we reminded the children this week, these tests do not measure everything that makes them unique and special. They do not capture their kindness, creativity, humour, teamwork or the way they care for others.

At St Peter's, our vision to Love, Learn and Shine matters far more than any test result. Our Year 6 children have loved their school, learned so much over the years and truly shone in so many different ways. Whatever the outcomes, they are valued, celebrated and believed in. Thank you to families for your encouragement and support throughout the week



[Friends of St Peter's \(FOSP\) News](#)

SONGO Bingo Night Coming Soon

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) are hosting a Songo Bingo fundraising evening and everyone is warmly invited. Join parents, carers and friends for a great social night on Thursday 4 June 2026, from 7.30–9.30 pm in the school hall. Songo Bingo is fast-paced, fun and easy to play, with plenty of laughs along the way. This adults-only event is a fantastic chance to meet

other families, unwind and support the school at the same time. All money raised will go directly towards activities and resources that benefit our children. Bring friends and help make it a lively evening. We would love to see the hall full and buzzing—come along and join us for a fun-filled night!



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

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



Please find attached some fliers for up and coming events Yorkshire CREATE are putting on over the coming weeks and months

There is;

- An exciting **casting call** for Knaresborough Eleven a play about the Knaresborough riots, we would love for the local children to be aware of, if you are able to email that

to your families we would really appreciate you supporting their opportunity to join this exciting project.

- May Half Term Holiday Club information
- After school club information

YORKSHIRE CREATE MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOKING
TO BOOK CLICK HERE;
[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/YORKSHIRECREATE](https://bookwhen.com/yorkshirecreate)

TUESDAY 26TH MAY
MORNING PERFORMING ARTS
AFTERNOON PAPER CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY
MORNING ZUMBA WITH SARAH
AFTERNOON ZUMBA WITH SARAH

THURSDAY 28TH MAY
MORNING SPACE EXPLORATION THROUGH THE ARTS
AFTERNOON PLAY WITH CLAY

TIMINGS AND PRICING
MORNING SESSION (9:00-12:30) - £20
AFTERNOON SESSION (12:30-4:00) - £20

ABOUT THE SESSIONS
SESSIONS WILL BE LED BY YORKSHIRE CREATE'S ARTIST FACILITATORS
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH IF YOU ARE DOING A FULL DAY!
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THE KNARESBOROUGH ELEVEN
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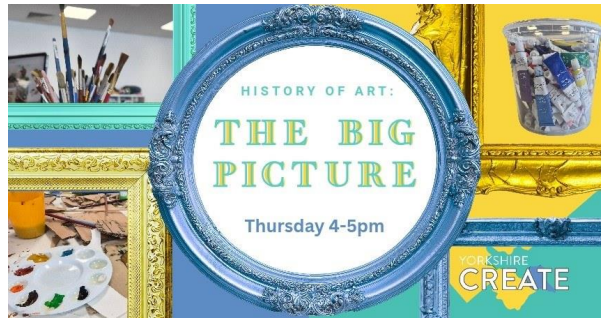
A Riot or Not a Riot?

CASTING CALL FOR CHILDREN

Interested? Register your child's interest here: [LINK](#)
Come along to a workshop at CREATE Studios, Hexagon House, Grimbold Crag Close on **Friday 8th May** at 5-6.30pm.

SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026
11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm
An open air promenade production in the grounds of Knaresborough Castle

Brought to you by Yorkshire CREATE Ltd and Rabbit Head Productions Ltd
Based on the book by JT Glaw in association with Knaresborough Museum Association
Dramatised by community workshops and written by Rowena Lloyd, John Westmancott and Clare Lory



Future Lioness

We are delighted to share details with you of our upcoming **May Half Term Camp** which may be of interest to your school community.

Please find attached a pdf of our flyer containing all the details.

Camp Summary

- On **Friday 29th May** we are running two camps, suitable for ages 8-14 years:
 - **Training Camp** – This will be run by our head coach **Jon Maloney** and is suited to outfield players, with a focus on skill development and ball mastery work.
 - **Specialist Goalkeeper Camp** – This session is being delivered by FA Qualified coach **Kelly Jackson-Powell** who has over 15 years' experience and will be focusing on the specialist skills and technical areas that are required in being a successful goalkeeper.

Both sessions will run from **9.00am to 3.00pm** and take place at **Knaresborough Celtic FC, Thistle Hill, Knaresborough**. The cost to attend is **£27**

There is further information available on [our website](#).

www.netball4all.com

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

Where it all begins...



- BOROUGHBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
- KING JAMES SCHOOL
- TUESDAY 26TH MAY
- THURSDAY 28TH MAY
- AGES 6 TO 14YRS – 10AM TIL 3PM
- £25 A DAY / £45 BOTH

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FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

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TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW
<https://forms.office.com/e/07pa7r6v2>

*ETC or CoE discount £25 per day. Only applies if registered, attended and paid during January, February or March 2026

We are reaching out to introduce a collaborative wellbeing offering from Just Bee Children's Wellbeing and Resounding Wellness North for your KS2 children.

Our Children's Yoga and Sound Bath sessions offer a supportive wellbeing intervention, especially useful for children during periods of increased pressure, such as *exam preparation* or *end of year transition*.

Combining age-appropriate movement, breathwork, mindfulness techniques and restorative sound, the sessions are designed to support children to pause and reset within the school day. This can be done either in and outdoor or indoor space.

The sessions consist of a grounding 40-minute yoga and movement session and then a short sound bath to aid relaxation. Children will sit or lie while receiving sounds from singing bowls and chimes in a soothing auditory environment.

This experience will:

- help children regulate their nervous systems by becoming aware of breath and body
- support the reduction of stress and anxiety
- *invite children to explore self-regulation techniques.*

Your teachers:

Nicola – Nicola is a highly experienced Primary Teacher with 20+ years working in Education across mainstream and specialist provision in Leeds and Harrogate. A trained Children's Yoga and Mindfulness teacher, passionate about supporting children's wellbeing and helping them develop lifelong skills for managing stress, improving body awareness and nurturing inner confidence. *Founder of Just Bee Wellbeing for Children*; community yoga & wellness sessions & workshops in schools & nurseries

Hayley – Hayley is the founder of *Resounding Wellness North* and a qualified Sound Therapy Practitioner (Levels 1–3), accredited by the International Practitioners of Holistic Medicine and the International Sound Therapy Association. She delivers sound baths and 1:1 sessions for children and adults using instruments including Himalayan and crystal singing bowls, tuning forks and gongs.

She previously worked for six years as a Music Therapist, training with Nordoff Robbins (the UK's leading music therapy charity, with her Master's validated by City St George's, University of London), and has experience across mainstream and specialist settings supporting children and adults with a range of needs.

Together, we are pleased to offer:

OFFER 1

4 hours of teaching time to be arranged around your school day.

This would enable 4 separate 1 hour yoga and sound bath experiences.

(Max 30 children per session)

COST £385

OFFER 2

2 hours of teaching time to be arranged around your school day.

This would enable 2 separate 1 hour yoga and sound bath experiences.

(Max 30 children per session)

COST £275

NB: We would provide a short list of contraindications in advance for the school to review when selecting participating pupils.

If this offering is something you feel would benefit your pupils, please reply to this email **before April 26th** and we can discuss suitable dates/ get you booked in for the Summer Term.

Best regards,

Nicola Edwards & Hayley Hutchinson



The poster features a dark blue header with the school's crest and the text 'St Peter's School YORK' and 'St Peter's School Taster Events Summer 2026'. Below this, four activity icons are arranged in a 2x2 grid: a robot for Robotics, a comedy and tragedy mask for Drama, a globe with language characters for Languages, and two fencers for Fencing. Each icon is accompanied by a blue box containing the activity name and date. At the bottom, there is a brown section with a QR code and a 'Register here' link.

Activity	Date and Time
Robotics	Monday 11 May, 4-6pm
Drama	Thursday 11 June, 4.30-7.30pm
Languages	Saturday 13 June, 9-10.30am
Fencing	Saturday 20 June, 10.30am-12pm

Join us this Summer to experience a selection of activities at St Peter's, experience our wonderful facilities and meet our staff.
All events are free to attend and are aimed at Year 5 pupils.

[Register here](#)



LEEDS RHINOS
MAY HALF TERM
MULTI SPORTS CAMP

TUESDAY 26TH MAY - FRIDAY 29TH MAY - 10AM-3PM

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Exciting news — Premier Coaching just launched the dates for the May Half Term Half Day Football Camps 📍

📅 27th, 28th & 29th May
🕒 9:00am – 12:00pm
📍 Hampsthwaite Village Field

Prices:
📍 £20 for 1 day
📍 £30 for 2 days
📍 £40 for all 3 days

Please bring:

- A water bottle
- Snacks
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for all weather conditions

To book your place, please visit:
[Book Here](#)

Please note: cash or bank transfer only.

Please contact me ASAP to reserve your space.

Lee

Lee McArthur
Premier Coaching

Resurrection Bikes will be hosting free bike clinics during half term as part of the national Big Bike Revival programme. You will be able to either book a time slot or walk up with your bike for free checks, advice, adjustments and simple repairs. Where more complex repairs are needed we will advise on the details that can then be taken to a bike shop for action. The bike clinics will operate on the driveway at the front of Resurrection Bikes (Westcliffe Hall, 2 Harlow Terrace, Harrogate, HG2 0PN). It is not a drop off service – watch and learn some basic repair skills in the process.

Dates / time will be:

Saturday 23rd May 2.30-4.30

Monday 25th May (bank holiday) 10.00-12.00

Tuesday 26th May 10.00-12.00

Wednesday 27th May 10.00-12.00

Thursday 28th May 10.30-12.30

Friday 29th May 10.00-12.00

Saturday 1st June 2.30-4.30

To book a slot or for more information please email info@resurrectionbikes.org.uk or use the 'Contact Us' form on the website (www.resurrectionbikes.org.uk).

For bike sales, please look at the available stock on the website and get in touch to book a sales appointment. We don't have a showroom so it isn't possible to just come and browse the stock.