



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 1st 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

Another busy and fun-filled week at St Peter's, full of achievement, excitement and children shining brightly. In PE, children made the most of extra space on the Stray for athletics and games, working enthusiastically with teachers and Mr Osborne from Sporting Influence. One child said, "I loved running faster outside it made me feel like a real athlete!" Year 5 and 6 had an inspiring visit to the National Railway Museum, exploring the interactive science gallery and learning about the impact of trains through history. "The experiments made science come alive," shared one child. Year 4 and 5 impressed visitors during a Roman workshop with Murton Park, while Year 2 confidently applied road safety skills in the local area. In collective worship, children explored the theme of supporting one another, inspired by the story of the five friends, beautifully acted out by Key Stage Two children with confidence, teamwork and expression. On Wednesday evening our candle-decorating fundraiser provided a lovely opportunity for parents to meet up learn a new skill and socialise all while raising funds for school.

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

Why Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts

Did you know? Missing just 10 days of school across a year is the same as two full weeks of learning lost. Those gaps are hard for children to catch up on, especially in reading, writing and maths.

Learning and wellbeing go hand in hand. Children who attend regularly feel more confident, keep friendships strong and are better able to focus, take part and make steady progress in class.

Good attendance is supported by simple routines at home. An early bedtime, calm mornings and being organised the night before can reduce stress and help children start the day ready to learn. Small habits, repeated every day, make a big difference.



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 and enjoy warmer, sunnier weather, we'd like to remind families about sun safety in school. Please ensure children bring a named water bottle to school every day so they can stay hydrated. We ask that high-factor sunscreen (SPF 30 or above) is applied before school; children may bring sunscreen to reapply independently if needed. Sun hats and sunglasses are welcome in school – please make sure all items are clearly named.

These simple steps help keep children safe, comfortable and ready to learn while enjoying time outdoors.

You can find helpful, trusted guidance on protecting children from the sun on the NHS website [here](#).



Online Safety Session

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a virtual Online Safety Information Session taking place on Wednesday 6th May 2026, from 4.00–4.45pm. This session will focus on a Guide to Social Media and Livestreaming, exploring the latest trends and emerging online

threats affecting children. It will help develop your understanding of how social media and livestreaming platforms are used, the potential risks involved, and practical steps we can take together to support and protect our children online. The session will be delivered virtually, so it can be accessed from anywhere, and will be recorded for those unable to attend live. There is no need to register. Parents can access the session via the link [here](#).



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Kai & Sienna

Kingfishers - Samuel & Sumaya

Sparrows - Liberty & Phoebe

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Daisy & Hannah

Starlings - Annabella & Rosie

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Naomi & Tanya

Ravens - Bentley & Emily

Eagles - Daniel & Ruben



☆ 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!

Alastair was thrilled to be awarded the 'moments of the season award' by his team at Harrogate Rugby Club.

He was chosen by his teammates and their parents for his fearless approach to tackling and consistent effort on the pitch. He showed strength and determination, helping his team to victory in numerous matches throughout the season.



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.

- **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 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
- **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

Sports Day Dates Save the Date

We are delighted to invite all families to our Whole School Sports Day, taking place on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 9.15am on The Stray. This is a fantastic whole school event and a real highlight of the year, where children will take part in a range of fun, inclusive sporting activities alongside their classmates. Families are warmly welcome to come along, cheer the children on and enjoy the morning together. The event is weather permitting, so please keep an eye on messages closer to the time. We have set a reserve date just in case poor weather means we cannot go ahead. The reserve date is Wednesday 1 July 2026 at 9.15am, again on The Stray. We hope to see you there.



Open Classroom Save the Date

We are pleased to invite all families to our Open Classrooms event on Thursday 25 June 2026, from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. This is a relaxed, welcoming opportunity for families to come into school and spend time in classrooms with their children. You will be able to look through your child's work together, celebrate their learning and chat informally with the class teacher. All classes will be open, and everyone is very welcome. There is no need to arrive at a set time – please feel free to pop in at any point during the session that works best for you. We always love seeing families in school, and this event is a lovely chance to share children's achievements and learning experiences together. Please save the date – we hope you can join us.



Bed Race Update

We're excited to share that St Peter's CE Primary School is taking part in the Great Knaresborough Bed Race on Saturday 13 June, proudly teamed up with Techbuyer. To support our fundraising, we'll hold a non-uniform and optional 1960s dress-up day on Friday 15 May, with prizes for best dressed children. Donations can be made via Arbor under School Shop and will support trips, resources and enrichment for all children.

The day will also be a special curriculum theme day, with children learning about the 1960s and creating bright artwork to decorate our Bed Race bed. We're also looking for two volunteer marshals to cheer the team along the route. Please get in touch by emailing emmabraunton@icloud.com if you can help. Thank you for supporting our school community.



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.



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.



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



**SPECIALLY STRUCTURED
FITNESS CLASSES FOR GIRLS.
8-18YRS**

**RAISING CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM
& RESILIENCE THROUGH FITNESS**

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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.

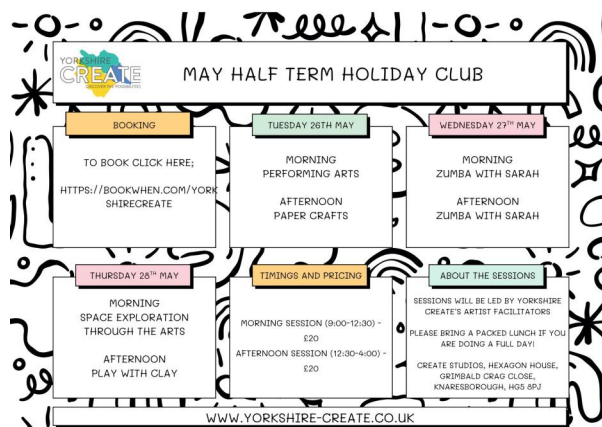
Find out more and book at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays



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



**THE KNARESBOROUGH ELEVEN
RETURNING FOR 2026**

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

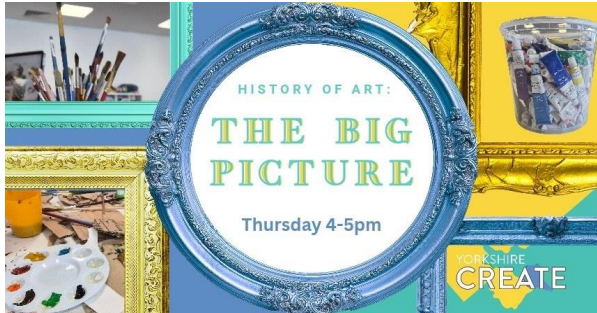
An open air promenade production in the grounds
 of Knaresborough Castle

Brought to you by Yorkshire CREATE Ltd and Rabbit Head Productions Ltd
 Based on the book by JT Glew in association with Knaresborough Museum Association
 Dramatised by community workshops and written by
 Hawesna Lloyd, John Westmeacent and Clare Lucy

HISTORY OF ART:
**THE BIG
 PICTURE**

Thursday 4-5pm



YORKSHIRE
CREATE

**WATERCOLOUR
 EXPLORERS**

YORKSHIRE
CREATE

Wednesday 5.30 - 7pm
 Ages 8 - 12





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

Come & join us for a fun day of netball !!!

