



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22nd 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

What a fantastic, achievement-filled week at St Peter's. Children in Starling class impressed parents at their class showcase, confidently sharing learning from the term, including visits, their Romans topic, creative writing and artwork, thank you to all parents for supporting.

Children showed great determination and teamwork at the KS2 swimming gala, finishing an excellent third out of nine schools, and also represented school superbly in dodgeball against local schools.

Starling class enjoyed a visit to Harrogate Library, and we welcomed Ricky from Your Harrogate Radio to record children for the School of the Week feature. Governors visited as valued critical friends to hear about Mrs Martin's science curriculum work.

Collective worship focused on listening, with a mini play from Upper Key Stage Two children on the importance of listening to our friends. Wrens visited St Paul's Church, and Dr Garrow spoke to Year 5 and 6 about life as a Christian.

Our Climate Crew have been surveying the site for a safe location for a new water butt to harvest rainwater and have planted fresh herbs for use in the kitchen.

We are incredibly proud of our children and wish families a happy, restful half-term. 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

Planning Ahead

To help families plan confidently, all term dates, INSET days and bank holidays for next year are already published on our website. Sharing these well in advance is designed to support parents with childcare, holidays and family commitments.

We are looking forward to a wonderful seven-week summer holiday and encourage families to make the most of this special time together. Please ensure children return ready and refreshed for September, as the first week of term is especially important for settling routines and learning.

We kindly ask that holidays are not booked during term time and that appointments are arranged, wherever possible, during school holidays.

Dates for the following academic year will be shared early in September 2026, allowing families to plan even further ahead. Thank you for helping your children be in school every day every day counts.



Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

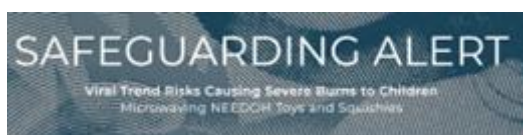
Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of [Love Learn Shine](#). We will use this section of the newsletter each week to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

Online Trend Safety Alert

We are aware of a viral online trend encouraging children to heat soft “squishy” toys in a microwave. This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these toys can burst and release very hot contents, causing serious burns to hands, faces and skin.

The safeguarding alert deliberately names these products so parents and school staff can identify them easily on shelves, in school bags, and in conversations with children. They may be sold under names such as NeeDoh toys, squishies, Nice Cubes and jelly cubes, among others. This is not a product recall. These toys are safe when used as intended. The risk comes entirely from misuse encouraged by online videos and challenges.

Please talk to your child about online trends, remind them that not everything online is safe, and ensure these toys are never heated. Encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if something online worries them.





Holiday 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](#).

Worried About a Child?



childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Call 0800 1111 

Awards

 This Week's SHINE Award Winners Are...

 Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Drew & Owen

Kingfishers - Ned & Noah

Sparrows - Daisy & Elias

★ **Year 3/4**

Owls - Faye & Yasmeen

Starlings - Ty & Yahya

★ **Year 5/6**

Hérons - Nell & Tanya

Ravens - Aurora & Eli

Eagles - Anna & Maddie

★ **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.

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

School of the Week

We were delighted to welcome Ricky from Your Harrogate Radio into school this week for a very special visit, recording some of our children for the much-loved School of the Week feature. The children loved learning about life at the radio station and what it is like to work in broadcasting. Ricky was equally impressed as our children confidently shared their shine, speaking enthusiastically about lessons and learning, friendships, clubs, trips and what makes St Peter's such a special place to be. It was wonderful to hear the children express themselves so clearly, living out our vision to Love, Learn and Shine. Listen out on Your Harrogate Radio during the week beginning Monday 8 June, at 7.30am and 8.30am each morning.



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.



New Worship Leaders – Applications Open

Applications are now open for new Collective Worship Leaders at St Peter's CE Primary School. This special role is open to children in Years 3–6 who would like to help shape and lead worship across our school community.

Worship Leaders support worship that is invitational, inclusive and inspirational, helping our school to live out its values of Love, Learn and Shine. Children in this role help plan worship,

read prayers, choose music and stories, prepare the worship space and gather ideas from others. They also act as positive role models through their behaviour and attitude.

Applications close on Monday 1 June (the first Monday after half term).

Children can apply online simply click [here](#). Paper forms are available from the school office or Mr Griffiths.

We look forward to seeing how our new Worship Leaders will help our whole community shine. ✨



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

Crafty Llamas Club

We are pleased to share details of Crafty Llamas, a welcoming creative arts and crafts session designed especially for children with SEND. This is a free, drop-in session running every Monday during term time, 4–5pm, at Artizan Café. The sessions are aimed at children aged 10–15 and provide a relaxed, supportive environment where children can explore creativity, build confidence and enjoy making alongside others. Activities are carefully planned to be inclusive and enjoyable, with no pressure to produce a finished piece. Parents are welcome to attend with their children if this helps them feel comfortable. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the organisers directly by emailing creativelead@artizaninternational.org. This is a lovely opportunity for children to express themselves creatively and connect with others in a safe, friendly setting



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.

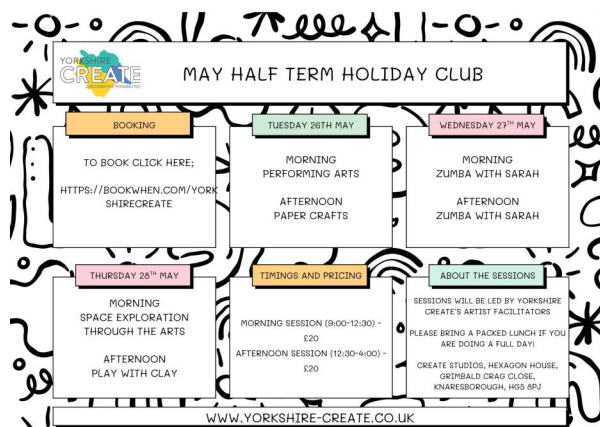
Find out more and book at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays



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



**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

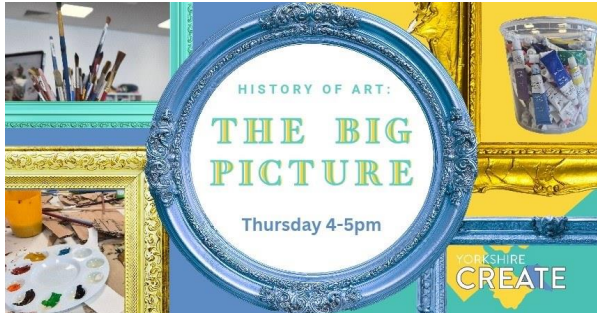
An open air promenade production in the grounds
 of Knaresborough Castle

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...



- BROUGHBRIDGE 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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MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP



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MAY 2026 -
FRIDAY 29TH MAY
2026**

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FUN ACTIVITIES AND FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE!

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



St Peter's School Taster Events Summer 2026

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.



Harrogate Railway Juniors Under 6's

Looking for children in year 1 to join.
Main focus is having a smile on their face and enjoying the sessions. The rest will come naturally.
Interested? Contact: Nick on 07590762309

The advertisement features a circular logo for Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C. with a tiger's face and the years 19 and 35. The background shows a soccer field with goals and orange cones. A male coach in a black tracksuit is pointing upwards, and a female coach in a black tracksuit is holding a soccer ball. Six children in red jerseys and green shorts are gathered around, some with soccer balls at their feet.



Harrogate Railway Juniors Under 7's

Looking for children in Year 2 to join.
Main focus is having a smile on their face and enjoying the sessions. The rest will come naturally.
Interested? Contact: Nick on 07590762309

The advertisement features the same circular logo for Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C. as the top ad. The background shows a soccer field with a goal. A male coach in a black tracksuit is pointing upwards. Five children in red jerseys and green shorts are gathered around, some with soccer balls at their feet.