



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 8th 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 and welcoming everyone back after the Bank Holiday. We hope all families enjoyed a restful long weekend together. Year 6 children have been highly focused in the final lead-up to their SATs assessments next week, showing real determination and maturity. Ravens children enjoyed a visit to the library, while our collective worship on Wednesday was thoughtfully led by Revd Garrow. Year 4 children had two wonderful days at Herd Farm Outdoor Activity Centre as part of their residential experience, developing teamwork and resilience. Wednesday was also Stray PE Day with Mr Osborn, with children enjoying the extra space for summer sports. Clubs are in full swing, with choir preparing for the Summer Strawberry Tea Concert, alongside netball, football and multi-sports clubs.

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

Knowing when children should stay off school helps everyone. As a simple reminder:

- ✓ Fever or a sickness bug (vomiting or diarrhoea) → please keep children at home and return only once symptoms have settled
- ✓ Feeling tired, a mild cough or a runny nose → children are usually fine to attend school

For clear, trusted guidance, the NHS explains common illnesses and when to keep children off school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Morning tips for smooth starts

- Pack bags and uniform the night before
- Aim for early bedtimes on school nights
- A healthy breakfast builds focus and energy for learning

Thank you for helping us keep children well and ready to learn. This supports good attendance and wellbeing across our school community.



Love Learn Shine

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 May Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter shares important information to help parents support children to stay safe online. It covers a range of current topics, including group chats, online gaming, screen time and emerging online trends. The newsletter highlights common risks such as inappropriate content, online bullying, chatting with strangers and sharing personal information, while also offering practical steps parents can take at home. It includes guidance on parental controls, age ratings and the importance of regular conversations with children about their online experiences. There are also useful links to trusted organisations for further advice. We strongly encourage all parents to take a few minutes to read the full newsletter, as it provides clear, up-to-date guidance to help keep children safe, confident and positive when using technology. Read the full newsletter [here](#).



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - All of Wrens for being fantastic Pirates.

Kingfishers - Howie & Sophie

Sparrows - Freddie & Zi

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Alex & Iylah

Starlings - Starlings class for showing brilliant teamwork and resilience during our residential trip to Herd Farm.

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - All Year 4 Herons for Shining at Herd Farm.

Ravens - Thenumi

Eagles - Lucy



★ Sharing Our Shine ★

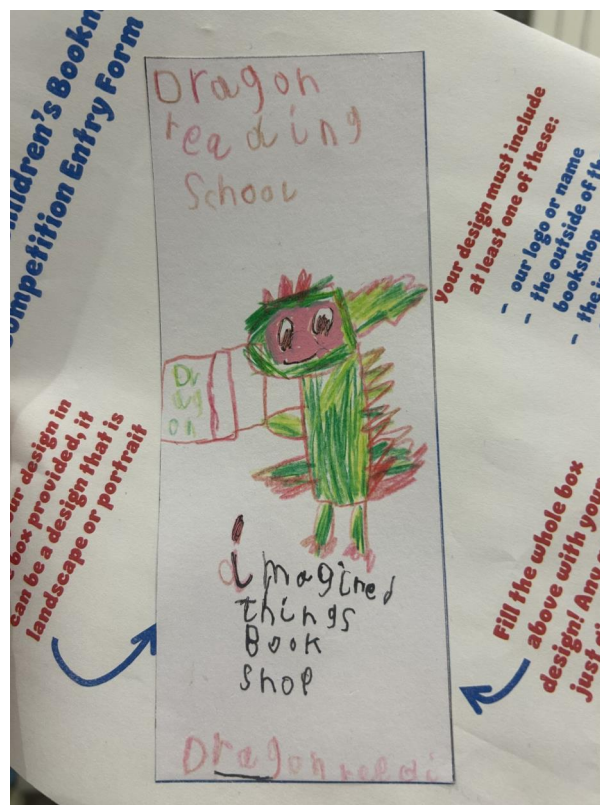
Share Your Shine with Us

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!



Ted was so proud to be announced as the joint winner of the Imagined Things Bookshop bookmark design competition. Ted used his love of dragons as inspiration and his design will now be turned into bookmarks to be used in the shop.



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 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

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

- **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.

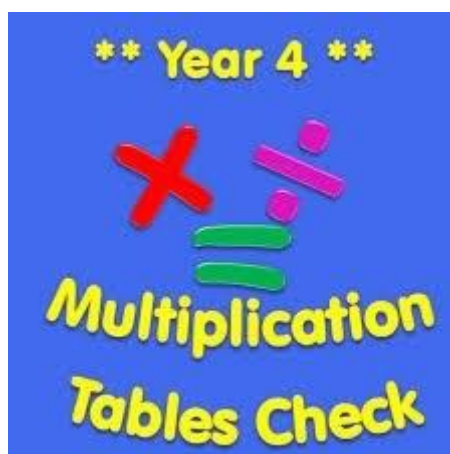


Year 4 Multiplication Check

During the first two weeks of June, children in Year 4 will take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This short, fully digital check helps schools understand how fluently children can recall their multiplication facts, which are an essential foundation for future learning in maths.

We have shared Third Space Learning's Parent Guide with families, which clearly explains how the check works and how children are supported both in school and at home. There is no pass mark. The check is used to inform teaching and identify where extra support may be helpful, not to judge individual children.

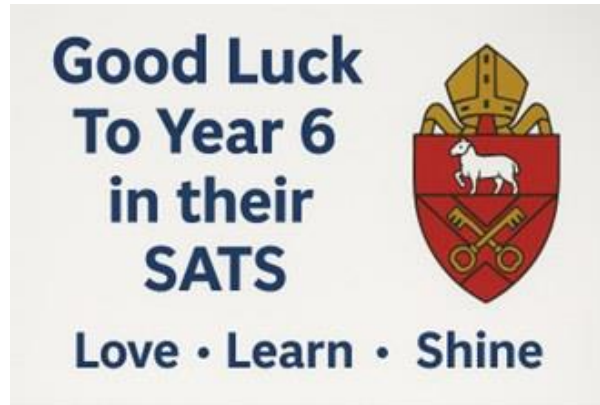
At St Peter's, we approach the MTC with care and encouragement. Regular practice on Times Tables Rock Stars, both at home and school, can help children build confidence and fluency. For further information have a look at the [Statutory Assessment](#) page of our website.



Year Six Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) Week

Next week is SATs week for our children in Year 6.

We would also like to send our very best wishes to our Year 6 children as they head into this week along with children in Year 6 across England. They have shown determination, resilience and maturity throughout the year, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work. We know they will try their best and approach the week with confidence. If you have a child in Year 6 please see the full letter sent on Tuesday which is also available in the letters section of the school website for full details of the week.



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 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 if you can help. Thank you for supporting our school community.



[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



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

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

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**LEEDS RHINOS
MAY HALF TERM
MULTI SPORTS CAMP**

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

HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL, AINSTY ROAD, HG1 4AP

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7 TO 14
MEET RONNIE THE RHINO AND GET A FREE T SHIRT**

**£75 PER CHILD
FOR 4 DAYS!**

**GO TO RHINOSFOUNDATION.THERHINOS.CO.UK/CONTENT
TO BOOK**

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

A fun-filled, action-packed half term

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, our action-packed activities are available to book now for May half term!

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YOLS North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service

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!
CREATE STUDIOS, HEXAGON HOUSE, GRIMBOLD CRAG CLOSE, KNARESBOROUGH, YO5 6PJ

WWW.YORKSHIRE-CREATE.CO.UK

THE KNARESBOROUGH ELEVEN
RETURNING FOR 2026

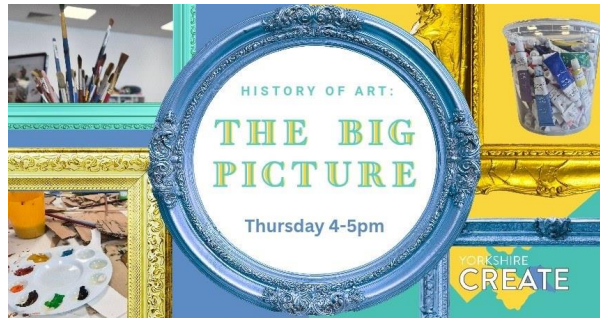
A Riot or Not a Riot?
CASTING CALL FOR CHILDREN

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 Hewens Lloyd, John Westmanout 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

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



MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

ONLY £28 PER DAY* 10am - 3pm



TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026 - FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 6
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



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 text block with a QR code and a 'Register here' link.

St Peter's School Taster Events Summer 2026

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](#)