



# St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

*Love Learn Shine*

## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 12th JUNE 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 a fantastic week at St Peter's, with children showing great effort and enthusiasm across all aspects of school life throughout another busy and productive week. All our Year 1 children completed their phonics screening this week with great confidence showcasing their secure knowledge gained throughout this year in this area setting them well on the way to be confident and fluent readers. Children in Year 4 approached their multiplication check with determination and resilience again demonstrating their fluency with recalling these key facts that are central so many aspects of the maths curriculum. Children from across school enjoyed inclusive Sportability sessions and represented school brilliantly at the rounders competition, demonstrating teamwork and pride.

After a rainy start, sunshine greeted our Strawberry Tea Music Concert, where children performed with confidence, talent and joy. Rehearsals for the Year 6 production are building excitement. We valued visits from Mike Smitt our external adviser and also our trust CEO Jane Goodwin to discuss future priorities and developments. On Friday our Climate Crew enjoyed a visit to Harlow Carr to gain further ideas and suggestions for developing our climate education work back at 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



## Attendance Matters- Update & News

### Attendance Matters

Our updated [Attendance Policy](#) highlights the importance of children attending school regularly and on time to support their learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging. Good attendance helps children build strong routines, develop friendships and make consistent progress across the curriculum. We ask all families to prioritise school attendance and avoid taking holidays during term time, as every day of learning matters. Where absence is unavoidable, please ensure the school is informed promptly. The policy also outlines how we monitor attendance and work alongside families to provide support where needed. Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring every child has the best possible start each day. We encourage families to be familiar with our approaches by reading the policy



# St. Peter's Attendance Matters



Benefits of Great  
Attendance

## 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.

#### Water Safety

Following recent tragic incidents across the UK involving rivers and lakes, St Peter's CE Primary School will be taking part in Drowning Prevention Week. During this time, children will learn important water-safety messages in an age-appropriate and reassuring way.

Children will be encouraged to understand the dangers of open water, why even strong swimmers can get into difficulty, the importance of adult supervision, and how to speak up if something feels unsafe. The focus will be on building confidence to make sensible choices, not creating fear.



#### Safety Drills

On Monday 15 June, as part of our systematic approach to health and safety, children will take part in planned fire and lockdown drills. Children will be carefully briefed beforehand, reassured, and supported throughout by familiar adults.

During the fire evacuation drill, children will practise our legally required procedures, moving calmly to the designated assembly points. During the lockdown drill, children will return to their classrooms, close windows and blinds, and wait quietly for the 'all clear' signal.

Each drill will take around ten minutes in total. Based on previous experience, children manage these activities with maturity and their usual sensible attitudes and responses. Please be assured that staff will be closely monitoring wellbeing at all times.



## Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Leo & Sid

Kingfishers - Bowie & Ted

Sparrows - Bobby & Charlotte

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Riccardo & Scarlett

Starlings - Lucy & Summer

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Dellen & Nathaniel

**Ravens - Xyla & All of Year 6 for their enterprise work creating crafts to sell & raise money for Artizan**

**Eagles - Sofia & All of Year 6 for their enterprise work creating crafts to sell & raise money for Artizan**

## ☆ 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](mailto: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!



Felix, Jude, Luca, Ralphie and Harvey all play for Beckwithshaw Saints U9s. They have worked really hard over the last few years showing up at training come rain, shine, hail or snow! They have showed incredible resilience and great sportsmanship, which has really paid off this season.

Last weekend they won the 'Harrogate Junior Football Europa Cup', and between the boys also picked up 'Player of the Year' and 'Most Improved'.

Well done to all of the boys, we are so proud of you all and can't wait to see what you achieve next!





## 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

- **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 - UPDATED DATE** - Year 6 Crucial Crew- Year 6 Children
- **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

### Big Future Survey

Parents and carers are invited to support children at St Peter's School to take part in The Big Future, a national survey led by the Children's Commissioner for England. The survey gives children and young people aged 0–18 a chance to share what they enjoy, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future. Children's views will be kept private, and there are no right or wrong answers. Taking part helps ensure that children's voices from our community

are heard by Government and reflected in future decisions. We encourage families to talk with children about the survey and support them to take part if they wish. Children can complete the survey online by clicking [here](#).



### Staffing Update

We would like to share a staffing update with families. Mrs Williams has been successful in securing a full-time teaching position at another local school. We are very grateful to Mrs Williams for her dedicated service. She has been a diligent and committed teacher who has made a significant contribution to our children’s learning, particularly through climate education. Mrs Williams established our Eco Council and led work that strengthened our sustainability focus across the school. We wish Mrs Williams every success as she returns to full-time work. We are currently recruiting to this vacancy and will keep families updated about staffing structure and class arrangements for next year later this half term. Mrs Williams will continue to teach Eagles alongside Mrs Henderson until the end of the academic year.



### Young Leaders’ Call to Action 🌱

Hello from the Young Leaders at St Peter’s Primary School!

As part of our Young Leaders Award, we have been thinking carefully about how we can make a positive difference in our local community. After generating lots of ideas, we decided to focus on caring for our playground by keeping it *litter-free*.

To make our playground greener and better for everyone’s wellbeing, we have already introduced new plants, herbs, fruits and flowers. We are proud that many children already put their litter in the bin—but we know we can do even better!

After your delicious and healthy snack, please remember to put your litter in the bin every time.

**Did you know that a standard plastic snack packet can take 450 to 1,000 years to decompose (rot away) naturally?!**

Every time you snack, please put your litter in the bin, you are not only helping the planet stay healthy but also keeping our school playground cleaner and greener for longer.

Let’s all work together to take care of our school playground! Please look out for our amazing new posters around school!

If any other children or staff have any ideas on helping our school, please let us know by speaking to a Young Leader or Mrs Williams.

From all the Young Leaders 🌍







🧠 **Artizan Enterprise Pop-Up Shop – Don't Miss It!** 🧠 This half term, Year 6 are working with **Artizan**, a charity that is leading our school mosaic project. To say thank you and give something back, we are holding a **pop-up shop** to raise money for Artizan. The children have been busy acting as young entrepreneurs, creating a range of handmade crafts to sell in support of this fantastic cause. 🗂️ **Pop-Up Shop Details:**

📍 Playground shelter

📅 **Thursday 18th June & Friday 19th June**

🕒 12:10pm – 12:30pm 💰 **What's for sale?**

- Cards – £1
- Bracelets – £1
- 50p box with a selection of items

**All year groups are welcome to buy products!** Please remind your child to bring some money into school so they can purchase a special handmade gift next week. Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for Artizan!





## 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.



## 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](mailto:creativelead@artizaninternational.org). This is a lovely opportunity for children to express themselves creatively and connect with others in a safe, friendly setting



### Smartphone-Free Start

We're sharing a local opportunity for Year 6 families as children prepare for the move to secondary school. Smartphone Free Childhood Harrogate and Børn of the Forest are hosting a Starting Secondary Smartphone-Free session on Saturday 27 June, 12:00–3:00pm at Børn of the Forest.

Children can enjoy outdoor activities and meet others starting secondary school without smartphones, while parents and carers connect with the Smartphone Free Childhood Harrogate team to share practical ideas and experiences. The session is designed to be welcoming and supportive, whether families are confident about delaying smartphones or simply exploring options.

Booking and full details are available at:

<https://bookwhen.com/bornoftheforestchildcare/e/ev-sas96-20260627120000>

Additional information is on the attached poster. You can also find out more about Smartphone Free Childhood and the free SFC Schools Network online.



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.

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](#).



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**Family Events at RTF26**

**Dancing with Colours**

Thursday 9 July, 5pm  
| Harrogate Road  
Methodist Church Hall



Live music, performance and art come together in a relaxed, colourful and messy show for families.

Join artist JoAnne in transforming a blank canvas with stories, movement and art supplies – proving that art is everywhere and for everyone!

Running time approx 1 hour



£6

Age guide 4+

**Little Listeners: Mini Magic Flute**

Friday 10 July, 5pm  
| Allhallowgate  
Methodist Church Hall



A fun, enchanting musical adventure inspired by Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*.

A Prince is searching for a Princess, but nothing is quite as it first appears... Join a host of fantastical characters brought to life by a trio of singers and an accordionist from the brilliant team at Opera North.

Running time approx 40 mins



£6

Age guide 4-7

## Astro Norma & the Cosmic Piano

Saturday 11 July,  
10.30am & 12 noon  
| Ripon Library

Blast off on a madcap, musical quest to find Grandpa's lost star. But beware! The sneaky Silencer is hot on her trail, ready to silence the tunes!

Packed with awesome aliens, rib-tickling robots and interplanetary puppets, this joyful space odyssey will have you reaching for the stars...

Running time approx 45 mins



£6

Age guide 3-10

## Big Family Weekend

FREE EVENT

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July,  
10am-4pm

A full weekend of free family entertainment in the heart of Ripon – theatre, music, dance, street performance, joining-in fun and plenty of surprises along the way.

On Saturday walkabout acts, crazy characters, circus and clowning bring the streets to life. Sunday's family fun is focused on Ripon Spa Gardens with open-air theatre, puppet shows, Punch & Judy and craft activities.

Full details and schedules now available.



Age guide 3-100

[www.ripontheatrefestival.org](http://www.ripontheatrefestival.org)



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WEEK 3: AUGUST 12TH, 13TH, 14TH

WEEK 4: AUGUST 19TH, 20TH, 21ST



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<p><b>THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> PLAY WITH CLAY</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> THEATRE IN A BOX</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> TEXTILES</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> COLLAGE</p>	<p><b>ABOUT THE SESSIONS:</b></p> <p>BREAKFAST (8:30-9:30) MORNING SESSION (9:30-12:30) LUNCH (12:30-1:30) AFTERNOON SESSION (1:30-4:30) FULL DAY (8:30-4:30)</p> <p>CREATE STUDIOS, HEXAGON HOUSE, GRIMBALD CRAG CLOSE, KNARESBOROUGH, HG5 6PJ</p>

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<p><b>MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> MUSICAL THEATRE</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> STORYTELLING</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> MUSIC</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> ZUMBA</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> DANCE</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> CREATIVE WRITING</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> PUPPET AND MASK MAKING</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> DRAMA</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>MORNING</b> WATERCOLOUR PAINTING</p> <p><b>AFTERNOON</b> MODEL MAKING</p>	<p><b>ABOUT THE SESSIONS:</b></p> <p>BREAKFAST (8:30-9:30) MORNING SESSION (9:30-12:30) LUNCH (12:30-1:30) AFTERNOON SESSION (1:30-4:30) FULL DAY (8:30-4:30)</p> <p>CREATE STUDIOS, HEXAGON HOUSE, GRIMBALD CRAG CLOSE, KNARESBOROUGH, HG5 6PJ</p>

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