



# St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

*Love Learn Shine*

## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 5th 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**

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. It has been a wonderfully busy and productive first week, and it has been a pleasure to see the children return with such positivity and enthusiasm. I hope families enjoyed the beautiful May half-term weather; although it has not quite stayed with us this week, it certainly has not dampened our spirits. We have continued to get outside whenever we can, so a lightweight waterproof coat is still very helpful.

This week, our Year 6 children took part in inspiring First Aid for Life workshops with Mr Banks, building confidence in vital life-saving skills. Year 2 children explored the Qur'an with thoughtfulness and respect, deepening their understanding of others' beliefs. We also began our new collective worship series on Respect, setting a calm and reflective tone for the half term ahead.

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

### Attendance Matters

To help your children reach their full potential, high attendance at school is essential. Research shows attendance below 95% is linked to lower achievement. Regular attenders make stronger academic progress, build friendships more easily, enjoy learning more, and cope better with school routines. They are also more successful when moving on to secondary school, further education, employment or training.

We continue to receive an increasing number of requests for holidays during term time. While I understand the family pressures, these absences are unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Under national regulations, a penalty notice may be issued when a child reaches 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school weeks, including holidays and late arrivals. Penalty notices are £80 per parent, per child.



# 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.

#### June Online Safety Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter covers a wide range of topics to help parents support children to stay safe and confident online. The June edition includes guidance on recognising and responding to online scams, particularly within games, social media and messaging apps. It also explores popular platforms such as Pinterest and highlights age limits, content concerns and messaging risks. Parents can read about digital footprints and why it is important for children to understand the long-term impact of what they share online. There is practical advice on managing auto-download settings on apps like WhatsApp, helping children stay in control of what is saved to their devices. The newsletter also raises awareness of emoji meanings, lesser-known apps, and recommends safe, positive online activities such as storybooks and games from BookTrust. We strongly encourage all parents to read the full June edition for detailed advice and useful links.

The full newsletter can be accessed [here](#) in the dedicated online safety section of our website.



## Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Posy & Ted

Kingfishers - Billy & Roxie

Sparrows - Kaya & Liberty

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Arlo & Riccardo

Starlings - Luca & Olivia

★ Year 5/6

Hérons - Alasdair & Oscar

Ravens - Emily & Layla

Eagles - Evie & Archie

## ★ 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!



## 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 2026**- Year 4 Multiplication Check Window – Children in Year 4 will complete their multiplication check during this period
- **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

**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](#).



### **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.



## Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

FOSP Strawberry Tea is on Monday 8th June and we would be very grateful for donations of sweet treats for the event. If you are able to contribute please may all donations be left in the meeting room on Monday morning. A polite reminder, please make sure all donations do not have nuts in them.

Thank you for your support.



## 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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## 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 20 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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**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, with soccer balls on the grass.



**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 first 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, with soccer balls on the grass.