

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 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

🌟 A Busy Week of Learning, Community and Growth

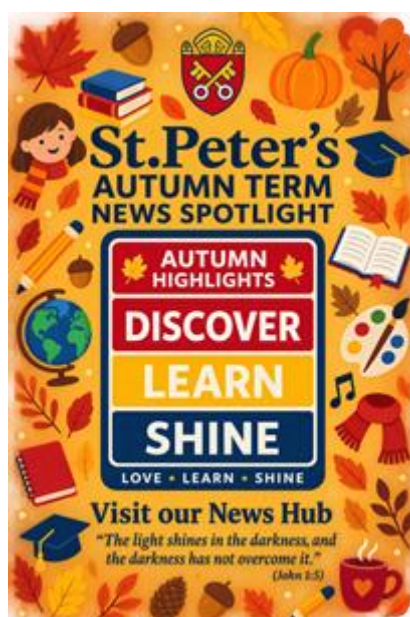
Another great and productive week in school. We really enjoyed meeting our external adviser, Mr Smitt, who visited school this week. With a wealth of experience as both a headteacher and Ofsted inspector, it was valuable to share some of the work we have been developing around oracy and communication. I also enjoyed spending time in classrooms looking at the excellent writing taking place across the school.

It was wonderful to meet with our new Parent Ambassadors, who will help welcome families joining St Peter's during the year. We are very grateful for the time and support they are offering.

It has also been a busy sporting week, with football and netball fixtures against other schools. Well done to all the children who took part. Finally, we were delighted to welcome Your Harrogate into school to record for their School of the Week feature. Listen out for St Peter's every morning next week at 7.35am and 8.35am!

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

Super September Start

At St Peter's, we know that every day matters. Being in school regularly helps children develop friendships, build confidence and make excellent progress in their learning. When children are in school each day, they are able to fully embrace our vision to Love, Learn and Shine.

We are delighted to celebrate that, during the first month of this academic year, 145 children, over 60% of our school community, achieved 100% attendance. This means they experienced everything school has to offer each day, from exciting lessons and collective worship to special activities, playtimes, friendship-building and all the small moments that make school life so special.

Learning is carefully planned as a sequence, with each day building on the last. Regular attendance helps children make the most of this journey, ensuring they do not miss important learning and experiences that support their growth and development.

Of course, we understand that children will sometimes be genuinely unwell and need to stay at home. However, if your child is just feeling a little under the weather, please do get in touch with us. We are always happy to welcome children into school and see how they get on during the day. Often, being with friends, following their usual routine and taking part in learning can help children feel much better.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of every opportunity to Love, Learn and Shine at St Peter's.



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.

Safe and Courteous Parking

Thank you to everyone who continues to park safely and courteously around school. We are very grateful for the consideration shown at both drop-off and collection times.

A reminder that all families with children at school are entitled to a school parking permit for their vehicle window. This permit allows parking along Victoria Avenue during drop-off and pick-up times and provides a convenient alternative just a short walk from school, with plenty of spaces available and no need to pay and display.

If you choose to park on Belford Road, please ensure you do so legally and considerately. Many local residents are elderly and rely on clear access to their homes and driveways. By working together and showing respect for our neighbours, we can help keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships within our community. Thank you for your support.



SEND Parent Support

Families of children with additional needs may be interested in the latest update from Parent Carer Voice North Yorkshire, a voluntary organisation that works with North Yorkshire

Council and health services to represent the views of parents and carers. Their September newsletter highlights current SEND consultations, developments linked to SEND reforms, and opportunities for families to have their voices heard. It also includes details of upcoming online information sessions, including opportunities to share experiences of CAMHS services and access free training through the North Yorkshire Education Service. Parents can also find information about local support networks, wellbeing opportunities and future SEND engagement events. We encourage families to take a look at the full newsletter, which is attached alongside our main school newsletter.



Awards

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

★ Early Years and Key Stage One

Wrens - Elsie & Faris

Kingfishers - Sienna & Sid

Sparrows - Samuel & Selena

★ Year 3/4

Owls - Finn & Kaya

Starlings - Hannah & Isla

★ Year 5/6

Herons - Bea & Poppy

Ravens - George & Michelle

Eagles - Ralphie & Rosie

☆ 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!



Oscar (Eagles) had a fab weekend competing in only his second ever **adult** bike trial over near Dacre. He was very nervous beforehand, especially being surrounded by all the grown ups on their bikes, but he went for it and did brilliantly. He came 8th out of 29 riders, which he was really pleased with. We were very proud of him for giving it a go despite feeling nervous.



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.

Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 October - Year 6 Residential Bewerley Park - Year 6

Tuesday 20 October & Thursday 22 October - Individual Parent Consultations for Early Years- Families with children in Early Years

Tuesday 20 October 3.30-5pm - Open classroom 1-6- Families with children in years 1-6

Thursday 22 October 9am- Front Playground- Decorated Pumpkin Competition- All Year Groups welcome to enter £1 entry fee

Thursday 22 October 3.15pm - School Closes for end of Autumn first half term - All Year Groups

Friday 23 October - INSET Day - School closed - All Year Groups

October Half Term

Monday 2 November - School Starts for Second Half of Autumn Term - All Year Groups

Monday 9 November - Flu Vaccinations- All Year Groups

Thursday 3 December- Advent Music Concert in St Paul's Church- Everyone Welcome

Saturday 5 December 1-3pm- FOSP Christmas Fair- St Peters School- Everyone Welcome

Monday 7 December 2pm- Nativity Dress Rehearsal- in St Pauls- EY&KS1 Performing - KS2 watching, space for any family members unable to come to either of the other 2 performances.

Tuesday 8 December 2pm- Nativity Afternoon Performance in St Pauls Church- EY&KS1 Performing- Family & Friends welcome

Wednesday 9 December 5pm- Nativity Evening Performance in St Pauls Church- EY&KS1 Performing- Family & Friends welcome

Thursday 17 December 9.30am - Christmas Service in St Peter's Church- All Year Groups, everyone welcome

Friday 18 December 1.30pm - Carols at the Alms Houses - All Year Groups, everyone welcome

Friday 18 December 2.00pm - School closes for end of Autumn term - All Year Groups

Christmas Holiday

Monday 4 January - INSET Day - School closed - All Year Groups

Tuesday 5 January - School Opens for Spring Term - All Year Groups

General News & Key Messages

School Communication Policy

We hope parents find our updated communication policy helpful and reassuring. It outlines the main ways we communicate with families, including email, newsletters, texts, phone calls, meetings and our website, helping everyone stay informed and connected. The full policy is available on the Policies page of our school website.

We always welcome parents getting in touch directly and are committed to responding promptly and working positively with families. It is particularly helpful when any concerns are shared with us early and in a polite, respectful manner so that we can support children effectively. We are continually grateful for the kindness, support and strong relationships that exist across our school community. This spirit of partnership helps make St Peter's such a special place. If worries arise between children, please contact the school directly rather than approaching other parents, so that we can help resolve matters fairly and appropriately. The full [policy can be accessed [here](#).



Open Classrooms – Year 1 -6

Please save the date for our next Open Classroom on Tuesday 20 October, from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their learning from the first half term with their families and celebrate all they have achieved since September. Staff will be available throughout the session for informal conversations, giving parents the chance to see classroom work, look through books and chat with teachers about how the term has started and what lies ahead next half term.

We hope as many families as possible can join us. There is no need to book, and you are welcome to drop in at any point during the session. You do not need to stay for the full time, just come along for whatever works best for your family.



Parent Consultations – Early Years

Following feedback from parents, and recognising that children in Early Years are experiencing their first term in school, we have introduced an additional parents' consultation opportunity this autumn. In place of the written autumn report received by parents with children in Years 1-6, Early Years families will be invited to meet with their child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into school, their progress so far and next steps in learning.

These consultations will take place on Tuesday 20 October and Thursday 22 October. Please look out for a separate letter containing information about how to book an appointment. We hope these meetings will provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and strengthen the partnership between home and school during this important first year.



Walk to School Days

We are pleased to share all of this year's Walk to School Day dates below and hope that many families will join us. We will meet at our usual spot, on West Park at 8.30am, ready for a lovely walk together to school, arriving by 8.45am. Everyone is welcome, including parents, grandparents, younger siblings and even our four-legged friends!

Walking to school is a great way to start the day. It helps children enjoy fresh air and exercise, while also supporting their emotional wellbeing. The walk provides valuable opportunities to

chat with friends, build social connections and enjoy time together as a community. Children often arrive at school feeling refreshed, positive and ready to learn.

We hope you can join us for as many of these walks as possible. Please see the dates below.

- Friday 16 October 2026
- Friday 20 November 2026
- Friday 5 February 2027
- Friday 12 March 2027
- Friday 21 May 2027
- Friday 18 June 2027



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News





FOSP'S HALLOWEEN DISCO





**22.10.2026
6-8PM**

St Peter's School

Tuck Shop
Bar
BBQ

Fancy Dress and much more !!

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	Super Extended	4:00 - 5:30



Flexible Drop-Off Window (8:45 - 9:15am)
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OPEN DAILY
8:00 - 5:30pm

Venues Across:

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Knaresborough
Harrogate
Leeds
Castleford
Wakefield
East Riding

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booking early is recommended

OUR EXTRA "WOW" EQUIPMENT

(Moves around venues - subject to dates - see website for whereabouts)



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Battles



Bouncy
Castles



Silent
Disco



Water
Park



Football
Darts



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WEEKLY OVERVIEW

MYSTERIOUS MONDAY
KIDS CHOOSE THEIR FAVORITE CLIMB
TEAM TUESDAY
CAMP & CAMP CHALLENGES
WICKED WEDNESDAY
WEEK AND WOODS: ADVENTURE
TERRIFYING THURSDAY
TRENCH TREAT CHALLENGES
FANCY DRESS FRIDAY
DRESS UP & JOIN US FOR HALLOWEEN RECEPTIONS

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