St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School
*Love Learn Shine*

# NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 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

### 🌟 Headteacher's Weekly Round-Up 🌟

Another great week has flown by at St Peter's, with children continuing to learn, achieve and shine across school. Despite the colder weather, we remain committed to making the most of our outdoor spaces at breaktimes, lunchtimes and within the curriculum. This week, our Year 2 Sparrows enjoyed a local walk as part of their geography learning, exploring landmarks and features of Harrogate. Developing an understanding of the local area is an important part of the Key Stage 1 Geography curriculum and helps children build a stronger connection with the community around them.

As temperatures continue to fall, please ensure children bring suitable outdoor clothing to school each day, including a warm coat and, where appropriate, hats and gloves. Please make sure all items are clearly named.

It was also wonderful to welcome Reverend Garrow into school on Wednesday for Collective Worship. Through the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, children reflected on how even small acts of generosity can make a big difference. Reverend Garrow helped children connect this powerful Bible story with the mission of St Peter's Church, reminding us all of the importance of using the gifts and resources we have available to support others.

There have been many highlights across school this week. We were incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 football team, who demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship while winning all three matches at a local tournament hosted by Harrogate High School. In Wrens, children combined phonics learning with outdoor exploration through a Little Red Riding Hood word hunt and also enjoyed another visit to our local library, helping to foster a lifelong love of books and reading. As part of UK Parliament Week, children explored democracy, voting and trust during Collective Worship, while children in Eagles, Ravens and Herons developed their speaking and reasoning skills through an engaging class debate inspired by their English text, The Lost Happy Endings.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable weekend. 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. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

*Mr Griffiths*

*Headteacher*




## 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 in Sport**

Keeping children safe in sport is vital for their wellbeing and enjoyment. The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) provides guidance to ensure activities are fun, inclusive,

and secure. Parents can help by checking that clubs have safeguarding policies, trained staff, and clear procedures for reporting concerns. Encourage children to speak up if something feels wrong and remind them that their voice matters. Look for signs of good practice, such as staff who prioritise welfare over winning and environments where respect is key. For more advice and resources, visit here.




## Awards

✨ **This Week's SHINE Award Winners Are…**

⭐ **Early Years and Key Stage One**

**Wrens - Honor & Zara**

**Kingfishers - Evelyn & Mia**

**Sparrows - Leo & Monty**

⭐ **Year 3/4**

**Owls - Daisy & Dioni**

**Starlings - Oliver P & Sylvia**

⭐ **Year 5/6**

**Herons - Hugo W-E & Max**

**Ravens - Nell & Rosie**

**Eagles - Annabella & Liliana**

## ☆ 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.

**Wednesday 2 December** - Advent Escape Room Local Visit Event- Ravens Class

**Thursday 3 December-** Advent Escape Room Local Visit Event- Eagles & Herons Class

**Thursday 3 December**- **4.30pm-** Advent Music Concert in St Paul's Church- Everyone Welcome

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

**Tuesday 8 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.

**Wednesday 9 December 2pm**- Nativity Afternoon Performance in St Pauls Church- EY&KS1 Performing- Family & Friends welcome

**Thursday 10 December 5pm**- Nativity Evening Performance in St Pauls Church- EY&KS1 Performing- Family & Friends welcome

**Friday 11 December 12pm**- Whole School Visit to Panto- Sleeping Beauty- All classes. Early lunch for all in classrooms.

**Tuesday 15 December**- School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day- All classes. Usual uniform with Christmas Jumper as optional extra.

**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

**Friday 5 February 8.25am**- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

**February Half Term**

**Friday 12 March 8.25am**- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

**Thursday 18 March 9.30am-** St Peters Church- Easter Service- All children and families welcome

**Easter Holiday**

**Monday 10 - Thursday 13 May**- Key Stage Two SATS Week- Year 6

**Friday 21 March 8.25am**- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

**May Half Term**

**Monday 7 June- Friday 18 June**- Year 4 Multiplication Check Window - Year 4

**Monday 14 June- Friday 18 June**- Phonics Screening Week - All Year 1 & Year 2 Rechecks

**Friday 18 June 8.25am-** Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

**Summer Holiday**

## General News & Key Messages

**Parent Governor Election Reminder**

A reminder that voting is now open for our Parent Governor Election. Thank you to all parents who expressed an interest in the role and to the three candidates who have been nominated. As we received more nominations than there are vacancies, an election is required.

Information about the candidates, voting arrangements and eligibility was sent to families last week. If you have not yet cast your vote, please take a few moments to do so. Where possible, we encourage families to vote electronically, as this helps make the process quicker, more efficient and a better use of school resources.

This is an important opportunity for parents to help shape the future of St Peter's by choosing who will represent the parent voice on the governing body.

Voting closes at 9:00am on Monday 2nd December. Thank you for your support and participation.




**Reports & Parent Consultations – Save the Dates**

Following the successful introduction of this approach last year, we will once again be providing families with a written end-of-term report for all children in Years 1 to 6. Reports will be shared with parents on Thursday 17 December and will provide an overview of your child's progress, attainment and engagement during the autumn term.

We can now confirm that parent consultation meetings will take place on Thursday 7 January and Tuesday 12 January. By offering appointments across two weeks, we hope to provide greater flexibility and a wider range of options for families. To help support attendance, free childcare will be available for school-age children during the consultation evenings.

Appointments will be booked through Arbor and will be available before the end of term. Further details about the booking process will be shared in the coming weeks. As usual, the booking system will open during the evening to ensure fair access for all families.

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



# Community News






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# KEY INFORMATION

| Venue | Location | Dates | Total Energy | HAF Places | Swim Dates |
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| Archbishop Holgate's Secondary | York | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | ✓ | 21,22 & 23 Dec |
| Aspin Park Academy | Knaresborough | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Bramhope Primary | Leeds | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | | |
| Duchy College | Harrogate | 14-23 Dec | ✓ | ✓ | 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23 |
| Huntington Secondary | York | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Manor CE Academy Total Energy & Football | York | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | | |
| Pocklington School | Pocklington | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | ✓ | 21,22 & 23 Dec |
| Queen Elizabeth's | Wakefield | 17-23 Dec | ✓ | | 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 |
| Wigginton Primary | York | 21-23 Dec | ✓ | | |

Open to ALL children from Reception to Year 8

**OPEN 8AM UNTIL 5:30PM**

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| Early Drop-off | 8:00am - 8:45am |
| Standard Day | 8:45am - 4:00pm |
| Extended Day | 4:00pm - 5:00pm |
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# BEGINNER GIRLS TAG RUGBY

Harrogate and Knaresborough School Games have teamed up with Harrogate RUFC to introduce more girls to rugby, the club and the fantastic community surrounding team sport.

We would like to invite girls from Harrogate and Knaresborough to take part in a series of beginner sessions throughout the year where students will learn basic passing, attacking, defending skills from community coaches and build their confidence in something new.

We will run three training sessions and two fun, low pressure tournaments.

**TIME**
1-3pm

**VENUE**
Harrogate Rugby Club, Rudding Ln, HG3 1DQ

**DATES**

Training session 1: Thurs 26th November 2026
Training session 2: Thurs 21st January 2027
Training session 3: Thurs 18th March 2027
Six Nations Themed Tournament: Thurs 20th May 2027
Summer Celebration: Thurs 1st July 2027

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

- Intro to basic passing skills
- Fun, small sided games
- Develop defensive skills and tagging skills
- Have fun, meet other students and coaches

No matter your experience level, come along, play, learn and have fun!

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