



As a church school, our vision is for each child to love learning and to have hope, confidence, wisdom and respect for all. **'Life in all its fullness'** (John 10:10)



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Dear Parents and Carers,

'Where has this year gone?' I hear you all ask yourselves! Everybody at St Peter's has been so busy that the Autumn term has flown by. Our Head Teacher, Mrs Anderson and all her staff have been concentrating on settling the team, and the children, back into school and have been extremely busy planning and delivering the Autumn term curriculum. The children have been working extra hard this term, with everybody getting to know their new teachers, new class structures and getting used to a new classroom. They have remained focused and have been super engaged learners. A fantastic start to the year and you should all be very proud of your children.

The Governors would like to give a very warm welcome to our new teachers, Mr Thompson and Mrs Southward. We are so pleased that you have joined our team at St Peters, we're thrilled that you have settled in so quickly and we hope you are enjoying your teaching experience.

In this run up to Christmas, there has been lots happening in school, as always. Helperbees has been super busy, as Mrs Holes and her wonderful team, delivery an array of learning activities for the children. The annual Christmas trip to the Pantomime in Harrogate, very kindly funded by the amazing PTA, and of course our brilliant Christmas Nativity, where the little ones absolutely excelled themselves, what a show! Mrs Anderson and her team have also been busy assessing pupils on what they have learned this term and the results are superb. Well done to our amazing children.

Following on from our slightly disappointing Ofsted Inspection at the very end of last summer term, the team have been even more determined to continue their outstanding teaching at our wonderful village school. These inspections are ultimately a snapshot on the day and sadly it didn't reflect how Mrs Anderson and her team have expertly implemented our broad and ambitious curriculum. However, Mrs Anderson, the staffing team and the Governors were all so proud that the Ofsted report did show that our school is **safe and welcoming, staff have high expectations of all pupils, lessons are calm and purposeful and pupils live up to our school code of being 'ready respectful and safe'** The inspection also found that behaviour and Safeguarding was good and effective. Along with these findings, the inspector highlighted how strong our SEND provision is, and how teachers make adaptions in lessons to effectively support all SEND pupils. A massive well done to Mrs Atkinson, our school SENCo and the rest of the team. They also praised the **effective governance** in the school, and we will be ready and even better by the time they next visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 2 new Governors, Kevin Lucas and Aimee Cave, they bring with them a wealth of experience and I am sure the Board will hugely benefit from their expertise. It is now time

for myself and Laura Wise, Vice Chair, to say goodbye to you all. We are standing down from the Board at the end of this term, after serving 13 and 11 years respectively. Mike Dennet and Geoff Arnot will take the reins sharing the role of Chair, supported by Anna Blackwall as Vice Chair and both Laura and I wish them the very best of luck in supporting Mrs Anderson and her team and in leading the Board of Governors to even more greatness!

So, on this note, after so many years as a parent and a governor, I say a final goodbye to the children and parents, Mrs Anderson and her amazing team, the PTA who continue to relentlessly support our wonderful village school, and the Board of Governors. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve and lead you. You are all amazing: Keep shining your light on St Peters!

Mrs Anderson and them team will look forward to welcoming all the children back in school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. So now, all that is left, is for myself and the Board of Governors to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas, and a healthy and happy 2026.

Very best wishes

Shirley Sowray.