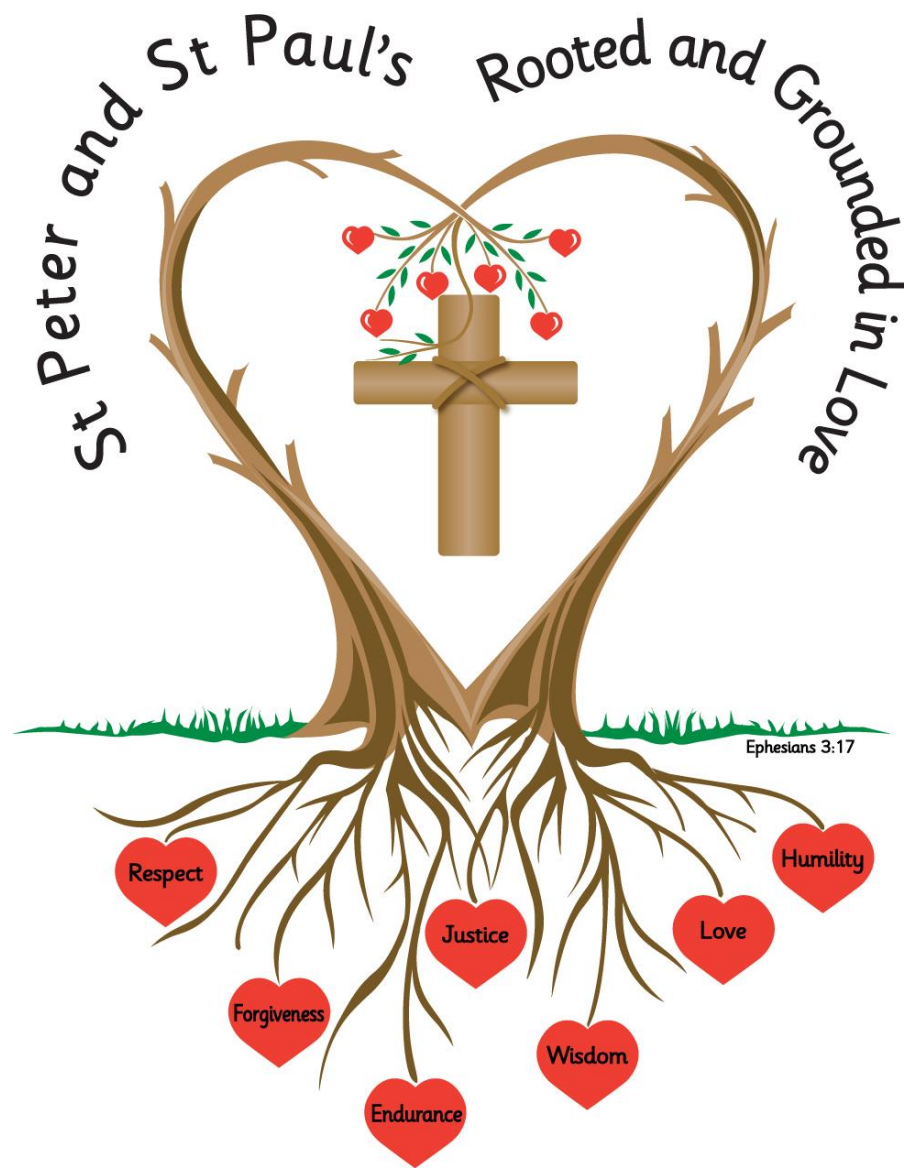




Welcome to Reception
September 2023

A big hello to you all from Mrs Ferguson your class teacher and a warm welcome from Mrs Howatson and Mr Ferguson our class teaching assistants; we are so excited to be teaching your child this year. For the first couple of weeks you and your child will be finding your feet with new routines and settling into school life, be reassured we are here to help and make the process as easy as possible.

I hope that this booklet provides you with some useful information about school life. If at any time you have any queries or concerns and would like to speak to me, I am always happy to try and help you as soon as possible.

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As I am teaching the class, emails will usually be responded to at the end of the school day and only during working hours.

If your concern/query cannot be answered by email and needs to be discussed in depth I can arrange to call you at a convenient time.

If you need to speak to me urgently, please ring the office 01254 884522 and staff will pass a message on for me to ring you when I am out of class.

I hope that you always feel that you can approach me with any problems or concerns, however if you are ever not satisfied with something in school and you feel that you cannot speak to me directly you can speak to Mrs Chandler who is our Key Stage Two Leader, in the same ways as outlined above. Mrs Chandler's email is: a.chandler@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Useful Information

Be on time



Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am when children start full days.

When children start full days, staggered arrival times are **between** 8.45 – 8.55am with drop off at the sliding door leading into Reception classroom. Children are not allowed on the playground unsupervised before this time.

If children are going to be absent, please ring 01254 884522 before the start of the school day.

Please make sure that someone is here to collect your child on time at 3.20pm as children can become unsettled if they are left waiting. If you have children in other classes please collect Reception children first. Children are to be collected from the play area outside of the classroom.

To ensure the safety of all our children we will need to know the details (name and relation) of any adult who is picking them up. This information has been noted on the data sheet you have handed in at the office. You will soon receive a text to provide a family password and we ask you notify any adult picking your child up to know the password. We will ask any unfamiliar adults their name, password and relation to the child; we will then check this with the details held in the school office. Please make any adult picking your child up aware of this procedure as I am sure you understand the safety of your child is paramount to us. If someone we have not met before is picking up your child please ring the school office before the end of the day to inform us and provide us with correct details on 01254 884522.

School Holiday Dates 2023-24

	Term Begins	Half Term Holidays	Term Ends
Autumn	4 th September 2023	16 th October – 29 th October	22 nd December 2023
Spring	8th January 2024	12 th February – 16th February	28th March 2024
Summer	15 th April 2024	28th May – 2nd June	23rd July 2024

Please do not book holidays in term time.

Uniform - Please remember to label all items of clothing clearly to make it easier to return any lost items. We need to be able to read the names easily if we are to get them back to you.

School Bags Please **do not** bring any bags other than the red school reading book bag which can be easily stored.

Shoes – If you need to buy new shoes throughout the year, please remember that infant children need **Velcro/buckle fasteners** and not laces as these tend to come unfastened a lot and children cannot fasten them on their own yet.

Waterproof pants and wellingtons - As mentioned on the uniform list all infant children need a pair of waterproof pants and Wellingtons (with a small bag to put them in) to keep in school. The children will often take part in outdoor learning activities and wet playtimes.

Earrings – It is better if children do not wear earrings for school but if they choose to please make sure they are plain small studs. These need to be removed (at home) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for PE as they cannot be covered over.

Water Bottles- When children start school full time they will need to bring in a water bottle with a sports top rather than a lid that unscrews. As we are a Healthy School, children are only allowed to drink plain water during lesson time (juice or flavoured water are only allowed in lunch boxes). Water bottles will be sent home each day so that they can be washed out and refilled.

Snack - Children are provided with a piece of fruit for morning snack and do not need to bring in items from home.

Reading Books – Please ensure these are in bags on the days we change which are Monday and Thursday

It is very important that children practise the skills we have been working on in school by reading to an adult on a regular basis. Ideally, this needs to be for a few minutes each day as children need to practise becoming fluent by reading the same book a couple of times before it is changed. Please sign reading records to show that the book has been finished and is ready for changing. You can also make a note of any difficulties so that we are aware of them as we do read different books for our Guided Reading in school.

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday– Pupils will need a full PE kit in school at all times. Children will bring home kits at the end of each month to be washed. It is important that these are returned to school or children will be unable to take part in the lesson.

Our topics for this year will be:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
123, It's Good to be Me	A Bear Hunt into a Frozen Kingdom	Food and Celebrations	The Sky is the Limit	Commotion in the Ocean	Rumble in the Jungle

More detailed information can be found on the class page on the school website.

Class Trip

We will be planning to take the children out of school later in the year and will provide information on this. We will set up payment on the Online system in advance in case you want to pay installments.

Website Please see our class section of the website for photos and more information on our learning. We also have a Facebook page which provides lots of information about life at school.

Tuesday, Tots on Tyres

This year we are introducing Tots on Tyres every Tuesday morning in Reception Class. We are lucky to have a range of balance and pedal bikes in school and we hope to get most children confident on a bike by the end of the year. We do have some helmets in school for pupils to use, however, if your child does have a helmet at home, **please send in your child's helmet (labelled with their name) every Tuesday, thank you.**

Family Friday

Every Friday 8.45am. Reception class welcome you into the classroom to explore what learning journey your child has been on that week. It is a fifteen a minute session where the children love to share their learning with you.

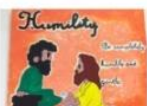
Superstar Celebration

Every Friday 9.00am. A Superstar certificate is awarded to one child from each class and children can bring in certificates and awards from meaningful activities completed out of school hours.



In school, we encourage everybody to behave in 'The St Peter and St Paul's Way', with our school code of conduct being firmly based on our core Christian values.

Our School Rules

 Respect	<i>I treat everybody with respect and listen and speak appropriately.</i> St John said, 'Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love.' 1 John 4:8
 Endurance	<i>I am kind and treat everybody how I want to be treated.</i> Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 12:30-31
 Humility	<i>I always try my best and never give up.</i> St Paul said, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.' Colossians 3:23
 Love	<i>I give everybody a second chance. When I say 'sorry' I really mean it.</i> Jesus taught us to pray, 'Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' Luke 11:4
 Justice everywhere	<i>I am humble and proud of everybody's achievements.</i> St Paul said, 'Be completely humble and gentle, bearing one another in love.' Ephesians 4:2
 Wisdom	<i>I think about my actions carefully.</i> The Prophet Micah said, 'Act justly and love mercy and walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8
 Justice everywhere	<i>I do what is 'right and fair'</i> <i>I listen to both sides of every story.</i> St James said, 'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.' James 1:19



Behaviour and Reward Systems

Wherever possible, children are praised for behaving well and this is often by positive verbal recognition and with other rewards such as Dojo points, stickers, 'learning powers' etc.

Breakfast Club and After School Club –Registration forms were included in your welcome pack and you can book children in as needed. If you would like your child to pay for items of food in Breakfast Club you can pay £5 online as credit for this. We will then inform you when your child has spent this and further credit needs adding.

All bookings need to be made and paid for in advance using the online payment system and unfortunately, children will not be able to attend if they are not booked in.

We look forward to working with you and your family this year,

Mrs Ferguson

Reception class teacher