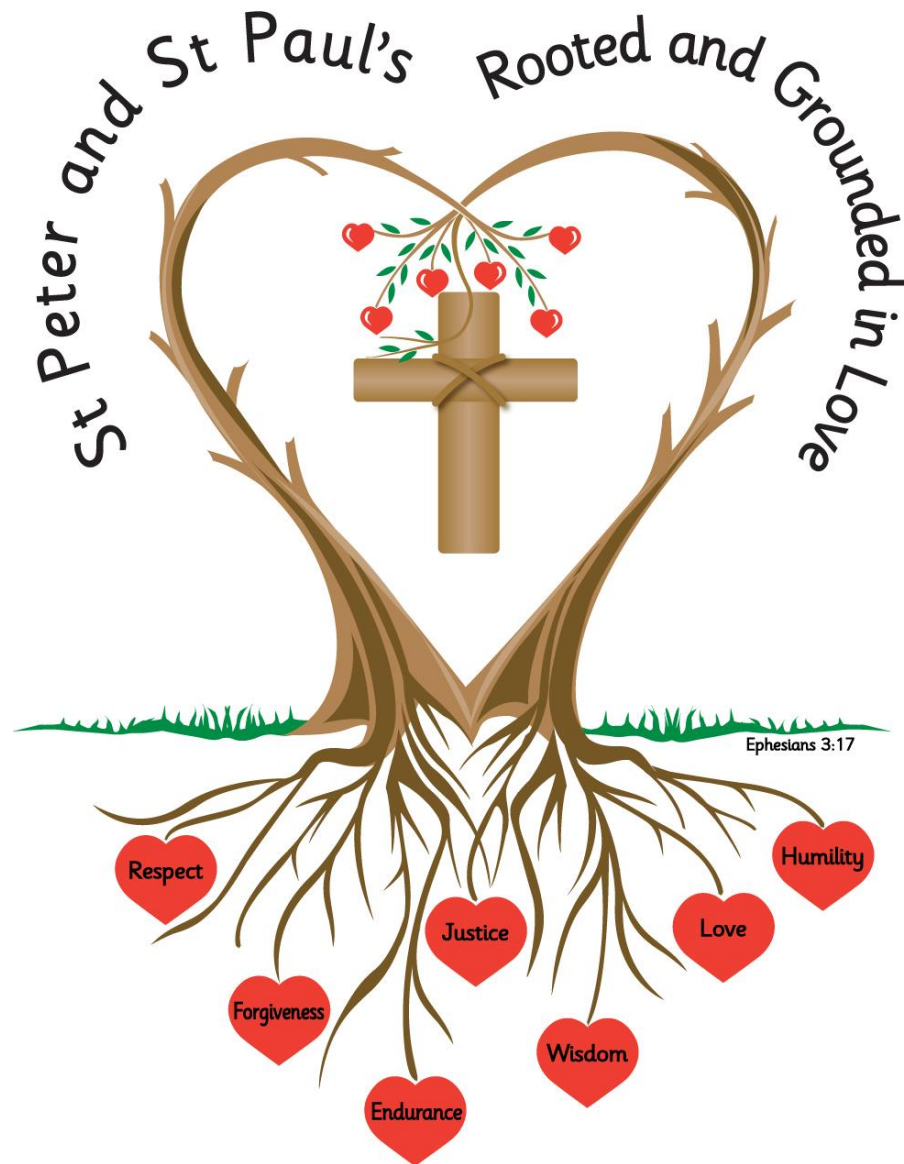




Welcome to Year 6
September 2025

My name is Mrs Chandler and I am looking forward to teaching your child this year, alongside our teaching assistant, Mrs Montgomery

Hopefully because the children have already spent 7 weeks with me at the end of Year 5, the transition to Year 6 will be lovely and smooth and I am really looking forward to welcoming them all back.

I hope that this booklet provides you with some useful information about our class, however if at any time you have any queries or concerns, I am always happy to try and help you as soon as possible.

The best way to contact me is via email at

a.chandler@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

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 Ferguson who is our Key Stage One Leader, in the same ways as outlined above. Mrs Ferguson's email is: l.ferguson@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Year 6 Classroom



Useful Information

Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am.

The children can arrive between 8.45 – 8:50am and will finish at 3:20pm. Please remember to follow the one-way system when entering and leaving school premises. The year 6 children will leave through the classroom door at home time.

At our designated start time, the children will go straight to the 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.

The Department for Education has an expectation of 96% attendance throughout the year, which is monitored regularly. Whilst we appreciate that some absences may be due to unavoidable illness, we are statutorily obliged to notify parents if attendance drops below this level. Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may be subject to new fining protocols implemented

School Holiday Dates 2025-2026

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/term-dates-annual-overview/>

Please do not book holidays in term time as absences cannot be authorised and it means children will have 2 unauthorised absences per day as registration takes place in the morning and afternoon. Penalty notices may apply if the threshold is met.

	Term Begins	Half Term Holidays	Term Ends
Autumn	2 nd September 2025	20 th October – 31 st October (inclusive)	19 th December 2025 2pm
Spring	5 th January 2026	16 th February – 20 th February 2026	27 th March 2026 2pm
Summer	13 th April 2026	25 th May – 29 th May 2026	21 st July 2026 2pm

Our topics for this year will be:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Save Our World <i>Study Climate change and Global Warning</i>	Extreme Earth Natural Disasters	Vile Victorians The Victorian Era	Marvellous Mayans The Maya Dynasty	SATs Black History	The Rainforests

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.

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/class-pages/>

Uniform - <https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/uniform/>

Please see link for remember expectations relating to school uniform, jewellery and hairstyles. All clothing needs to be labelled clearly (writing with a permanent pen on labels is fine) to make it easier to return any lost items.

Waterproof Pants and Wellingtons

We encourage all children to have 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.

School Bags

Please **do not** bring any bags other than the red school reading book bag which can be easily stored in class or a small rucksack for year 6.

KS2 Snack

Children are invited to bring in a piece of **fruit** for morning snack. Please do not send in any other kind of snacks.

Water bottles

Please send 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.

School Lunches

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/school-lunches/>

The cost of school dinners is currently £2.90 per day which should be paid on School Money at the time of booking so that meal choices can also be made.

Mobile phones

Children are not allowed phones in school unless parents have filled in a form requesting that they need one because they walk home on their own. Phones are then put in a box and kept in the school office until home time. Children must not use their phones until they have left the school grounds and they must be switched off when in school.

Reading Books

Children can bring in their reading books on Mondays and Fridays to be changed. It is very important that children practice their reading skills at home by reading to an adult on a regular basis. This should include asking children about what they have read to develop their comprehension skills. Ideally, this needs to be for a few minutes each day. Please sign reading records to show that the book has been finished and is ready for changing. In Year 6, we expect the children to change their reading book at least once a week.

Library Books

Children are provided with the opportunity to take library books out of the school library each week and these will be kept in their trays or brought home. It is important the children read for pleasure and choose books that they want to read.

PE days-

PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children will bring home kits at the end of each half term to be washed. It is important that these are returned to school or children will be unable to take part in the lesson.

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) for PE (Thursday in the autumn term) as they cannot be covered over with tape. **If having ears pierced, please do this at the start of summer holidays so that PE lessons are not missed.**

Spellings will be sent out each week for the children to learn different spelling patterns. We will also practice these in class and will have a test on a Friday.

Homework in Year 6 is a valuable way of consolidating learning, practising skills at home and preparing for the move to High School therefore homework will be given on the following days:

Tuesday– Reading Comprehension, Grammar and Maths homework linked to the work we have been doing in class (to be returned the following Tuesday)

Friday – Spelling Test and new spellings sent home to learn.

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.

Superstar Celebration

This will take place every Friday morning (from 12th Sept) and parents are welcome to attend. 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. Each month a 'megastar' certificate is awarded in each class to someone who consistently goes above and beyond.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Our wrap around care is from 7.30am until 5.45pm and children need to be booked in using School Money to be allocated a place. The after-school club needs to close promptly at 5.45pm and children must be collected by this time to avoid having to pay a late collection charge.

All bookings need to be made in advance using the online payment system and unfortunately, due to numbers having increased significantly, there is a chance your child may not have a place if they are not booked in as we have to ensure we have the appropriate staffing in place. **Places cannot be reserved on the day and you will need to ring school to check if space.**

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.



Behaviour and Reward Systems

Wherever possible, children are praised for behaving well and this is often by positive verbal recognition.

We have a behaviour ladder (as above) and children's names all start on green 'ready to learn' at the start of each day. Children may be asked to move their name up/down the ladder. If children *repeatedly* behave in a negative manner they may be asked to spend time in 'Reflection' and if this happens on several occasions they will not be allowed to take part in the class/whole school behavior treats.

We also use a system linked to the learning powers where we choose a success criteria to work on each week. These are based on making connections and having curiosity. Changing and learning, building resilience, having strategic awareness, creativity and learning relationships. The intention is that each child will add their name to the wall of recognition by the end of the week for achieving one of the learning powers.

There are 8 learning powers:

- **Don't give up** Donald Duck
- **Concentrate** Colin Caterpillar
- **Co-Operate** Tim & Tina Tortoise
- **Have a go** Harold Hedgehog
- **Curious** Cathy Camel
- **Keep improving** Ivy Insect
- **Imagination** Isabel Iguana
- **Enjoy Learning** Edward Elephant.

Statutory Assessments Tests (SATs)

Year 6 will take the Sats tests in reading, GPS and Maths from May 11th – 14th.

I will be holding a meeting in the Autumn term for parents about this and details of this will be shared nearer the time.

For more detailed information and photographs please look at our school website which I will update regularly with photos and videos of the children's learning,

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/class-gallery/>

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

Mrs Chandler and Mrs Montgomery