



Welcome to Year 2 2025

Mrs Clitheroe and Mrs Thomson

Hello from Mrs Clitheroe and Mrs Thomson-we are so excited to be teaching your child this year. We both love arts and crafts so try and link in creative ideas all the way through the year and have some exciting topics that we look at that we are sure your child will enjoy too. Mr Ferguson will teach PE on a Thursday afternoon and Mrs Morrison will cover the RE curriculum this year. Each member of the Year 2 team is here to help and make the process as easy as possible for your child to settle into their new year group. We had a wonderful transition afternoon together where we all got to know one another, and we are certain that we are going to have a great year together.

By now, you will be well-rehearsed into school routines, but 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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I will aim to reply to your emails as promptly as I can but if you need to speak to me urgently, then please contact our school office on 01254 884522.

KEEP CALM AND ARRIVE ON TIME Your child will be greeted each day with a big smile, and they will enter through the side door entrance **from 8:45 am** to allow for a staggered start to the day. The door is situated off our cloakroom and all children all familiar with this. Please ensure they are dropped off at the door so that they are supervised until arrival into school. Register is taken promptly at **8:50 am**. Attendance guidelines are changing from September and further information can be found on the website:

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

I hope that you always feel that you can approach me with any problems or concerns you may have so that they can be dealt with promptly and I look forward to a positive relationship between school and home over the coming year.

Please inform the school office if your child is going to be absent from school on 01254 884522.

A new data form will be completed to inform us of who can collect your child after school, but if someone we have not met before is picking up your child, then please ring the school office to inform us.

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 by the local authority.

Thank you.

Holiday Dates

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

Please see full dates on the school website

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



Please remember to label **all** items of clothing clearly as items can be easily mis-placed.

School Bags – We only need the red school reading book bag in Year 2 as it can be easily stored in class.

Within year 2, we want the children to develop further independence and responsibility. They will place book bags on tables when they arrive in the morning, and place reading books or letters on to the table. An adult will collect them and then throughout the year, different roles will be provided for children. Reading books will be changed on Monday and Thursday.

A morning task will be set up for the children to complete as they arrive in the morning and this helps them settle into the school routine.

We will continue with ClassDojo for the children to earn positive recognition for their efforts and teacher communication will only be via email.

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 - 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.

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

Water Bottles- Please send in a sensible sized 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 sessions in school. We will cover our Guided reading sessions several times over the week where children will be taught a range of reading skills and the children always enjoy the small group aspect of this.

Packed lunches - If your child chooses to bring packed lunch from home, please bring a small packed lunch bag that contains all items as these are stored on a trolley in the hall. Children will need a drink for their lunch which is separate to their water bottle in class.



Our lovely classroom



Our topics for this year

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Our United Kingdom	Fire! Fire!	Island of Adventures	Accrington Pals	Awesome Australia	Marvellous Medics

More detailed information can be found on the class page on the school website and photographs of our learning will be added on a regular basis. We also end our year with our Level 3 Road Safety so that we are equipped with relevant road safety skills.

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There is a separate photo gallery for each year group and this is updated regularly so that you can get an insight into what happens in class.

We also have a Facebook page which provides lots of information about life at school, so there are many ways to keep up-dated.

Educational visit - We will be planning to take the children out of school later in the year and will provide separate information on this.

Superstar Celebration - A Superstar certificate will be awarded to one child from each class and children can also bring in certificates and awards from meaningful activities completed out of school hours to be celebrated alongside this. We love to share achievements out of school and also enjoy singing happy birthday to our class friends on their special day.

'The St Peter and St Paul's Way' is firmly based on our core Christian values and by Year 2, children confidently display these values. The adults around school may provide a values certificate to children in recognition of demonstrating the St Peter and St Paul's way and we love to share these in our worship with Father Eddie on a Tuesday.



Behaviour and Reward Systems -We work on a positive reinforcement in class and focus on positive mindset within our class, and around school.

Wherever possible, children are praised for behaving well and where possible this is often by positive verbal recognition. A project we were involved with involving other schools/surveys with our parents highlighted that there is very little value to a child when they are rewarded for doing things which are the 'norm' or 'generally expected' and that instant verbal praise is the most effective reward for children as it has far more meaning to them at the time.

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 after several reminders and have moved their name, they may be asked to spend time in 'Reflection' during their break time. If this happens on several occasions, parents will be notified and children may end up missing out on some of the additional fun aspects of school.

We also use a system linked to learning powers to promote a positive learning environment, where we choose a specific '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 and that collectively as a class they can all achieve this. We have seen the pleasure the class get from this accomplishment and that they all try to encourage each other and recognise when individuals have demonstrated the learning power.

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

Children will have their photograph displayed in the school corridor on receipt of a Superstar or Megastar certificate in our celebration assemblies.

Homework Booklet- A booklet will be sent home each half-term with a range of tasks to complete. They are broken down into weekly tasks and will support the learning we are covering in school. Please encourage your child to complete neatly; preferably in pencil and to take the same pride in their presentation as they would in school. Please allow them to complete work as independently as possible or make a note if they needed some help. Thank you.

We look forward to a great year ahead and if there is anything you require assistance with, then please let us know.

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