



Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025

Dear parents

We have reached the end of our spring term and school continues to be as busy as ever with lots of lovely activities going on in each class. Staff regularly update their class pages and photo gallery on the website to keep parents updated <https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/class-pages/> In addition to this, we also share tips about how parents can support learning and Mrs Clitheroe and infant staff have been busy updating the website with videos and tips relating to early reading <https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/reading-information/> There are also videos to support the teaching of maths, which Mrs Chandler has previously added and we hope you find these useful, particularly as teaching methods have changed over the years. <https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/information-for-parents-about-the-maths-curriculum/>

Staffing Update

Mrs Atkins, who has been in school for 17 years, has decided she is going to have a change from teaching and will be leaving us in summer, we all wish her well as she explores new opportunities. Her PPA role (when teachers have time out of class) will be covered by Mrs Morrison from September and we are currently recruiting a new class teacher for lower key stage 2.

Mother's Day Event

It was lovely to welcome families into school at the start of Mother's Day weekend and the children enjoyed having visitors into their classrooms. We are always overwhelmed by the number of parents who manage to attend any event we have in school and the children are fortunate to have such positive support from home.

School Lunches

LCC have informed us that due to rising costs school lunches are increasing to £2.90 per day from after Easter. Thank you to you all for persevering with the ordering system as this has helped the children to ensure they get their first choice of meal each day. We are hoping to make the ordering system easier for you by adding this on to School Money, which will mean you can book, order and pay all in one place.

Absences If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the office by 9am. The office staff need a copy of any appointment confirmations relating to medical/dentist appointments so that they can record these in the register. These can be sent by text from your phone or a screenshot emailed to bursar@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 22nd April. Please remember that to avoid late marks, children need to be here by 8.50am when the register is taken. Holiday dates up to 2026 can also be found on the website <https://st-peter-and-st-pauls-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates-annual-overview/>

Best wishes

Mrs Clarkson and staff



Gallery

Sporting activities this term have included a group of year 5 children attending a curling event at Hyndburn Sports Centre, year 3 children taking part in glow in the dark dodgeball at Oakhill College and four promising footballers playing at Blackburn Rovers Academy. In addition to this, year 3 played a game of football against children from Rishton Methodist School and Year 5/6 have continued to compete in the Hyndburn Football League with one more tournament before the summer holidays.



Sport's Day

This is planned for Wednesday 21st May (rain date 11th June) and this year we are exploring it being led by Blackburn Rovers Community Trust. We have already had a meeting to discuss this and are hoping to finalise details after the Easter holidays. The format will be similar to what we usually do, where classes move around the field and it will be the activities that will be slightly different, with some elements of team games within them for some additional fun!



Safer Internet Day



Although we are continually reminding children about how to stay safe online, Safer Internet Day is always useful in reinforcing safety messages. This year the theme was on scams and phishing and this was covered in an age appropriate way in each class.

Snap Chat - Even though this has a 13+ age restriction, we are aware a number of KS2 children have access to it. As there is a 'chat bot' facility on this app we have been advised this needs to be monitored as part of safeguarding children. There is the possibility that inappropriate messages/advice could take place depending on the sort of chat that is started. **With any app, we recommend you have full parental controls on everything so that you are aware of what children are accessing. Please see the website for further information/support.**

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/information-for-parents-1/>

World Water Day 2025

Thank you to year 3 for leading worship and making us aware of how precious water is. We have now raised £200 for Jack and Jill School in Zambia and are well on the way towards the £650 they need towards drilling a water borehole so that the children can access clean water.



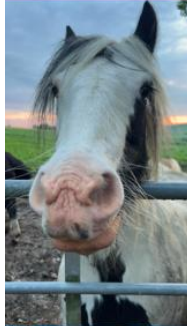
School Friends Club Disco

The finale to our term was the SFC disco and everyone had a great time. Thank you to members of SFC and volunteers who helped on the night!



St Peter & St Paul's Church, Rishton

PALM SUNDAY
13th April



10:45am meet at
Rishton Library for
donkey procession
for the...
11am Service in Church
with crafts for children

EASTER SUNDAY
20th April

11am Easter Service
with crafts for children in the hall

followed by
Children's Easter
Egg Hunt!!



Children have taken part in dance workshops with 'Springs Dance Company' linked to an Easter theme. Everyone has enjoyed this experience with some very good dances performed.



Uniform Policy

At St. Peters & St. Pauls Church of England Primary School, we believe that a smart, well-presented appearance not only reflects our school's values but also has a positive impact on behaviour and a child's readiness to learn. We are committed to upholding high standards and preparing our children for their next steps in education and beyond. Adhering to our uniform policy is an important part of this, as it helps to create an environment where all children feel valued, respected, and ready to engage in their learning. It also prepares them for the stricter uniform requirements they will encounter in high school and the workplace.

If you are in need of any uniform items, please feel free to visit our "NEW TO YOU" uniform station in the school entrance. We also recommend the Heritage uniform shop in Accrington as free items are available. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our children are dressed appropriately for their days in school.



Grey or black pants/school shorts
Tartan skirt/tartan pinafore dress
Red checked dress with white socks (summer term optional)
Red polo shirt (school logo optional)
Black sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
White socks/black plain socks under trousers/red/grey/black tights
Black school shoes without any logos on) and we ask that shoes without laces are worn in the infants
If children travel to school in boots/trainers school, they need to change into school shoes or pe pumps if shoes are not available.
PE – Black shorts (not cycling shorts/skorts), plain white t.shirt, black pumps (no laces)

School book bag is required for children up to Year 5 and children are provided with their first one as a gift from School Friends' Club.

Children in years 5 and 6 can bring a **small** bag instead of a book bag if they take responsibility for ensuring all items are in class as needed.

The only jewellery allowed is a sensible wrist-watch (no Apple watches etc) and one pair of small, plain, gold or silver stud earrings **which have to be removed for PE**. If children are having ears pierced, please only do this in summer holidays as children cannot take part in PE with earrings in and we are unable to cover with tape.

Nail polish should not be worn for school and children should not have transfer tattoos anywhere visible during school time. We do make an exception for this in the days immediately after school discos as these are usually near holidays.

Hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school with natural hair colour and no tramlines or patterns. (Please save any unusual styles for summer holidays) All long hair needs to be tied back. Plain headbands/small ribbon bows can be worn, however, other fashion accessories such as large bows, braids etc should not be worn.

