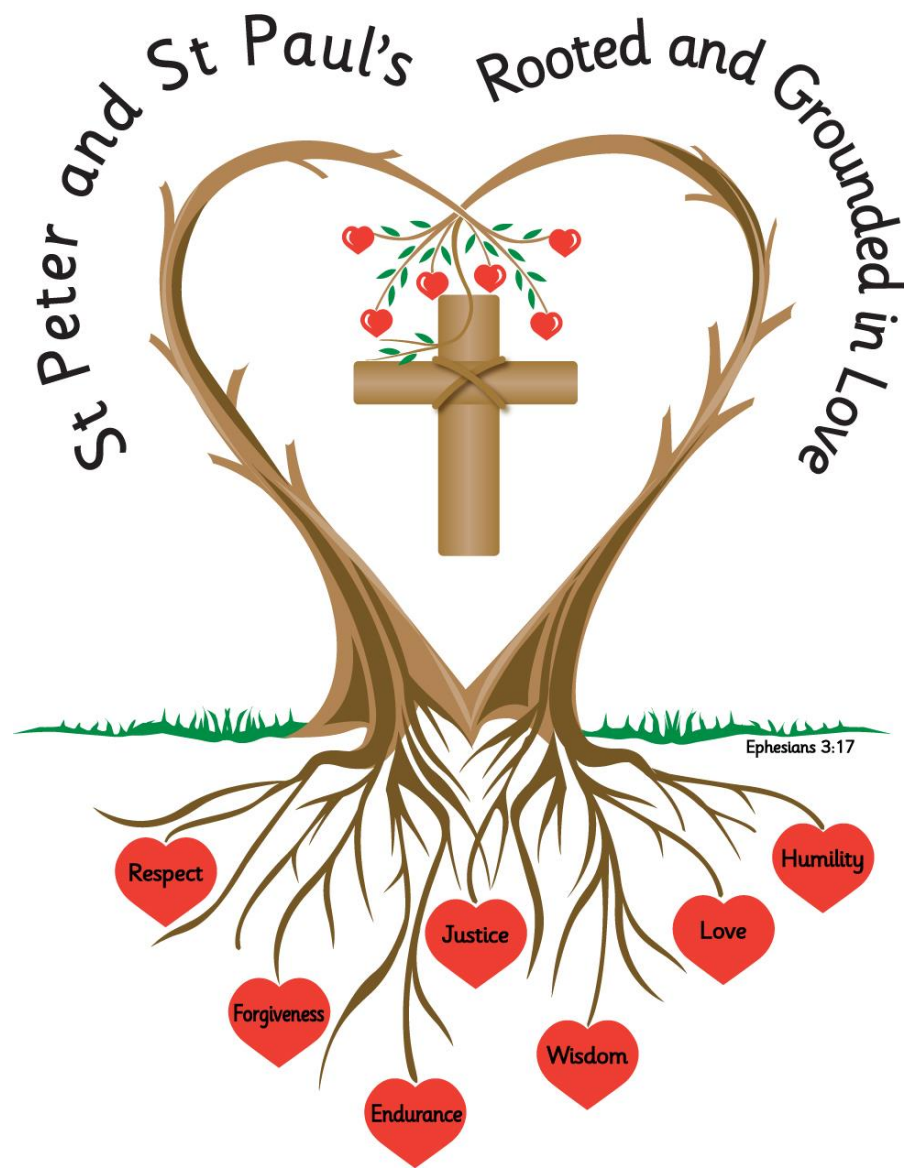




Welcome to Reception
September 2026

A big HELLO to you all from Mrs Ryan your class teacher and a warm welcome from Mrs Howatson our class teaching assistant; 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 Ferguson who is our Key Stage One Leader, in the same ways as outlined above. Mrs Fergusons' email is: l.ferguson@st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Useful Information

Be on time



Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am when children start full days. Please ensure children are booked in using School Money app so that staff know who to expect the following day. Children need to be handed over to staff at the door to ensure safe arrival as registers are not completed in class until 8.50am

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.

Children need to arrive **between** 8.45am – 8:50am and need to be supervised by an adult until the doors are opened at 8.45am.

School finishes at 3.20pm. **Please inform family members to park away from Arundel Street as it is dangerous when cars drive down this street at the start/end of the day. For safety, the school car park is only for staff use.**

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 included in the data form you have completed online. We will ask any unfamiliar adults their name, password and relation to the child; we will then check this with the details you have included online. 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 2026-2027

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=819>

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	1 st September 2026	19 th October – 30 th October (inclusive)	18 th December 2026- 2pm
Spring	4 th January 2027	15 th February – 19 th February 2027	25 th March 2027 2pm
Summer	12 th April 2026	31 st May – 4 th June 2027	21 st July 2027 2pm

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

Please see link for 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.

School Bags - Please **do not** bring any bags other than the red school reading book bag which is stored in our classroom.

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 PE days, as they cannot be covered over.

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

Infants are entitled to free school meals. Meals must be selected in advance for the week using the SchoolMoney app.

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 snacks 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 Wednesday and Friday – Pupils will always need a full PE kit in school. 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.

[St Peter and St Paul's Church of England Primary School - Class Pages](#)

Family Friday - Reception class warmly welcomes parents into the classroom to explore the learning that has taken place throughout the week. You will get a text message to let you know the day you can come for the short visit. This will take place from 8:45 – 8:55 just before Superstar celebration.

Superstar Celebration - Every Friday at 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. Each month a 'megastar' certificate is awarded in each class to someone who consistently goes above and beyond. As the Reception children settle into school, they will gradually transition into attending worship and whole school assemblies. This will be introduced at a pace that supports the children's individual needs and helps them feel comfortable and confident within the school environment.

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 must ensure we have the appropriate staffing in place. ***Places cannot be reserved online on the day and you will need to ring school to check if there is 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.

Our School Rules



I treat everybody with respect and listen and speak appropriately.
St John said, 'Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love.'
1 John 4:8

I am kind and treat everybody how I want to be treated.
Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and love your neighbour as yourself.'
Mark 12:30-31





I always try my best and never give up.
St Paul said, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.'
Colossians 3:23

I give everybody a second chance. When I say 'sorry' I really mean it.
Jesus taught us to pray, 'Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'
Luke 11:4





I am humble and proud of everybody's achievements.
St Paul said, 'Be completely humble and gentle, bearing one another in love.'
Ephesians 4:2

I think about my actions carefully.
The Prophet Micah said, 'Act justly and love mercy and walk humbly with your God.'
Micah 6:8





*I do what is 'right and 'fair'
I listen to both sides of every story.*
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 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 use a system linked to ***learning powers*** where we choose 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 3 learning powers:

Tortoise Teamwork, Resilient Rabbit, Independent Insect.

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

Mrs Ryan

Reception class teacher