



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Reception 2025 New Parent's Meeting

Wednesday 7 May 2025



Welcome to St Peter's



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Mr Griffiths
Headteacher



Everyone feeling ready



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Our Vision

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Love

Love and a strong sense of belonging, are the foundation of our school community's life. We want everyone to know and feel they are nurtured, precious, unique and loved by God.

Learn

Children should be inspired to develop a lifelong love of learning; to empower them to explore new paths and make informed choices. We are ambitious that all children become, fluent confident learners, who seek out wisdom, knowledge and skills that guide, inspire and prepare them well for life in a diverse world.

Shine

Every person has something that only they can offer. Every member of our school community is continually encouraged to shine, as only they can, enabling themselves and others to flourish in the light and love of God.

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out"

(John 1.5)



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School



Teachers

Mrs Renton



Miss Ward



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Getting to know you

- Nursery visits
- Transition visits in small groups
- Transition visits as whole cohort
- Parent meetings with teachers



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Frequently Asked Questions

- What do you teach in the first year of school?
- How can we help support our child, so they are 'school ready'?
- What do I do if my child is ill?
- What are the next steps for transition?



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

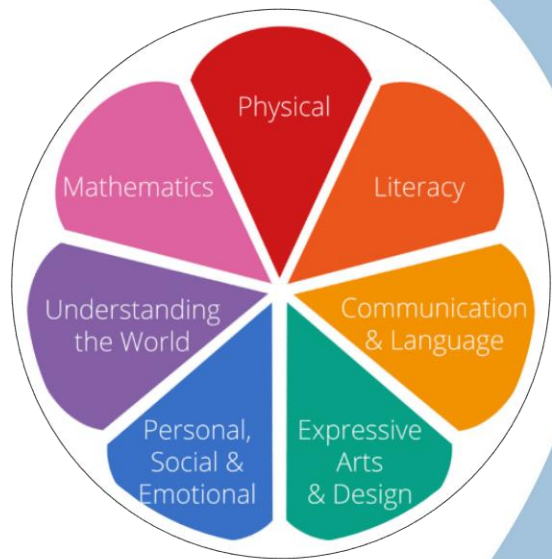
What do you teach in the first year of school?

There are 7 areas of learning in EYFS.

All 7 areas are carefully considered when we plan the areas of learning.

We use a cross- curricular approach to learning.

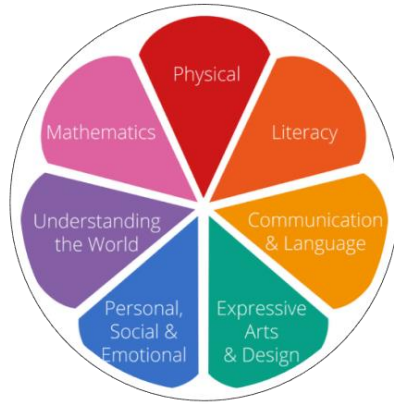
This looks like this...



St. Peter's

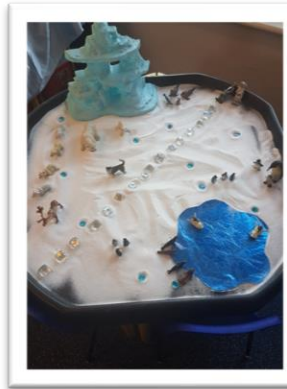
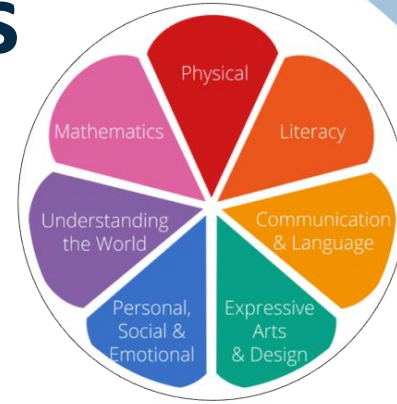
Church of England Primary School

Role Play



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Learning Through Themes



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Learning Through Play and Exploration

Children play and learn within areas of the environment. We call these areas 'provision.' These areas of provision are carefully planned to support the children's learning.

If your child comes home and tells you 'I played all day', we have achieved our goal.



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

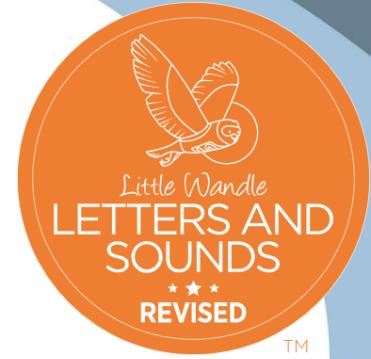


Learning Through Teacher Instruction

- Although we do spend time 'on the go' in our provision areas, we still have times where we sit and have taught sessions
- We have phonics lessons, maths and story times daily.



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School



Classroom Ready

The Reception classroom is a vibrant space filled with resources for learning. From the start of the school year, we have a program in place to start your child's academic learning journey.

To make the most of this, children benefit from practical abilities, for example holding a pencil to draw and write, using scissors for crafts, or sitting comfortably on the carpet and at a table.

Here are some abilities that your child will need to have in order to join in the learning opportunities:

- Pre-writing skills which include holding a pencil to write and draw
- The ability to and use scissors
- Pre-reading skills which include knowing how to handle a book and turn pages
- Be able to sit and pay attention for short periods
- Name colours and shapes
- Recognise some numbers and letters



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Phonics

Phonics is making connections between the sounds of our spoken words and the letters that are used to write them down.

We have chosen *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our systematic, synthetic phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School



Phonics ready



Fine motor skills



**Tri-pod
pencil
grip**



Sharing books



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Fine motor skills

Fine motor skills are so important for children when they are first learning how to write it enables them to build the strength and muscles in their fingers to hold a pencil correctly – there are many ways that you can practice this at home.

- Using scissors
- Pegging
- Playdough
- Tweezers
- Golf tees to hammer into vegetables
- Games & crafts - involving intricate 'pincer' movements
- Threading / sewing
- Different fastenings e.g. Zips/ buttons



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Pencil grip

We would like children to hold their pencil using the 'tripod grip'. The Tripod Grip is **a grip using three fingers of the hand - the thumb, index and middle fingers.**

A child typically develops this grip around the age of three or four. ... As children improve their dexterity and fine motor skills, they will be able to move into a tripod grip more easily from a relaxed hand.

This pencil grip allows a full range of movement to allow children to form sounds with ease.



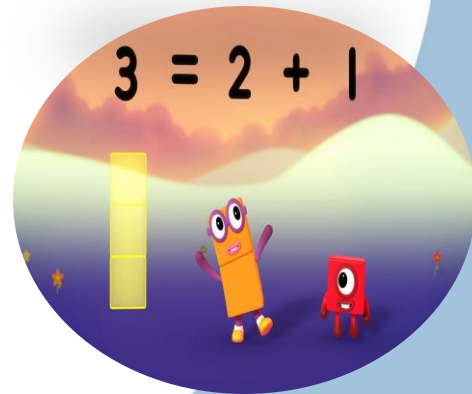
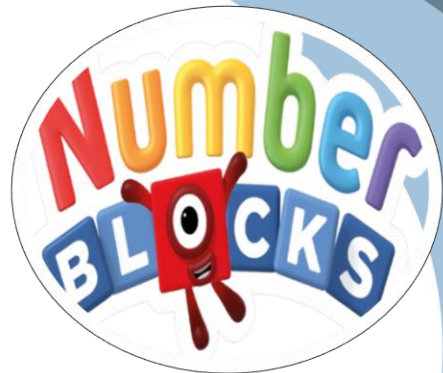
St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Maths

At St. Peter's we base our number work in Maths around the NCTEM BBC program Numberblocks.

Children will explore many strands of maths such as cardinality, ordinality, composition, numerical patterns and comparing.

Quantities. Shape space and measure is also woven throughout the curriculum with a focus on reasoning and problem solving too.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Helping my child be school ready

A checklist of skills to practise before Reception has been developed by a coalition of early-years educators and endorsed by Bridget Phillipson, the education secretary.

Home - Starting Reception

Hand outs of this are available to take away today.

Home - Starting Reception



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

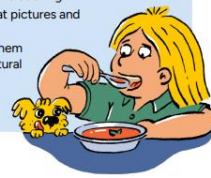
Growing independence

Taking care of themselves

- ☒ Putting on/taking off their coat and shoes
- ☒ Using the toilet and washing their hands
- ☒ Getting dressed with little help, e.g. after using the toilet or doing PE
- ☒ Using cutlery (e.g. fork and spoon, chopsticks) and drinking from an open cup
- ☒ Spending time away from you, learning they can be looked after by caring adults

Play, creativity and curiosity

- ☒ Taking part in imaginative play (e.g. role play)
- ☒ Drawing, painting, colouring and sticking
- ☒ Sharing story books, looking at pictures and talking about the characters
- ☒ Exploring the world around them (e.g. looking closely at the natural world, playing safely with objects at home)

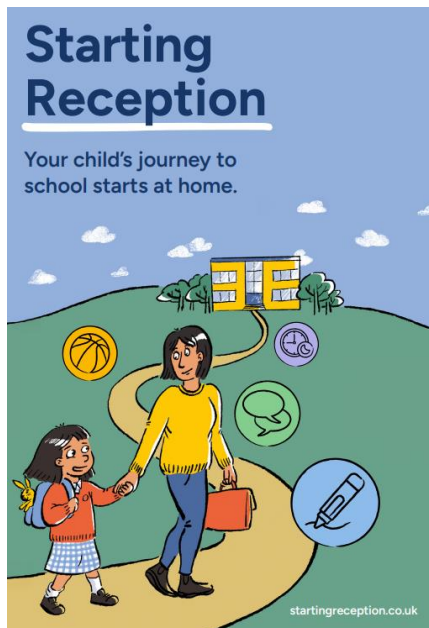


Starting Reception

Your child's journey to school starts at home.



Getting School Ready



Click [here](#) to access this resource.



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School



School Ready

TINY HAPPY PEOPLE

B B C

What does 'school readiness' mean?

How can you help your child get school ready? We go through some useful hints and tips to help grow your child's confidence ready for starting school.

More on this



Struggling to get children to sleep: How to establish a bedtime routine



Potty training advice: Your questions answered



Click [here](#) to access these resources.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

School Ready

Mealtimes

Help your child by teaching them how to use a knife and fork to chop up their own food. In the summer it may be useful for them to try some different foods too. Our school catering team can provide a range of different meals each week for us.

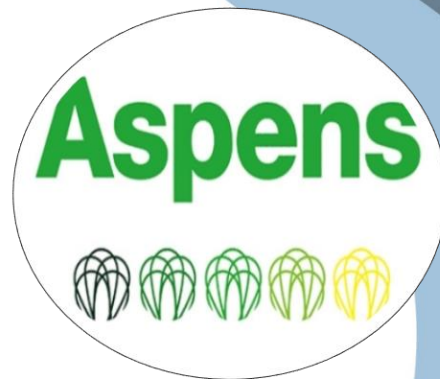
Self Care

Please make sure your child can toilet independently. Accidents do happen and we will help children however we cannot be on hand to 'wipe' at every occasion as this impacts on learning and teaching time. A pair of spare labelled pants in their bags are very helpful.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School



School Ready

Dressing

Help your child to get used to putting their clothes on and off independently. This includes coats, socks and jumpers. We are on hand to help with tricky zips and buttons but it is empowering for the children to be able to do this for themselves.

Uniform

Full list on [school website](#).

Two main suppliers – Emblazon and Rawcliffes.

Please clearly label all uniform with first and second name.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Labelling

Please ensure every single piece of clothing you bring into school is clearly labelled with your child's name.

This includes, shoes, shirts, jumpers, cardigans, coats, socks, PE kits, and even spare pants.

It is far easier to return jumpers and cardigans back to their owners when they are named.

If you are looking for 'iron on' labels and choose to use www.mynametags.com, if you enter our school code : 29057, 24% of your order will be donated to our Friends of St Peter's.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

What does my child need to bring to school on their first day?

- Book bag
- Named coat
- Named snack
- Named water bottle
- Spare underwear



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

Attendance and Illness

- Good school attendance makes a **significant** difference to children. Please see the [attendance](#) page of our website.

Data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 children who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently (90% or lower) absent across the key stage.

- Children can attend school with minor coughs and colds.
- If your child is too unwell to attend, please email school admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk by 9.00am.
- If you are unable to email, please call school by 9.00am 01423 569684.
- Prescribed medicine can be given in school providing the administering medicine form has been completed and returned to the office.
- If your child has asthma or any other medical condition, we will discuss it at our 1:1 meetings to put a care plan in place.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



Information and Registration

Information Already

- An initial contact form, where you were asked to complete your contact details and your child's nursery.
- Welcome to Early Years Pack

Information Needed Next

- Next week we will be sending out the New Starters Application Pack with more information about St Peter's along with the links for the
- Registration form
- Medical information form

We would be grateful if you complete these as soon as you can.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School



Next Steps

Book your meeting with the EYFS staff for one of the following dates

- **Tuesday 3rd June 2025 (9am-11;50am)**
- **Friday 6th June 2025 (9am-2:50pm)**

Sign your child up for one play session within the week commencing 23rd June 2025. Morning and afternoon sessions are available throughout the week.

Transition session (big group) Wednesday 9th July 2025 (10am-12pm)

All sign up sheets are located at the back of the hall.



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School



Wrap Around Care



Manager: Mr Craig Radcliffe



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)

FOSP is our version of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Chair – Mrs Anna Pywell

Vice Chair - Mrs Lisa Swales

FOSP have their own [dedicated section](#) of the school website which gives a great idea of all the events they run.



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

QUESTIONS

Thank you for coming this evening.

The team are happy to answer any questions straight away as a group or individually.

Please do keep in touch. You can do so by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or calling 01423 569684.

Please ensure you sign up for the meetings and play sessions before you depart.



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

