



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Monday 7 September 2026

Dear Parents,

May I offer you a warm welcome to the new academic year. I hope you have had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We are all very much looking forward to working with you and your children over the coming academic year.

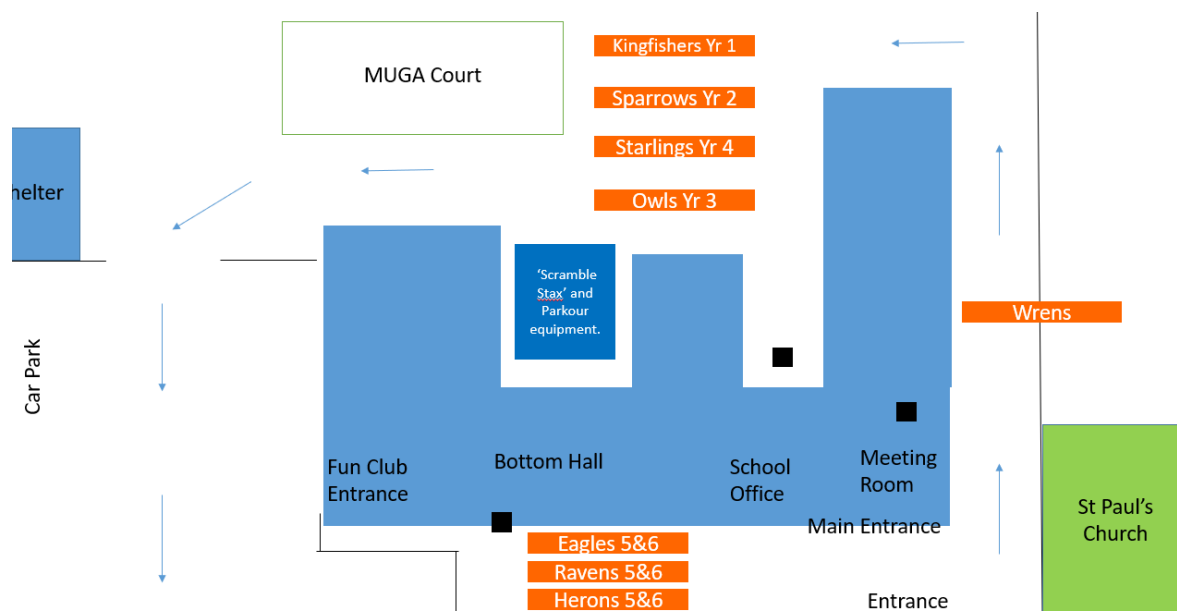
We are pleased to provide the information below which we hope is helpful as we begin the new school year together.

School Day Timings.

- **Start of day:** 8.45am (staff available on the playground from 8.40am). The gates open at 8.35am so that parents will be able to come onto site, within the 10-minute window. Staff will meet their lines by 8.40. Please do not leave children until staff are present. We respectfully ask that parents supervise their child or children until the teacher is present and that children do not play on the play equipment before school starts or after school finishes.
- **End of day:** 3.15pm. At the end of the day, parents will be able to come onto site from 3.10pm to collect their child. If you are unable to collect at this time please book your children into Fun Club. All details for Fun Club can be found [here](#). While late collections are thankfully infrequent, there have been occasions where children have been collected between 5 and 40 minutes after the end of the school day. The office team cannot be responsible for supervising children beyond collection time, and regular late collection is neither appropriate nor fair on the children involved or on staff who have commitments after school.

Where do I drop off and pick up?

We have created the map below to show where classes should line up in the morning before school. Please wait with your child until a member of school staff has come to the class line. Children will also be brought to these lines at the end of the day for collection.



Keeping in touch

For all communications, please email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684. Email is the preferred method of communication. We will write soon with full details of all the open classroom, stay and parent consultation meetings for the year ahead. In the meantime, if you need to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher you can do so via the email or phone number above.

Mobile Phones

No child requires a mobile phone to attend St Peter's School, and we actively discourage children from bringing phones onto site. We recognise that a small number of older children who travel more independently may need a phone to stay in contact with their families. However, parents are encouraged to consider carefully whether a phone is genuinely necessary, as safe journeys can also be supported through route planning, agreed timings and clear check-in arrangements. Phones can sometimes create additional risks through distraction, loss or theft. Where a phone is needed, parents must complete the school form which can be collected from the school office or emailed to parents. All phones must be handed into the main office on arrival, stored securely during the day and collected at home time.

Newsletters

Weekly newsletters will begin this Friday 11 September. A link to the newsletter will be emailed each Friday. The most recent newsletters can be accessed via the [letters page](#) of our website.

What do the children wear?

We will be expecting all children to return to school wearing the correct St Peter's uniform, including footwear. For comfort and convenience, children can wear their PE kit for the full day on PE days. Our uniform expectations are clearly explained on the [uniform page](#) of our website. Please **fully label all uniform** including coats with the child's full name. Please do not use just initials. If families need any support with uniform, please speak to one of the admin team who can help.

Should children wear summer or winter Uniform?

In the past, the school has operated summer and winter uniform. We are happy for families to choose from the uniform options which they feel is best and most suitable and comfortable for their child throughout the year.

When does my child have PE and/or Swimming?

Children typically will have PE twice a week. PE lessons for all classes will start during the first full week back (week beginning Monday 14 September). A full list of all PE days will be published on the newsletter at the end of this week. Children should come to school in full school uniform throughout this first full week as there will be no PE this week. The exception is Starlings Class (Year 4), who will begin their swimming lessons from the first week back. Their first swimming session will take place on Wednesday 9 September. Children should come prepared with a swimming costume or swimming shorts, a swimming hat, and goggles if they wish to wear them.

PE Uniform - All Phases

- St Peter's blue PE round neck t-shirt with logo. It is our strong preference all children have this t-shirt for PE. If this is not possible a plain white round neck t-shirt is an acceptable alternative.
- Plain navy shorts, 'skort', navy jogging bottoms or leggings.
- St Peter's navy PE top, PE hoodie or usual school jumper / cardigan or a completely plain navy hoodie (**no logo, picture or branding**).
- St Peter's long sleeve PE top.
- Plain black trainers (see examples below).
- No Football shirts, shorts or socks please.



PE Tops

Following the successful introduction of our new PE tops last year, we are pleased to continue offering this lighter-weight, quicker-drying option in response to positive feedback from children, parents and staff.

As part of our ongoing transition, we will continue to phase out the heavier PE hoodies and move towards the new PE top as our standard outer layer for PE. During the 2026-2027 academic year, children may still wear existing PE hoodies. However, when a replacement PE outer top is needed, families are encouraged to choose the new-style PE top.

This approach will help us gradually complete the transition while ensuring value for families who already own PE hoodies.



Jewellery and Makeup

Our clear and strong preference is that no makeup including nail polish is worn by children in school. We politely request that no makeup products are brought into school as children are not permitted to put makeup on while in school. If products are brought into school and are then causing a distraction, they will be kept safe by an adult and returned directly to the parent. We also ask that children do not wear false nails in school, as they can hinder some activities and pose an unnecessary risk to others when playing.

Our clear and strong preference is that no jewellery is worn as it is unsuitable during school hours. Apart from the risk of loss, these items can present safety problems to the wearers and others. Children are permitted to wear a wristwatch (not 'Smart' watches) and a pair of stud earrings only. It is crucial that earrings are small stud earrings only. All other jewellery should remain safely at home.

Jewellery in School PE Lessons

Our strong preference is any permitted jewellery items are not worn on PE days with earrings taken out before school on PE days. Earrings must be removed for PE unless within the first 8 weeks of having ears pierced or if children cannot quickly, easily and independently remove them. If it is not possible to remove earrings children may be asked to cover them with plasters depending on the nature of the physical activity and adaptations to lessons will be made to manage the risk.

Jewellery in Sporting Competitions

Due to the risk to opposition players in a competitive context and considering children are competing against children from other schools children cannot wear any jewellery including stud earrings when competing. Earrings must be removed ideally on the day of the event before school or at the event by the child or parent. Children with earrings that cannot be removed will not be able to take part in external sporting competitions.

School Footwear

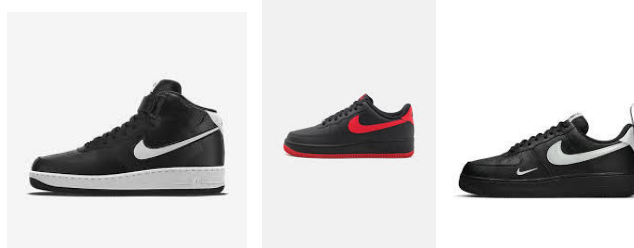
As referenced at the end of last term, children should wear black trainers only on PE days. On all other occasions, children should wear black school shoes.

School Shoes

Yes Please



No Thank You



PE Footwear

Yes Please

Trainer with suitable grip and support for physical activity.



No Thank You

Fashion trainers without suitable grip or support and/or brightly coloured football boot style trainers.



Medication in School

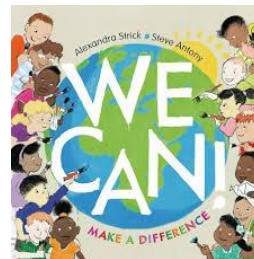
To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, the school can only administer medication that has been prescribed and authorised in line with our procedures. All medication must be handed in at the school office by a parent or carer, and the relevant paperwork must be completed before any medication can be given. Medication that arrives without the required documentation cannot be administered by school staff. Please do not send medication in children's school bags or hand it directly to class teachers. All medication must be taken to the office so that it can be properly recorded, stored securely and managed safely throughout the school day. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain safe and effective procedures for all children.

School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on Thursday 17th Sept. Please specifically check the Consent called "Professional Individual photo only" consent on Arbor. If consent not given, then the photographer is unable to take a photo. Please check all consents. Please ensure children are in full school uniform this day when they arrive in school. If it is PE day children should bring their PE kit for getting changed after photographs have been taken.

Curriculum

During the first week of term children's learning and work will focus on the book 'Kindness Grows'. Children will be completing writing and creative work based around the themes and ideas of Kindness which links closely to our updated behaviour expectations.



School Stationery

As mentioned in newsletters last year based on feedback from families alongside the views of staff we will be implementing the following approach from September 2025 onwards.

As has been the case previously school will provide all the necessary stationery items for children to use in school. Children should not bring any stationery items from home into school from September 2025 onwards. Any items brought in will be kept safe and returned to the child or parent at the end of the day.



We believe this approach will be beneficial to all in that it will.

- Reduce pressure on families to purchase these items.
- Reduce the distraction caused by a variety of different stationery items in classrooms.
- Reduce time spent resolving issues over lost, misplaced or damaged personal stationery items.

Small Toys & Key Chains 'Toys'

We politely request and remind families that small toys and 'Key Chain' items/toys should not be brought into school, and that school does not accept any responsibility for loss or damages of items such as this brought into school.

We appreciate some children like to accessorise their school bags and sometimes their lunch bags with these items. We however seeing these becoming a distraction with them being lost, misplaced and damaged therefore taking up teacher and admin time in dealing with the concern caused by this. Please can any of these items be removed from bags and lunch boxes over the weekend.



Contact Details

Please take a moment to check that the emergency contact information we hold for your child is up to date on Arbor. It is important that every family provides at least two reliable contacts who can be reached if a parent or carer is unavailable during the school day.

Accurate contact details help us ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and allow us to respond quickly if there is an illness, injury, or unexpected situation. We would also be grateful if you could review telephone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses to make sure they remain current.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain accurate records and keep children safe at all times.

Consents

All parental consents are now collected via our Management Information System (Arbor). Please review the list of Consents on Arbor and consent / decline with consideration.

Lost Property

Please help us reduce the amount of lost property by clearly naming all uniform, coats and PE kit, ideally with printed name labels. All named items will be returned to children.

Can I meet My Child's Teacher?

Yes of course. Staff will collect their classes each morning and dismiss them at the end of each day. This is an ideal time to say hello and meet them. Later in the term and year there will be, Stay and Play (Early Years only), open classroom events and formal parent consultation meetings. We will write later this half term with all the details and dates of these events.

However, if in the meantime you need to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher you can do so by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling 01423 569684.

When do I start to pay for school lunches?

All children from EYFS to Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school lunch. When a child starts in Year 3, all school dinners need to be paid for. You may find that you meet the criteria for free school lunches and additional details about this are sent out each term, as there are additional benefits that often people are unaware of.

Packed Lunches

While there is no set list of acceptable or 'banned' items in packed lunches, we would, for obvious reasons, encourage all packed lunches to contain a healthy balance for children.

[NHS Change for Life](#) has many fabulous ideas for healthy, balanced packed lunches which parents may find helpful. Please note that we are a nut free school and if you do provide packed lunches they must not include nuts.



Will my child get milk each day?

Children under 5 are entitled to free school milk, which has to be applied for via the [Cool Milk Website](#).

Any child in school can have milk over the age of 5; parents need to order and pay for and this via the Cool Milk Website.

Snacks from home

While many, if not all of us enjoy an occasional sweet treat, it is important that we model a good, healthy balance to our children. We request that any snack sent for morning break is a piece of fruit, bread sticks or crackers or a similar healthy option.

Nut Aware

We are a Nut Aware School. This means where it is within our control for example the meals school provides there are no nuts or nut products used. We politely ask that children bringing in snacks and or packed lunches do not bring any nuts or seeds including hummus including any products that may contain nuts. We thank families for their support with this.

Overnight Bags

To help keep the school office organised and ensure a smooth start and end to the day, please do not leave overnight bags in the office. From now on, any overnight bags brought into school should be placed in the meeting room opposite the office. To make collection and storage as straightforward as possible, please leave bags behind the door and ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will help staff quickly identify items and reduce the likelihood of bags being misplaced. We appreciate your support in following this simple procedure, which will help maintain a tidy office environment and ensure children's belongings are stored safely and efficiently throughout the school day.

Water Bottles

As mentioned in newsletters at the end of last school year, we are asking for your support that **only reusable plastic** water bottles are brought into school. In the latter stages of last school year, we saw an increase in metal bottles and also 'Stanley Cups' and other similar 'giant cups'.

Metal bottles even when not full can be very heavy and cause issues if dropped or falling from tables and the giant cups can result in spills if knocked over. A simple, reusable plastic water bottle is perfectly adequate for the children's needs. We have several spare water bottles in school should this be helpful to any families, please just ask in the office. Many thanks for your support.



We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone on Tuesday when school starts at 8.45am.

Best wishes

Mr Paul Griffiths – Headteacher