



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



IN THE LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

Welcome to St. Peter's Catholic Primary school, where children learn, grow and love in the name of Jesus.

Prospectus 2024-2025

www.stpeterstalybridge.co.uk


HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

We are honoured to care for and educate each individual child who comes to us at St. Peter's. We are equally honoured to work with each family who becomes part of our community. We are dedicated to nurturing their academic, personal and spiritual growth in a safe, supportive and welcoming environment. Every child is treasured as unique, and we are committed to helping them achieve their full potential, both in and out of the classroom.

St. Peter's is a Catholic Voluntary Academy, part of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. We take great pride in our rich Catholic heritage, passed down through generations of Stalybridge Catholics. With Jesus Christ at the centre of everything we do, we strive to live out our Christian faith, providing a positive and caring witness to our community. In September 2024, we proudly joined the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust, becoming part of a family of schools united in faith and education.

At St. Peter's, we offer a broad, balanced, and adaptable curriculum for our 233 children, aged 3 to 11 years. Our aim is to develop every child's potential by nurturing their spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical, social and emotional development. We are committed to excellence in all that we do, fostering a culture of high expectations and supporting our children to be the best they can be.

Mrs. Katherine Ryan, Headteacher



"Pupils understand the school's values and treat each other with respect and kindness."
Ofsted, 2023

OUR MISSION

St Peter's Catholic Primary School is at the heart of a Christ centred community where every person's uniqueness is celebrated with joy and truly valued. We foster caring, supportive relationships based on mutual respect and love. We embrace the different communities to which we all belong – home, school and parish, as well as our local, national and global families.

When we welcome the child, we welcome the family. We strive for excellence in all we do; to be the best that we can be.



OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We have recently celebrated 50 years of our school building – on our current site, St. Peter's is a school that dates back to 1973! We have long-standing partnerships with our parish and community. For example, we join with our parish for class masses on many Wednesday mornings, and we have worked with the Union of Catholic Mothers, the choir and the fellowship for sick and housebound parishioners.

We make the most of our location in central Stalybridge, visiting Cheetham's Park for welly walks and to enhance our science lessons and geography fieldwork. We are also regular visitors to the town centre (visiting Trinity Church, the library, post office and surveying the environment) and to the Gorse Hall Trail, as well as to Willow Wood Hospice.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON THEIR JOURNEY IN FAITH...

We are a Catholic school, and Gospel values permeate all we do. We want to extend a fully inclusive welcome to your child and family, from the moment you step through our front door for the first time.

As a school, we are all here to support you and your children in their journey in faith.

We especially enjoy helping to prepare the children for their first sacraments. Staff at St. Peter's work with our clergy and parish to prepare children for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Prayer and worship is an integral part of the school day. We teach the children traditional prayers throughout their time in school. We provide lots of opportunities every day to worship together. The children take part in prayer and liturgy as a whole school, key stage and class.

We have a graduated, developmental approach to child-led worship, encouraging the children to plan and deliver their own Celebrations of the Word.

We have Faith Leaders in KS2 who lead in worship across the year; for example, in our Remembrance Liturgy. They also lead Celebration of the Word in classes throughout our school, and enjoy setting a great example to the other children.

Our Mini Vinnies, part of the St Vincent de Paul Society, help to organise our community and parish events and fundraising. For example, they have hosted coffee mornings and bingo games for our parishioners and families. They raise money for local, national and international charities, such as Mary's Meals, Willow Wood Hospice, Cafod and local food banks.

"Pupils are a delight to be with, and they show high levels of religious literacy and are developing a rich religious vocabulary. They are able to reflect on deep questions and show great maturity and sensitivity in dealing with religious issues."

RE Denominational Inspection

"There are strong links between the school, parish and home."

RE Denominational Inspection



“A WARM AND WELCOMING SCHOOL FAMILY”

At St. Peter's we take pride in our broad, balanced and engaging school curriculum, which aims to give our children the best start in life.

Our specialist teachers, teaching assistants and support staff are dedicated to ensuring that your child thrives in a happy, fun and nurturing environment. From the moment you and your child walk through our doors, you are part of our school family - with God at the centre of all we do.

Alongside our robust and engaging curriculum, we pride ourselves on our extra curricular clubs and events throughout each school year - from Young Voices and football, to Big Arts Week and tennis!

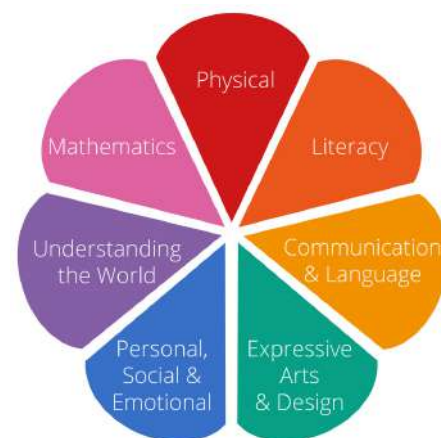


EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

In our Nursery and Reception classes, we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where children are encouraged to grow, learn and develop at their own pace. Following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, we create a balanced blend of play-based and structured learning experiences that help children build a strong foundation for their academic journey. Through purposeful play, we support the development of key skills such as communication, problem-solving and social interaction, while fostering creativity and independence.

Our learning approach is centred on the belief that children learn best through play. We create engaging, hands-on activities that spark curiosity and allow children to explore, experiment and discover the world around them. Whether through imaginative play, building projects, or outdoor learning, every activity is designed to make learning both fun and meaningful, whilst ensuring that children are prepared for the new challenges of Key Stage 1.

The environment in our early years classes is calm, inclusive, and is designed to meet the needs of every child. Our experienced teachers and teaching assistants have a deep understanding of early childhood development, ensuring that each child feels safe, valued and supported. We work closely with families to ensure that every child receives the personalised care and attention they need to thrive. At St. Peter's, we take pride in providing a positive start to a child's educational journey, where every moment is an opportunity to learn and grow.



We have a 26-place Nursery.
Children attend from 8.55am-12noon, or
from 8.55am-3.15pm
Some nursery children also attend our
school's breakfast and after-school club
in our school hall.

For further information about Nursery admissions, please visit:
<https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/admissions/nursery-admissions> or telephone us on 0161 338-3303

Admissions to our Reception class are managed by Tameside MBC. Please apply for your child's place at www.admission.tameside.gov.uk



OUR CURRICULUM



Religious Education

Children's learning about our Catholic faith is brought to life by 'Creative RE:' role play, music, drama, artwork, debate and teamwork sit side by side with opportunities for extended writing, personal reflection and Scripture reading.

'I have come so that they may have life and live it to the full.'

John 10:10



At the heart of our RE curriculum is the message of The Vine and the Branches — a reminder that we are all connected through Christ.

Rooted in Gospel values, our teaching nurtures faith, love and understanding, helping children grow spiritually as part of a caring Catholic community.

Through scripture, prayer and reflection, children learn to live out their faith and flourish as compassionate, thoughtful individuals.

OUR CURRICULUM



English – enhanced by visitors from the Young Shakespeare drama group and the Manchester Royal Exchange 'Mini Playwrights' group, English is the cornerstone for the development of speaking, listening, reading and writing at St. Peter's. High-quality texts and a love of reading inspire children's writing. All of our children visit the school library regularly, where the link between home and school is enhanced by the books they choose to borrow.



Maths – we adopt a mastery approach through the use of the 'Power Maths' scheme of work. We develop children's fluency, as well as applying maths in practical situations with reasoning and problem solving. Games and technology enhance the children's learning of maths facts and concepts.



Science - at St. Peter's, our science lessons are highly practical, 'hands-on' and engaging, encompassing regular investigations and the development of key 'Working Scientifically' skills. Children are encouraged to ask questions, to explore ideas and to develop a sense of curiosity about the world around them through exciting experiments and real-life contexts.



Modern Foreign Language (French) – this is taught by Mrs S Walker to all of our junior children each week. As well as the specific teaching of French, of course we celebrate the home languages spoken by many of our families. Come and have a look at our Mission Statement written in the languages spoken by all at St. Peter's! The European Day of Languages is also something we mark each year.

OUR CURRICULUM CONTINUED



History – we develop our children into young historians by enhancing their history lessons with visitors, artefacts and trips (including one to a Roman fort!)



Geography – fieldwork is an essential element of our geography curriculum in every year group. We use digital maps and carry out enquiry-based learning in our local area.



Art – lessons feature collage, painting, sculpture, craft and design. We end our school year with 'Big Arts Week' every July; a fully immersive week with a different theme each year, where children take part in different creative projects, expressing themselves whilst learning about a theme such as 'Made in Manchester' or 'Movies.'



Music – with numerous extra-curricular opportunities such as 'Boys Sing' at the Halle and 'Young Voices' at Co-Op Live, music is a subject we are proud of at St. Peter's. Come and listen to our choir singing in the community, or to our annual brass instrument concert! Music is a thread which features throughout our entire curriculum – come and join in with our liturgical singing, or take up the universal specialist tuition offered to all of our children in year groups 3, 4 and 5.

OUR CURRICULUM CONTINUED



Physical Education – we are fortunate to have an experienced dance teacher on our staff team. Mrs Russell teaches dance to our children throughout the year, whilst our wonderful sports coach, Terri, provides fantastic coverage of National Curriculum gym and games requirements. In all elements of PE, we provide for the individual talents, strengths and needs of our children.



Design Technology - our DT curriculum encourages children to think creatively and to work practically. Pupils design, make and evaluate a range of exciting projects, developing key skills in areas like structures, mechanisms, textiles and food. Each unit builds confidence, teamwork and problem-solving abilities, helping children to understand how design impacts everyday life.



PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) is accessed by all of our children as a discrete timetabled subject. As the family of a child at St. Peter's, you will have login details to the scheme of work we use in school, and will be able to access many resources to support your child's learning and development at home.



Computing is taught from EYFS to Year 6 using the Kapow Primary Scheme. Children build skills in coding, digital literacy and media creation through fun, hands-on lessons. Online safety is a key focus, with regular lessons and reminders to help pupils stay safe and responsible online. From programmable toys in Nursery and Reception to games design and music production in KS2, our curriculum prepares children for a digital future.

Inclusive Support: Pastoral Care and SEND Provision

At St. Peter's, we are committed to providing a supportive, inclusive, and nurturing environment for every student, where each child's needs are understood, and their potential is celebrated. We recognise that every child is unique, and we provide tailored support to ensure all of our children, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), thrive academically and socially.

At St. Peter's, when we welcome the child, we welcome the family. We encourage strong partnerships with all our families, ensuring that support is consistent both at school and at home. Where children require independent targets, we meet with families every half term, in order to assess and review these. We also strive to ensure that the children are at the heart of everything we do, and endeavour to involve them as much as possible in our review process.

We want to help every one of our children 'to be the best that they can be' in line with our mission statement. Children access quality-first teaching in their classrooms with experienced teachers and highly-trained support staff. Our Oasis environment is available for those children who benefit from a quiet, low stimulus environment, and it is also used for our nurture groups and interventions.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At St. Peter's, our school uniform is an important part of our identity and helps to foster a sense of belonging.

For more information about uniform including PE kits and supplier information, please click [here](#)



Nursery and Infant Children	Junior Children (Years 3 to 6)
Plain yellow polo shirt OR yellow polo shirt with logo*	Blue shirt (long or short sleeved – any high street store)
Navy sweatshirt / cardigan with logo *	Navy V neck jumper or cardigan with logo * (not sweatshirt type)
Grey trousers (any high street store) Nursery children may also wear navy jogging pants, according to parental preference. Grey Pinafore / skirt (any high street store)	Grey trousers (any high street store) Grey Pinafore / skirt (any high street store)
Black shoes (no logos/stripes/flashing lights/kitten heels /ballet pumps/slip on shoes)	Black shoes (no logos/stripes/flashing lights/kitten heels /no ballet pumps/slip on shoes)
Plain grey or white socks/grey tights	Plain grey or white socks/grey tights
Grey shorts (optional in summer term)	Grey shorts (optional in summer term)
Sky blue and white / navy and white gingham dress (optional in summer term)	Sky blue and white / navy and white gingham dress (optional in summer term)
Plain headbands / hair bands – in school colours	Plain headbands / hair bands – in school colours
School book bag* with clear name label and/or 1 small keyring	Tie – purchase from school or from uniform suppliers
Pair of wellington boots (Nursery and Reception children only)	
Fleece with logo (optional item of uniform) *	Fleece with logo (optional item of uniform) *

All items marked * have the official school logo embroidered on them, to be purchased from our official uniform suppliers.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

At St. Peter's School, we are pleased to offer high-quality before and after-school provision to support our families.

Our Breakfast and After-School Club is run by dedicated school staff and takes place in the school hall.



Breakfast Club

Opening Hours:
7:30am – Start of the school day

Location: School Hall
Supervision: Children are safely escorted to their classrooms by school staff

Cost:
£6 per day

After-School Club

Opening Hours:
From 3:15pm (Nursery children)
From 3:20pm (Main school children)
Until 6:00pm
Location: School Hall

Cost Options:
Until 5:00pm – £7 per day
Until 6:00pm – £10 per day

Booking Information

To book a place for your child, please

Email: admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk, or

Telephone: 0161 338 3303

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Thank you for your interest in our school. If you would like any further information, or to book a visit, please contact us.



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