



Welcome to Year 1

Parent Information Guide 2026–2027

Opening Doors with Learning, Faith and Care

Thank you for joining our Welcome to Year 1 Parent Presentation.

We are delighted to welcome you and your child into Year 1. This is an exciting stage of their learning journey as they begin to develop greater independence, confidence and resilience while continuing to build on the wonderful foundations established in Reception.

We know children achieve their very best when home and school work together, and we hope this guide provides a useful reminder of the key information shared during our meeting.



Our Vision

Opening Doors
with Learning,
Faith and Care

Our aim is for every child to:

- ♥ Feel safe, happy and valued.
- ♥ Achieve more than they thought possible.
- ♥ Grow academically and personally.
- ♥ Become kind, confident and courageous young people.
- ♥ Develop a lifelong love of learning.



Whenever challenges arise,
please remember:
We're here to help.

Year 1 at a Glance



Year 1 is an important bridge between Reception and Key Stage One. Throughout the year children will:

- ✓ Develop greater independence.
- ✓ Build confidence in reading, writing and maths.
- ✓ Prepare for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.
- ✓ Take part in Guided Reading.
- ✓ Develop curiosity through a broad curriculum.
- ✓ Learn through exciting practical experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Exciting experiences include:

- ★ Stafford Castle visit
- ★ Wolsley Wildlife Centre
- ★ Christmas trip
- ★ Forest School
- ★ Geography fieldwork
- ★ Hands-on Science
- ★ Christmas Performance
- ★ Social Action Project
- ★ Sporting events and festivals



Reading Opens Every Door

Reading is our highest priority.

- ✓ Read with an adult at least four times each week
- ✓ Read for around 15 minutes each time
- ✓ Bring their Reading Diary into school every day
- ✓ Practise the weekly Little Wandle phonics activity sent home each Friday

Parents can help by:

- Listening to reading regularly.
- Talking about the story together.
- Recording a short comment or signature in the Reading Diary.
- Encouraging regular, little-and-often reading.

Little and often makes the biggest difference.



Ready to Learn

Please help your child arrive at school ready to learn by ensuring they have:

- ✓ Correct school uniform
- ✓ Named clothing
- ✓ PE kit (Monday)
- ✓ Reading book and Reading Diary
- ✓ Water bottle

Please remember:

- School provides all stationery.
- No pencil cases required.
- Please leave toys, squishies, keyrings and other personal items at home.
- Clearly label all belongings.

These simple routines help children become increasingly independent.



Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance helps children build confidence, friendships and learning routines.

Please help your child by:

- ✓ Attending school every day wherever possible.
- ✓ Arriving promptly for an 8.40am start.
- ✓ Avoiding holidays during term time.

Being on time means children don't miss:

- Phonics precision teaching
- Reading practice
- Emotional check-ins
- Key vocabulary learning

Every day really does matter.



Wellbeing

Every child should feel:

- ✓ Known
- ✓ Valued
- ✓ Supported

Children's wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.

We support children through:

- Daily emotional check-ins
- Zones of Regulation
- Pastoral support
- Drawing and Talking interventions
- SEND support where needed
- School counsellor access when appropriate

Please remember – you never have to manage concerns alone.



Communication

Your first point of contact is:
Miss Whyte (Monday–Wednesday)
Mrs Evans (Thursday–Friday)

Please contact us through Class Dojo.

Our aim is to respond within 24 hours during working hours.

If something requires a longer conversation, we are always happy to arrange a meeting or phone call.

Please come and talk to us early – most concerns are easiest to resolve when they are raised promptly.



Our Partnership Commitment

School Will

- Teach
- Support
- Challenge
- Care

Parents Will

- Support reading
- Reinforce positive behaviour
- Promote excellent attendance
- Model our school values

Children Will

- Work hard
- Live our school values
- Be kind
- Thrive

Together, we can help every child achieve more than they ever thought possible.



Important Dates



PE Day:
Monday



Transition Appointments
15th July 2026

(Please contact the school office to book an appointment.)



Class Coffee Morning:
Tuesday 15th September 2026
(8.45am)



Useful Information

Morning Drop-Off

Children enter school through the Key Stage 2 gate (by the trim trail) from 8.40am. Staff will be available during the first few days to support children as they become familiar with the new routine.

Home Time

Children will be collected from the main playground at 3.25pm.

Transition from Reception

Learning becomes gradually more structured in Year 1, while continuing to include opportunities for practical learning and continuous provision, particularly during the afternoons. Children are carefully supported as they develop greater independence.



Thank You

Thank you for your continued support and for choosing St. Peter's.

We are excited to begin this next stage of your child's learning adventure and look forward to helping every child flourish throughout Year 1.

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Need Help?

If you have a question, concern or simply need some advice, please get in touch.
The earlier we know, the sooner we can help.



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Class Dojo

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