



EYFS ADVENT 1 NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you and your child to St Peter's. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to staff at the gate any morning/afternoon or call the office if you are not available at drop-off and pick-up.

Topics

Our first topics once the children are in full-time are All About Me, The Dot, Autumn and The Colour Monster.

Reading

Your child will soon be bringing a book home to share with you; this will be a blending book until we have assessed using our RWI Phonics scheme. When you have shared the book at home with your child, you should indicate this in their reading record with a date and comment.



Phonics

We will begin Phonics lessons as soon as the children are in full-time. Beginning with whole class and then smaller groups after assessments, which happen each half-term.

P.E.



P.E. will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please send your child into school wearing their grey joggers and blue polo top on those days every week, as well as their black school shoes. In their PE bag should be a white PE top, black shorts and black trainers or pumps that will stay in school. We will send the PE bags home each half term to be washed.

Food and Drink



Fruit will be provided during the school day and we ask that you provide a small water bottle with your child's name on it.

Free milk is provided for all children up to the age of 5 and they will have time to enjoy this during the school day. If you wish to continue with milk once your child is over the age of 5, you will need to register on the 'cool milk' website.



A **free hot lunch** is provided for all children. You can manage the meal selection on your Arbor account.

However, if you wish for your child to have a packed lunch you will need to provide it in a labelled lunchbox. This should be healthy and balanced to ensure they are eating a lunch that is of high nutritional value to support their learning and physical activities. We do ask that you encourage your child to try the hot lunch for a while first as we do find it can take a little while for the younger children to enjoy mealtimes in a new, potentially louder, lunch environment.



Clothing



As you are aware EYFS includes outdoor learning, so the children do spend some time outside every day, whatever the weather! Please can you send your child with appropriate clothing, including a coat every day. We also love messy activities, so we do apologise in advance for potentially messy uniform, aprons are provided and encouraged.

Dates

Wednesday 23rd September - EYFS Phonics Presentation Evening

We welcome you to come along and learn more about what Phonics is and how it is taught here at St Peters. We will show resources and explain what lessons involve and the general expectation for the year as well as how you can support your child at home.

Thursday 17th September – Whole School Mass

You are welcome to attend at Church, the children will be officially welcomed into St Peters community and given a welcome booklet as a token from Fr Frank.

For future reference, it is important to note that “Whole School Mass” will indicate that all children will be present at Church but may not always be directly involved in the service. However, families are always more than welcome to attend.

Request

Please, if you have not already, could you provide us with a family photo and a photo of their Baptism if applicable. We will be displaying these in the classroom and referring to them in lessons.

Thank You,
EYFS Staff