



What do you need to know about Reception Class 2024?

Welcome to Reception Class

Your child will have a named class teacher.

The children will arrive and exit through their own classroom door; YR Blue or YR Green door.

School starts at **8.40am**

(YR gate, on Lark Street will open on the bell at 8.40am)

And school finishes at **3.15pm**

Reception children will enter and exit through the gate on **Lark Street** near the Reception class climbing tower.

Snack Time

School provide a warm toast snack. This will be £2.50 weekly (subject to increase at short notice) and must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning, alternatively you may pay half termly. This is via our **Parent Pay app**.

The Parent pay app, is only available to access, after your child's first day in school.

The first week, school will provide a free snack for the children, if your child has any allergies then please inform school ASAP.

Alternatively, children may bring their own healthy snack/ fruit to school (no chocolate or crisps please) and please write their name on their snack, as these go in a snack box, and this ensures the children collect the correct snack.

Milk & Fruit

Reception receive free milk and fruit daily and this is available throughout the day on our snack table in class and at snack time.

Our First week

Your first week at St. Peter's will be '**settling in**' week. Your first day in school is **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**. These will be ½ day sessions.

A morning session, 8.45am – 10.45am **OR** an afternoon session, 1.15pm - 3.15pm. Your Class teacher will confirm your session at your '**Stay and Play**' session 4th or 5th July.

Week 2, from Monday 9th September the children will attend school full time and stay for lunch. **8.40am – 3.15pm**

PE

PE kits can be brought into school on their first week. This is a white polo shirt, black shorts and black velcro PE pumps in a PE bag clearly labelled with their name.

It is very important that **every item is clearly labelled** with their name, as this helps us to return any lost items.

We ask that children do not wear jewellery in school, and earrings must not be worn on PE days. Their PE day will be confirmed in September.

Outdoor play

Reception class play outdoors daily as part of their outdoor learning, so please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day. Sunhats can also be brought into school, depending on the weather.

Water bottles

Children must bring their own named water bottle to school **every day. Please ensure this contains water, NOT juice.** We do encourage the children to eat well and drink plenty, as we know this is essential to their well-being and learning.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our EYFS online learning journal. It is a wonderful way to share our learning in school with you and for you to share learning, interests and achievements at home with us. Please ensure you 'Like' a comment when you have read it on Tapestry, by pressing on the 'thumbs up' and leave us a comment. You can download the Tapestry app and log on ready for September. Please note, Tapestry is NOT checked regularly throughout the day or weekends, therefore, if you have an important question or information to share we recommend you contact the school office during school times.

TOYS

We ask that the children **do NOT** bring their own toys from home to school, as toys are often lost within our class resources and children become upset.

School Book Bags

We ask the children bring their school book bag to school **every day.** **Please do not bring rucksacks** to school as we struggle with space in our class box. The school book bags are much easier to store. We thank you for your co-operation.

Later in the year your child will receive a reading book pack. Don't forget, to let us know how well your child is doing with their letter sounds, tricky words and reading books in their reading diary. The reading diary is also a great way to communicate with your class teacher and these are checked daily.

Throughout the year there are opportunities to build positive home – school relationships through, parents evening, reading diaries, parent stay & learn sessions, our EYFS reading meeting and through our on-line Tapestry journal.
We also have an open-door policy.

School blog

We have a class blog that is accessible via the school website.
<https://blog.st-peters-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk/category/new-reception-intake-september-2024/>

This will be updated regularly with photos of what the children have been learning in class. We love to see your comments on the blog and will respond to these at the end of each week.

Twitter

Please ensure you follow our Reception class YRBG and our school Twitter page for learning updates, photos and class news.

YRBGStPeters @StYrbg
St Peter's Farnworth @stpetersfarn



We are really looking forward to seeing you all in September.