



Friday 19th September 2025

Welcome to Nursery

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to St. Peter's School! We are delighted to be able to share your child's first experience of school with you and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Firstly, we wanted to say well done to all of the children for settling into Nursery so quickly. Mrs Hawton, Mrs Milton and Mrs Clements are really enjoying getting to know everyone. This term, we will be focussing on supporting the children as they learn the new routines, so that they are happy and settled in the classroom.

Social Skills

We teach, model and support children with social skills including sharing, turn taking, asking to play, including their friends in games, emotional regulation and managing frustration, as well as seeking assistance when they need help. Our goal is for the children to become resilient, independent and inclusive, ensuring they are confident to use their voice. Parent consultations will take place in October, so that we can work together and plan individual goals for your child.

Morning Routine

Over the past week, we have started introducing our morning routine. The children will come in, find their peg to hang up their coat, self-register themselves by identifying their name and complete a 'Busy Fingers' activity, based on developing their fine motor skills. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to enter the classroom independently.

Home Consolidation Activities

Each term, we will upload a Knowledge Organiser to the class page of the school website, sharing the half termly learning theme and activities your child will partake in at school. Nursery Staff will also regularly offer ideas of how to support your child further at home.

Speaking and Listening

We will be sharing news on a regular basis to help the children to build confidence in speaking in front of their peers and to play an active listening role. This half term we will be speaking about ourselves, our friends and our families. Thank you to those families who have already sent in the 'Marvellous Me' brown paper bags. The children will have the opportunity to share their bags during our small group time. Please could you also send a family and baby photograph to the Squirrel class email address (squirrels@stpeters.herts.sch.uk) by Friday 26th September.

A Few Reminders:

- Please make sure **everything** is labelled, from jumpers to water bottles, to avoid them being swapped or misplaced. Please provide spare clothes in a small drawstring bag that can be kept on your child's peg at school.

- If your child would like to stay for lunch club, please talk to Mrs Milton who runs the Children's 1st afternoon sessions. Packed lunches must follow the schools healthy eating and nut free policy as we do have children in the class with severe allergies.
- The children are offered a selection of fruit and vegetables every morning for snack. They are also offered either milk or water.

Key Dates for your Diary:

- *Online Parent Consultations – Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd October, 15:50 – 18:40*
- *Magical Tea Party – Thursday 23rd October. Children can come to school in 'magical' fancy dress. We will have a range of magical activities and fun games to play.*
- *INSET DAY – Friday 24th October*
- *Christmas Sing-a-Long – Friday 12th December, 11.30 – 11:45*

We recommend that you regularly check the school calendar for any other events that may occur throughout the term. We will also use the Google Classroom portal to send updates (<http://classroom.google.com>). You will receive your child's Google Classroom log in details in due course. Please contact the class teacher if you need any support to access the portal.

Communication

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. You can send a message to our class email – squirrels@stpeters.herts.sch.uk – we will endeavour to reply to you as soon as possible, but please be aware that we will not be able to respond to emails during teaching hours. Please contact the school office with any urgent communication, about absences and/or different people collecting your child on the following email - mychildtoday@stpeters.herts.sch.uk.

We hope that you have a very happy time with us this year and that you make friends with new families, as you become a part of our welcoming school community.

Thank you,

Mrs Hawton, Mrs Milton and Mrs Clements