



Welcome from the Headteacher



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your interest in St Peter's. Choosing the right school for the next stage in your child's education is an important decision and I hope that the information you gain from this prospectus and from visiting the school will help you in this process.

We are proud of the success of St Peter's School, and the dedicated and caring team within it. This is an environment where all children, parents and staff work together as part of a positive learning culture, which enables pupils to be ready to grow and learn in an atmosphere of true care and respect, developing into responsible young people of whom we can be genuinely proud. This is through the combination of high quality teaching and pastoral care, rooted in our Christian values of love. These values and traditions help children to gain an understanding of society today and help us to fully prepare them for life in modern Britain.



Our broad and balanced curriculum means St Peter's children flourish academically, artistically, musically, dramatically and on the sports field. This is supported by a rich programme of extra-curricular clubs, all of which ensure that every child fulfils their potential: there is success in every child.

As parents we want you to enjoy being a part of the St Peter's community and work in partnership with us to ensure that your family's time with us is enjoyable and productive. I hope that you find the following information useful, even enjoyable, and decide that St Peter's is the right choice for your child.

Tim Whitehouse,
Headteacher

'The school has created a safe and welcoming environment for the children where they feel valued and encouraged to learn.' - Parent

Vision and values



Our Christian Values

At St Peter's School we believe that all our Christian values stem from love – the love God has for us, that we have for God and that we show each other. This is reflected through:

- Our love for learning
- Our love for ourselves
- Our love for each other
- Our love for our community
- Our love for our planet

Our School Vision

A church school, at the heart of the community, revealing God's love for His creation through our love for one another. Each member's talent is developed and nurtured in an open, creative environment in order that they may joyfully flourish and be given voice to live life to the full.

Unlocking learning whilst flourishing in God's Love

Our School Learning Values

At St Peter's our learning values enable children to understand the expectations for learning and behaviour as they move through the year groups:

- Ready for learning
- Respectful to all
- Responsible for themselves

We want children to be happy, confident and independent learners who can work collaboratively and go on to fulfil their potential.

'There is a strong culture of safeguarding in the school. Pupils' well-being and welfare are paramount' - Ofsted

Curriculum



Maths

Our Maths curriculum at St Peter's is based on a mastery approach, as we feel that this best enables our children to understand the concepts of maths and to apply these to real life situations so that they grow into financially skilled and independent adults. Instead of learning mathematical procedures by rote, we want pupils to build a deeper understanding of concepts, which will enable them to apply their learning in different situations.

English

English is at the heart of our curriculum at St Peter's: a subject that directly affects and influences every area of our lives. Through literacy, in all its forms, children learn to both make sense of the world and shape their place within it.

Reading for Pleasure underpins our curriculum and we want all our children at St Peter's to develop a life-long love of reading. Our book corners are well stocked with an impressive range of children's literature, from the classics to modern favourites to the best of contemporary literatures.

Our English teaching is interwoven with our topic (History, Geography and Science) curriculum, which enables children to apply their writing skills in different contexts, for example writing up experiments in Science, recounting events in History and describing processes in Geography.

'The vibrant, exciting and broad curriculum is notable for inspiring pupils to excel and gather a wide range of skills and expertise from memorable learning experiences.' - Ofsted



Wider Curriculum

Our wider curriculum is a well-planned, cohesive journey which is designed to excite and enthuse learners. It includes 'Wow Days', trips and visitors to bring learning alive as well as opportunities for practical and outdoor learning.

We have specialist teachers for the Arts and PE who use their experience and expertise to deliver amazing lessons. Our high-quality facilities comprise of a drama/dance/music studio, Phiz lab (dedicated science lab), arts annex, sports fields and outdoor learning area. We are proud of our Science, Geography and History curriculum which makes meaningful links to other subjects and uses a fantastic range of high-quality children's books.

From Modern Foreign Languages to Design Technology to Computing, our wider curriculum offers something for everyone and will, we hope, inspire the next generation to achieve whatever they choose!

Creative Arts

We have an enthusiastic team of specialist Arts teachers and our children benefit from being taught Drama, Dance, Art and Music lessons as part of their school day. The Creative Arts curriculum links closely to the topic or English

work being explored with the class teachers, and helps to extend and consolidate prior learning in an accessible and fun way! We are very proud of our Platinum Artsmark award and specialist Arts learning spaces; including a Drama/Dance Studio, Music practice room and an Art Studio.

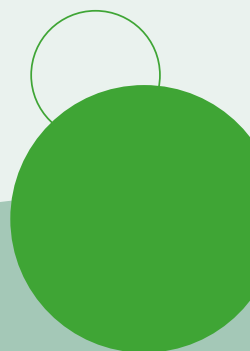
PE

We ensure a high quality of teaching in sport, leading to increased participation levels resulting in healthier pupils who are more engaged with their work across the curriculum. We provide extensive opportunities for competitive school sport, where children have a desire to win but still hold deep values of friendship, sportsmanship and respect. We consistently perform well at inter-school, county and national events.

Outdoor learning

Our 'Outback' outdoor learning area is used widely by all year groups to enjoy learning outdoors with their classmates in the extensive grounds that St Peter's has to offer. It's just one of the ways in which our pupils build upon their confidence, resilience and develop curious minds in a fun, natural environment.

'The School is a true learning community. Pupils thoroughly enjoy their learning and develop curious and enquiring minds.' - Ofsted



The school day

8.00am

Breakfast Club and Morning Clubs.

8.45am

The school day begins - playground gates are open.

8.55am

Registration.

9.05am

Assembly: this offers an opportunity for the whole school to meet on a regular basis. Our close links with St Peter's and St Andrew's Churches mean that clergy regularly lead assemblies and we often visit the churches for services and festivals during the year.

9.30am

Maths.

10.30am

Break: during the morning break the whole school play together, allowing Year 6 and Year 3 buddies to meet up. The outdoor play area offers a hard play surface, fields, and extensive play equipment.

10.45am

English.

12.00pm

Lunchtime: Years 3 and 4 eat from 12.00-12.30pm whilst Years 5 and 6 play. Then they swap, with Years 5 and 6 eating from 12.30-1.00pm. School meals are cooked fresh daily on site; our meals offer a wide range of nutritionally balanced options, and there are always fresh fruit and vegetables available on a self-service trolley.

1.00pm

Afternoon lessons:

Our afternoon lessons comprise of a wide variety of subjects. Key skills in each curriculum subject are taught alongside subject knowledge to help children see and understand what it would be like to be a scientist, an historian, a geographer or even a designer and engineer. We aim to inspire our children and give them a genuine understanding that can be built upon each year and prepare them for later life.

3.15pm

The school day finishes: children are picked up from classrooms ensuring safety and allowing parents the opportunity to catch the class teacher for a chat if needed.

3.15 - 4.30pm

After School Clubs: another major strength of our school is our commitment to providing a huge variety of extracurricular activities, enabling your child to develop a wide range of skills not normally presented in the curriculum. Children can choose from a wide selection, including, football, netball, fencing, dodgeball, choir, art, guitar, theatre, homework club, minecraft and lego - to name but a few!

4.30 - 6pm

Extended Day.



'Everyone works together to give pupils every opportunity to achieve as well as they can in their academic and in their personal development' - Ofsted

Uniform and equipment



All our children are expected to wear school uniform, which includes:

For the school day

- School green sweatshirt/cardigan with white school badge
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Dark grey/black skirt, trousers or shorts
- Flat, comfortable, smart, black polishable shoes (no sandals)
- Green checked dress in summer (optional)
- School green fleece as an extra layer in the winter (optional)

For PE ready days

- Black and gold sports jumper (long sleeve)
- School branded or plain white round neck t-shirt
- Black school branded or plain black sports joggers/ sports leggings
- Plain black PE shorts (not short shorts!)
- Black inexpensive trainers
- No watches or jewellery

For Playtime

- Trainers can be worn at playtime and must be worn when playing football on the field.
- Please ensure a waterproof coat is brought into school throughout the spring/autumn/ winter months

All uniform should be labelled with your child's full name and class.

Hair Styles

Pupils are expected to have haircuts that do not attract unusual attention to themselves (eg mohican haircuts or shaved heads, extravagant hair adornments etc). Shoulder length hair and below should be tied back at all times. Nail polish and all other make-up is not permitted.

Jewellery

Pupils are only permitted to wear plain studs to school. No other jewellery is allowed. Please avoid wearing any earrings on PE ready days as they can get mislaid when taken out.

Equipment includes:

A water bottle so children have access to fresh water all day

School Uniform and PE kit can be purchased from:

Schoolwear
Centre
56 Addington
Street,
Margate,
Kent.
CT9 1QS



'The school has a nurturing, holistic approach to education. Staff value academic subjects but also greatly value the child as an individual and pupils' well-being.' - Parent

Extended services



St Peter's Junior School offers parents both a reliable and affordable childcare option, in a settled and familiar environment.

Breakfast Club and Extended Day

Breakfast Club and Extended Day activities are run by dedicated, qualified and experienced school staff.

Breakfast Club opens at 8am, with a healthy breakfast and calm start to the school day.

During Extended Day, children are invited to an after school club, followed by a light tea. Healthy choices are always provided and encouraged!

Clubs provide various sporting and craft activities available to suit all interests.

Monday - Friday

(term time only - please see term dates)

Breakfast Club 8.00 - 8.45am £2 per session

Extended Day 3.15pm - 6.00 pm £9 per session

(Prices correct as of September 2022)



'The School is a highly inclusive, nurturing place to be' - Ofsted

What our children say



Mason

"I really enjoy my lessons and all the teachers at the school. St Peter's always has fun things to do and the staff make me feel safe."



Leila

"The teachers are wonderful and helpful. There are many clubs going (which I go to!)"



Scarlett

"The school gives me opportunities to be the best version of me."



Amelie

"We have great facilities such as the drama studio, art annex, forest school and lots of outside space which gives us many opportunities for a large variety of lessons as well as clubs."



Sienna

"St Peter's is great because it's so ecofriendly and the staff clearly care about students."



Romilly

"I love our school because the teachers are really inspiring."

'We are so pleased that this school recognises the importance of the creative arts as well as academic subjects, something which offers self-expression and cultural enrichment.' - Parent



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