

Welcome to St Peter's Cross Keys C of E Academy

Information evening for the Foundation 2 Children and Parents 2026



Community, Peace, Hope, Wisdom, Dignity, Joy

These six special words are our WHOLE SCHOOL values.

Opportunities - We ensure our pupils are exposed to a range of experiences to equip them with skills needed to be successful, confident, life-long learners who reach their full potential.

High expectations - for our pupils and we are passionate about the learning journey we provide for them.

Partnership - Education is about partnership, about the community working together to provide the very best education for our children.



Rooted in love we flourish and grow...



Penguins Class

Our Foundation Two class is named the, 'Penguins.'

Our classroom is at the back of the school with a new outdoor area.

Transition Day

**Thursday 16th July - from 8:45am -
12:00pm**

For this day please drop your child off at the school office. We will collect all the children and then walk them through the school to the classroom.



Please note parents will not be able to accompany their child past the school office.

For the Transition day your child will need a named water bottle, named sun hat, sun cream already on, comforters (if needed) in bags.

First week in September

First week of term – Wednesday 2nd September.

8:45 – 3:15pm

Please drop off and pick up at these times at the gate to the foundation outdoor classroom.

Your child will need - a rucksack, water bottle, sun hat, waterproof coat, spare uniform/clothes and underwear.

Welcome Service - At the start of the year we will be holding a welcome service for you to come and celebrate your child starting school. Dates for this will be going out in September.

School Uniform



- White/red polo shirt or white shirt
- Red jumper/cardigan (these do not have to have the school logo on them)
- Charcoal/grey/black trousers or smart knee-length shorts
- Charcoal/grey/black skirt or pinafore (red & white checked dress for warmer weather)
- Black flat school shoes/black trainers
- Hair should always be tied back

Our learning environment is both indoors and outdoors so children may also need to bring waterproof jackets, scarves, hats or sun hats! Sun cream on before school.

All school uniform needs to be clearly labelled.

PE kits

PE day – Wednesday. Children will come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays. We don't get changed!

- Navy t-shirt (logo version available from school)
- Black shorts
- Plain black tracksuit top and bottoms for outdoor games in cold weather (logos are not permitted)
- Black, white or navy trainers

Food and Drink



Lunch: Children are entitled to FREE school dinners until they begin Year Three.

School dinners are on a three-week cycle and the menus are on the school website.

Packed lunch – no fizzy drinks or glass bottles.

Snack time – we have fruit. Milk is ordered online at www.coolmilk.com.



Health



- Any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food)
- Any dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian or Halal)
- Any medical conditions (e.g. asthma or eczema).

Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office to let us know.

Early Years Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Curriculum (EYFS). There are 7 Areas of Learning in the EYFS:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Physical Development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

- Our learning in Reception is mostly play-based and, although aspects of the curriculum become more formal throughout the academic year, children will continue to learn in this way.

- In September, the children will have a statutory baseline assessment.



Early Years Curriculum

We cover each area using a topic-based approach, following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

We also enjoy going on school trips to help further our knowledge and understanding.

- We visit Church throughout the year, go on seasonal walks and plan trips linked to our topics.



Forest School

- Will take place on Tuesdays.
- Please wear any outdoor clothes that can (will) get muddy (including wellies and waterproofs).
- We go outside in any season and any weather.



Learning Journeys / Journals and Reports

Children's learning is recorded in a book called a 'LEARNING JOURNEY' - has samples of children's work. See examples in the Classroom after the meeting.



Tapestry – observations, photographs and videos.

Enables staff to track your child's progress and attainment and also plan future activities.

Preparing your child for school

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible.
- Get them used to a routine of reasonably early to bed and up early enough for you and your child to have a stress-free time to get ready for school
 - Never threaten them with school! Be positive. Show it to them as an enjoyable experience

What can I do with my child before they start school?

Drawing, painting, cooking, singing, making models, playing games, jigsaws

Get them used to: pencils, crayons, felt pens, chinks, paints, play dough, scissors

Share stories, books and rhymes and read to them

Count everything and share things out, use lots of one-to-one correspondence

Talk about what you see when you are out and about

Please do NOT feel under any pressure to teach your child any of the letters of the alphabet before starting school.

In September your child will begin a phonics scheme at school called Read, Write, Inc. This frog will become our new best friend!


This phonics scheme will help your child to learn how to read and spell by teaching 44 sounds and matching letters.



We will hold a parents' information meeting in September about the phonics scheme.

Breakfast club and After school club

We are very lucky at our school to have both a breakfast and after school club. Both clubs are held in a classroom in school and offer activities and games for the children as well as breakfast in the mornings and a snack after school. There is more information in the packs about the clubs as well as prices.



Chance to come and look
at the Foundation 2
classroom. Time available
to speak to the staff.

If you have any questions at all after today then please to do
not hesitate to contact the office at:

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