



Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! I am delighted to be teaching Class 4 again this year and am really looking forward to getting to know the children and seeing all the fantastic things they will achieve.

I thought it would be helpful to share some important information about Class 4, including homework, PE, school routines and communication.

Our Class Team

The teaching arrangements for Class 4 are:

- **Class Teacher:** Miss Lynch
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Brobbin and Mrs Raja
- **Wednesday afternoons:** Mrs Denton will teach Dance or Gymnastics, while Mrs Brobbin will teach Grammar or Topic.

The staff team liaise and plan together regularly to ensure consistency, appropriate curriculum coverage and, most importantly, that your child's individual needs are supported.

A topic web will be sent home at the beginning of each term so that you can see what your child will be learning in class.

Homework and Home Learning

Going forwards, we will no longer be setting separate weekly Maths and English homework. We hope this will make home learning feel more manageable while still providing children with regular opportunities to practise the key skills that are most important.

We ask that children spend approximately **10 –15 minutes each day** practising:

- Reading
- Spellings
- Times tables

Reading

Reading regularly at home is one of the best ways you can support your child's learning. Listening to your child read and sharing books together helps develop vocabulary, comprehension, fluency and, most importantly, a love of reading.

Children will have at least two opportunities each week to read with a member of staff, either during Guided Reading or as part of other classroom sessions.

At home, children are expected to read for **at least 5–10 minutes each day**. This should mainly be their home reading book, although they will also have a library book to enjoy.

Please complete and sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read. Children are also welcome to record their own reading.

Reading and library books will be changed as and when needed. Once your child has finished a book and this has been recorded in their reading record, they simply need to place the book and reading record in the changing pile when they arrive in class.

If you feel your child's reading book is too easy or too difficult, please let me know by writing a note in their reading record so that we can adjust their reading level accordingly. It can take a couple of weeks for me to get to know each child's reading ability, so thank you for your patience while we get settled.

Times Tables

The first times tables test will take place on **Friday 11th September**. The test information will be stuck into reading records the Friday before.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a fantastic resource for practising times tables. Login details will be stuck in the front of your child's reading record.

Regular practice through quick-fire questions, games and songs will help children develop confidence and fluency with their times tables.

Spellings

The first spelling test will also take place on **Friday 11th September**, with the spelling information stuck into reading records the Friday before.

You can support your child by practising the words sent home, discussing their meanings and encouraging them to use the words in sentences.

The spellings your child is expected to know by the end of the year will also be stuck into the back of their reading record. Regularly practising these throughout the year will be very beneficial.

Children who are not regularly completing their reading, spelling and times-table practice at home may be supported through additional catch-up opportunities outside of other lessons.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child practise these important skills at home.

Refreshments

Your child should bring a **healthy snack** to school each day for morning break.

Please also ensure that your child has a **water bottle** in school. We will make sure that water bottles are washed and refilled each day.

PE

Children will take part in at **least 2 hours of PE each week**.

Please send your child's PE kit into school as soon as possible. PE kits will be kept in school until the holidays.

The PE kit should include:

- Black pumps
- Black shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Trainers

Please ensure that PE kits do not have branded logos or writing.

Children who wear tights will also need a pair of **white socks** for indoor PE.

Swimming

Your child will take part in swimming lessons after Christmas. A reminder letter with further information will be sent nearer the time.

For swimming lessons:

- Boys will need swimming trunks or shorts.
- Girls will need a swimming costume (no bikinis).
- Long hair must be tied back and covered with a swimming cap.

Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Forest School sessions will take place approximately every three weeks. You will be notified in advance of each session.

Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, as sessions will go ahead in most weather conditions.

During the winter, wetter and colder months, children may need:

- Warm layers of inexpensive clothing
- Wellies, old trainers or walking boots
- A hat, scarf and gloves
- Waterproof clothing

During the summer and warmer months, children may need:

- A sun hat
- Sun cream. Please apply sun cream before school and provide additional sun cream in your child's bag for reapplication during the day.

For all Forest School sessions:

- Please provide carrier bags for putting muddy or wet clothing and footwear into at the end of the session.

Children will still take part in Forest School if they arrive without suitable clothing; however, they may have to participate in their school clothes and shoes.

If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please write a note in their reading record explaining why.

Uniform and What to Bring

As you already know, we have a high standard of uniform at St Peter's, so please ensure your child wears the correct uniform each day.

The full uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Your child should also bring the following to school **every day**:

- Book bag
- Reading book
- Reading record

Entering and Leaving School

Children can arrive at school between **8:50am and 9:00am** and will enter through the Class 4 door.

At the end of the school day, children will be brought to the shelter in the large playground via the Class 4 door.

Children can be collected between **3:15pm and 3:25pm**.

Any children who have not been collected by 3:25pm will be placed into Keys Club and the appropriate charge will apply.

Communication

Most school letters are now sent home by email, so please check your emails regularly.

Some letters may still be sent home in book bags, and notes may be written in reading records, so please check these every day too.

It is also important that you keep up to date with Mrs Sullivan's weekly newsletter, which contains useful school information and important dates.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if there is anything you would like to let me know about your child, please write a note in their reading record on the current week. Reading records are checked daily.

Alternatively, you can catch me **at 8:50am or 3:25pm, or contact** me to arrange a meeting at a more convenient time.

My email address is d.lynch@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk.

If you need to contact me during the school day, please ask the office staff to pass a message on to me, as I may not be able to respond to emails straight away.

Meet the Teacher

Our **Meet the Teacher** afternoon will take place on **Thursday 17th September at 1:45pm**

Please join us for a coffee and cake in the hall before making your way down to Class 4 to see what we have been getting up to so far.

This will be a lovely opportunity to meet the Class 4 staff and have a look around the classroom with your child. We would be delighted to see you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support.

I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year and to all the exciting learning and experiences we will share together!

Kind regards,

Miss Lynch 😊