# St Peter's Church of England (VA) Primary School

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**"One Family, Aiming High, Learning Together with God"**

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## Welcome to Our School Family

Welcome to St Peter's Church of England (VA) Primary School! We are delighted to welcome you and your child into our caring, nurturing, and ambitious school community. At St Peter's, we believe every child is unique and filled with potential. Guided by our Christian ethos, we foster an environment where children feel safe, valued, and inspired to achieve their very best academically, socially, and spiritually.

Our prospectus is designed to give you a clear overview of life at St Peter's—from our vibrant curriculum and early years routines to our exceptional academic results, extended care options, and daily school procedures.

## Our School Ethos & Values

At the heart of everything we do is our motto: *"One Family, Aiming High, Learning Together with God."*

- **One Family:** We build strong, respectful relationships between children, staff, parents, and the wider community. Every child belongs here.
- **Aiming High:** We encourage high expectations in learning and behavior, celebrating progress and instilling a lifelong love for discovery.
- **Learning Together with God:** Our Christian values guide our daily interactions, fostering kindness, forgiveness, responsibility, and mutual respect.




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# Understanding Our Academic Excellence & School Data (2025–2026)

- At St Peter's, we combine warm pastoral care with outstanding academic performance. Our statutory data outcomes demonstrate that our pupils consistently perform significantly above local and national benchmarks across key stages.

| Assessment Milestone | St Peter's Outcome | Local Average | National Average | What This Means for Your Child |
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| **Early Years Good Level of Development (GLD)** | **74%** | 74% | 72% | Children finish Reception with strong foundation skills across all 7 EYFS learning areas. |
| **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** | **97%** | 84% | 82% | Nearly every child achieves fluent phonics decoding skills, setting the stage for lifelong reading. |
| **Year 4 Multiplication Check (25/25)** | **67%** (Avg: 24/25) | N/A | 37% (Avg: 21/25) | Our pupils gain exceptional mathematical fluency and confidence early on. |

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| **Year 6 SATs: Reading Expected+** | **97%** (37% GD) | N/A | 75% | Outstanding reading comprehension preparing pupils seamlessly for secondary school. |
| **Year 6 SATs: Writing Expected+** | **87%** (20% GD) | N/A | 73% | Strong teacher-assessed writing abilities across diverse genres. |
| **Year 6 SATs: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling** | **97%** (50% GD) | N/A | 74% | Half of our Year 6 pupils achieve Greater Depth standard in GPS. |
| **Year 6 SATs: Mathematics Expected+** | **97%** (50% GD) | N/A | 75% | Half of all pupils master advanced mathematics (Greater Depth). |
| **Year 6 SATs: Combined Reading,** | **87%** | N/A | 63% | Over 87% of pupils reach expected |

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| **Writing & Maths** | | | | standards in all three core subjects combined (vs 63% nationally). |
| **Year 6 Science** | **90%** | N/A | 82% | Rich scientific inquiry and practical investigation skills. |

# Meet Our Early Years & Foundation Team

Our dedicated team of practitioners and teachers are passionate about providing the very best start to your child's educational journey:

## Foundation Stage Leads & Teachers

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| • **Mrs Laura Harvey:** EYFS Lead & F1 Teacher (laurah@spmillend.herts.sch.uk) | • **Mrs Hannah Sutherland:** F2 Teacher (hannahs@spmillend.herts.sch.uk) |

# Our EYFS Curriculum & Learning Journey

At St Peter's, we follow the **Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework**, covering seven core areas of learning:

## Prime Areas of Learning

1. **Communication and Language:** Developing listening, attention, and expressive language skills.
2. **Physical Development:** Fine and gross motor skills, coordination, and healthy habits.
3. **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development:** Building confidence, self-regulation, and positive relationships.

## Specific Areas of Learning

1. **Literacy:** Early reading, phonics, and early writing skills.
2. **Mathematics:** Number sense, counting, spatial awareness, and problem-solving.
3. **Understanding the World:** Exploring nature, technology, and diverse communities.
4. **Expressive Arts and Design:** Art, music, role-play, and creative expression.

**Tracking Progress with Tapestry:** We use *Tapestry*, a secure online learning journal system, to share photos, observations, and milestones directly with parents so you can celebrate your child's journey in real time.

# Daily Routines & Schedules

### Foundation Stage 2 (F2 / Reception) Routine

| Time | Session / Activity |
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| 8:30 – 8:40 AM | Drop off |
| 8:40 – 9:30 AM | Register, Morning Carpet, Phonics & Literacy |
| 9:30 – 11:00 AM | Snack Time & Discovery Time |
| 11:00 – 11:45 AM | Group Time, Story & Preparing for Lunch |
| 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM | Lunch Time |
| 1:00 – 2:30 PM | Register, Songs, Carpet Session & Discovery Time |
| 2:30 – 3:15 PM | Carpet Session, Story Time & Dismissal (3:15 PM) |

# How Parents Can Prepare Their Child for School

Starting school or nursery is a major milestone. Here are practical ways you can support your child at home:

- **Promote Self-Help & Independence:** Practice putting on coats, zipping jackets, taking off shoes, and using the toilet independently (including wiping and handwashing).
- **Establish Daily Routines:** Maintain consistent sleep routines and regular meal/snack times.
- **Encourage Social & Early Skills:** Play turn-taking games, read together daily, practice

name recognition, and explore shapes and numbers in daily surroundings.

## Breakfast & After School Wrap-Around Care

We offer high-quality, fun, and affordable wrap-around childcare delivered in a safe, supervised environment on site. All staff are DBS enhanced-checked, first-aid trained, and experienced in delivering engaging activities.

- **Breakfast Club:** Healthy morning breakfast, warm start to the day, and safe transition to class. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30-8.30am and is £6.50.
- **After School Club:** Structured activities, games, outdoor play, and relaxed downtime. After School Club runs from 3.15-6.15pm Monday to Thursday and 3.15-5.15pm on Friday. The cost of the club is £6.50 an hour.
- **Booking System:** Easy online booking via our *Magic Booking* portal.

## Admissions & Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

We welcome applications for Nursery, Reception, and in-year places. When applying to St Peter's, parents are encouraged to complete our **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** alongside the Local Authority application to ensure correct criteria ranking (including Looked After Children, Social/Medical need, Siblings, Church attendance/Parish boundary, Staff children, and Distance criteria).

We invite you to visit our school, meet our wonderful staff, and experience the warm, inspiring atmosphere at St Peter's!