



Peel Park Primary School

Newsletter

September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. As we begin a new school year, I want to extend a very warm welcome back to all our pupils and families—whether you are returning or joining us for the first time.

We are excited to start another year full of learning, growth, and opportunities. Our dedicated staff have been working hard to prepare a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where every child can thrive.

A Special Welcome to Our New EYFS Families

A particular welcome goes to all our new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) parents and carers. Starting school is a big milestone, and we are here to support you and your child every step of the way. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to ensure your child's first year at Peel Park is a happy and successful one.

Working Together

We value the partnership we have with our families. By working together, we can provide the best possible experience for your child. Please keep an eye out for updates, events, and opportunities to get involved in school life.

If you have any questions or need support at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always here to help.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the new school year.

Headteacher

Mr D Waites

Informal Meet the Teacher event

Please come along to meet your child's new teacher, there's no need to book, just drop in between 3:30pm-4:15pm on **Monday 22nd September**.



Reminders and updates

Pupil Management information and Contact Details

We continue to use Arbor for our MIS. This allows parents to view their child's personal details and manage contacts, consents etc. Through Arbor, you can keep track of your child's attendance, progress and behaviour. We will use Arbor to communicate with you via email and in-app messages. It is therefore vital that you ensure your contact details are up to date. It is imperative that we are able to contact parents on a day-to-day basis, regarding the welfare of their child, and in particular in the event of an emergency. It is a legal requirement for schools to have a minimum of two contacts per child.



Snacks and water bottles

All infant children (EYFS to Year 2) are provided with a piece of fruit each day and junior pupils can either bring a snack from home or purchase a snack from the school kitchen. All children should also bring a filled water bottle each day to drink in class. This may contain plain or flavoured water. It should not be filled with juice, cordial or fizzy drinks.

P.E KIT

We have so many opportunities here at Peel Park for your child to participate in sports so please can you make sure your child brings their P.E kit to school in a bag and is clearly labelled.

First Aid Incidents

We will continue to notify parents by phone of any first aid incidents during the day and a slip will also be sent home with your child. Phone calls are made for FACE AND HEAD injuries only.

Medical Appointments

Whenever possible, please could we ask parents / guardians to arrange medical appointments outside school hours. We do understand that this is not always possible, especially in the case of hospital appointments, therefore please arrange for the school office to have an emailed copy of the appointment letter / card so that the absence can be recorded as authorised for medical reasons.

School meals, Dolce and School Grid

Our school meals are provided for by Dolce and meals are ordered and paid for via a system called School Grid. All orders and payment must be placed before 8:50am each day. It is important to remember to top up your accounts and order your meals in advance as if payment isn't received, your child may not get what you've ordered for them. If your child has **any allergies or dietary needs** you must ensure that you add this to the school grid system when registering your account. Any queries, please ask at the office.



School Trips and Events in school

All school trip information, consent and payment details can be found on your child's Arbor account. Please keep an eye on your messages to stay up-to-date with activities taking place in school.

Trips

Year 6 residential visit - Outwood Bound, Cumbria—Monday 9th to Friday 13th February 2026

Full payment of £325.

1st Payment £75 due by 30th September , 2nd Payment £125 by 31st November Final payment £125 30th January

Year 5 - London residential—Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th February 2026

Full payment of £350

1st Payment £75 due by 30th September , 2nd Payment £137.50 by 31st November Final payment £137.50 30th January

Places are still available on this trip, if your child is interested, please inform the office

Clubs

All clubs will be available on the clubs tab of your app.

Year 4 Boxing with Neema— starting Thursday 18th September for 5 weeks.

Junior Choir—Starting on Thursday 18th September

Games Club with Year 2 & 3—Starting Thursday 25th September

Coming soon.

Arts and Crafts—Year 1—Autumn term 2

EYFS Open Day

Tuesday 21st October, 4pm

Come and see why our children love Peel Park Primary School

- ◆ Outstanding and Supportive Staff
- ◆ Exceptional Teaching and Learning
- ◆ Fantastic Outdoor Learning Environment
- ◆ Approved Therapeutic Forest School Practitioner. There's no need to book in, just turn up



PEEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS – school closed for pupils	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
School reopens	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Closure after school	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn half term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025
School reopens	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Closure after school	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

INSET DAYS – school closed for pupils	Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January 2026
School reopens	Wednesday 7 th January 2026
Closure after school	Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring half term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
School reopens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Closure after school	Friday 27 th March 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

School reopens	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Bank Holiday – school closed for pupils	Monday 4 th May 2026
School reopens	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Closure after school	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer half term	Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
School reopens	Monday 1 st June 2026
Closure after school	Friday 17 th July 2026
INSET DAY – school closed for pupils	Monday 20th July 2026
Summer holiday	Monday 20 th July 2026 to TBA

INSET DAYS – school closed to pupils

Monday 1st September 2025
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Tuesday 6th January 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026



Find out more about the exciting things that happen in school by following us on Facebook!



**COMING
SOON**

PEEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUTDOOR CINEMA

WATCH MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

SCREENING SCHEDULE



**3RD OCTOBER @
6.30PM**

**PLEASE BRING WARM CLOTHING,
BLANKETS AND A CHAIR TO SIT ON.**

**HOT AND COLD DRINKS & FOOD
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
ON THE DAY**

DOORS OPEN AT 6.10PM

**TICKETS ARE £3 PER PERSON AND
AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL SHOP**





SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

Primary | September 2025

Welcome back to school!

As we begin a new school year, it's normal for children (and parents and carers!) to feel a mix of excitement and nervousness. Establishing consistent daily routines can make a big difference to your child's emotional well-being and sense of security. Routines help children feel safe, supported and ready to learn – all of which are central to safeguarding their mental and emotional health.

Why routines matter

Routines create structure and predictability, helping children manage transitions, reduce anxiety and build independence. A well-supported child is more confident, calm and able to thrive – both at school and at home.

Talk, listen, reassure

Emotional check-ins help children feel heard and valued. Ask questions like:

- “What was something good that happened today?”
- “Did anything feel tricky?”
- Let them talk at their own pace. Behaviour changes (clinginess, tiredness, moodiness) are common in September – patience and connection go a long way.

Five Minute habits that matter

- A morning hug or chat
- A quick bag check and praise
- A bedtime moment to reflect on the day

Small things, done regularly, build big emotional strength.

In this issue:

- Supporting well-being through routines
- Body safety matters

Key routines that support children's

WELL-BEING

1 Sleep time

- Regular bedtimes and wake times
- Avoid screens an hour before bed
- Try a calming wind-down routine (story, bath, quiet time)



2 Mealtimes

- Encourage family meals where possible
- Predictable meals help children feel nourished and safe



3 Mornings

- Keep mornings calm, encouraging and predictable
- Include a healthy, filling breakfast
- Prepare bags, lunches, and clothes the night before



4 After school

- Balance homework, play, and rest
- Allow for downtime or creative activities
- Prepare for the following day



5 Screen time

- Set clear limits, especially before bed
- Encourage screen-free moments to reconnect



@the_enlightened_parent

When to talk to school

If you notice:

Ongoing changes in mood or behaviour or withdrawal, aggression or trouble sleeping, please reach out.

Our safeguarding and pastoral teams are here to support both you and your child.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Body safety matters

Helping your child understand boundaries and personal safety

Keeping children safe starts with conversation

Talking about body safety can feel uncomfortable – but it’s one of the most powerful ways to protect children. Children who understand their bodies, boundaries and rights are more confident and better equipped to speak up if something feels wrong.

You don’t need a big formal talk – short, everyday chats work best.

Here are some simple conversation starters you can use:

- “Do you know what parts of your body are private?”
- “If someone made you feel uncomfortable, who would you tell?”
- “Has anyone ever asked you to keep a secret that made you feel funny or unsure?”
- “You’re allowed to say ‘no’ to hugs or kisses, even to family – how do you feel about that?”
- “What would you do if someone touched you in a way you didn’t like?”

Use natural moments (e.g. bath time, getting dressed, bedtime stories, a walk in the park) to bring up the topic gently. Keep your tone calm and reassuring. The goal is to help children feel safe, heard and empowered.

Reassure them: *“You can always talk to me about anything – I’ll always listen and help.”*

Don’t forget the online world

Even at primary age, many children play games or watch content online. It’s important they know that body safety rules apply online too.

- Teach them never to share photos of their body, especially private parts.
- Make sure they know: if anyone asks them to do something that feels odd, secret or confusing online, they should tell you straight away.
- Talk about how some people online might pretend to be children when they’re not.
- Use privacy settings and supervise young children during screen time.
- Remind them: “If something online makes you feel uncomfortable or unsure, it’s never your fault. Just come and tell me.”

How you can support at home

- 1) Use everyday moments to talk about safety.
- 2) Read books together on body safety.
- 3) Practice naming trusted adults they can go to if worried.
- 4) Reassure them: they will never be in trouble for telling the truth.

WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW

- THEIR BODY BELONGS TO THEM**
Children should know that they are the boss of their own body. No one – not a peer, adult, friend or family member – has the right to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- PRIVATE PARTS ARE PRIVATE**
Teach them the correct names for private body parts (e.g. penis, vagina, bottom). This helps remove shame and confusion – and makes it easier to report any concerns clearly.
- THE 'NO, GO, TELL' RULE**
If someone makes them feel unsafe or breaks a body boundary: Say "NO!"
GO to a safe place
TELL a trusted adult.
- SAFE AND UNSAFE TOUCH**
Help your child understand:
Safe touch: hugs, holding hands if they want to
Unsafe touch: touches that hurt, feel scary, confusing, or are kept secret.

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

lancashire.gov.uk



School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!
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School and Academy places September 2026

Monday

1
September
2025

APPLY FROM THIS DATE

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

Friday

31
October
2025

NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS
(statutory)

During this period all applications are processed, and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a secondary school place is finalised.

Monday

2
March
2026

OFFERS ISSUED TO PARENTS

(The national offer date is 1 March, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

If you are not happy with an initial offer the appeals period starts from your receipt of the offer. Appeal information will be issued later as this allows some time for waiting lists to operate.



UK Government

Help for
Households

The **Household Support Fund** is available for those most in need in our area

If you are struggling with the cost of essentials, you may be able to receive extra support via your local council

**HOUSEHOLD
SUPPORT FUND**

EXTENDED



Hyndburn
Borough Council

Get Support, Contact Hyndburn Borough Council
01254 388 111

www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/costofliving/





FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parents courses

£25

JUNE/JULY

ADHD

Big energy turns to big emotions all too quickly! Explore strategies to help your child thrive with ADHD and feel more confident too.

ASD

Every child is unique – as is parenting a child with autism. Support your child with calm, confidence and connection.

Handling Anger in the Family

When calm turns to chaos, connection matters most. Handle anger with confidence and build a more peaceful family dynamic.

The Teenage Years

From "I love you" to "Whatever" in 0.2 seconds! Get the tools you need to stay calm, keep connected, and ride the teen wave with confidence.

AUGUST

Primary Years with free Kids Club 0-11 yrs

From cuddles to eye-rolls in a flash! Tackle the ups and downs of parenting 5-11s with confidence and calm.

SEPTEMBER

Dads

From hero to "so embarrassing" overnight! Build strong bonds, tackle challenges, and parent with confidence.

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NOVEMBER

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Early Years (0-4yrs) with free Day Tots Club

Big futures begin in the early years. Build strong bonds, boost early learning and feel confident in your parenting.



Scan the QR code to see course dates, times and full details and to book your place online

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