

Play Leaders at St Peter's Church of England Primary Academy

At St Peter's, we are proud to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 students the opportunity to volunteer as Play Leaders. These dedicated pupils play a vital role in creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere during break times by leading games and activities that encourage purposeful play across the school.

The Role of a Play Leader

Our Year 5 and 6 Play Leaders receive training to help them organise and lead activities on the playground, fostering fun and safe environments for younger pupils. They promote positive playtime experiences, helping to develop friendships, teamwork, and social skills. Through their leadership roles, they also learn essential life skills such as problem-solving, conflict resolution, and understanding different behaviours.

The qualities we encourage in our Play Leaders include:

- Being a positive role model
- Showing kindness and patience
- Helping others and offering support
- Following rules and respecting equipment
- Being honest, reliable, and trustworthy
- Working well as part of a team

Aims of the Play Leader Program:

- Improve behaviour and social interaction during playtime
- Provide a safe space for children to practise social skills and build friendships
- Encourage problem-solving and cooperative play
- Teach pupils new games and activities
- Promote physical activity and healthy play habits
- Serve as role models for their peers

Transition and Mentorship

At the end of the year, our Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take on the role of Play Leaders, supported and mentored by the Year 6 students. This allows for a smooth transition and ensures that the program continues to thrive with enthusiastic new leaders, who will carry on the spirit of cooperation and leadership.

At St Peter's, the Play Leader program is a fantastic way for pupils to develop leadership skills while making a positive impact on the school community, creating a welcoming and supportive playground environment for everyone.





