



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

Headteacher news

We hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoyed some of the wonderful sunshine we have been treated with.

Our week this week started with an inspiring worship around our value of justice. Kathryn who works for [@MercyShipsUK](https://www.mercyshipsuk.org/) spoke to us about the charities amazing work in providing free surgeries for children aboard hospital ships that transform patients' lives in Africa.





Dates for your diary...

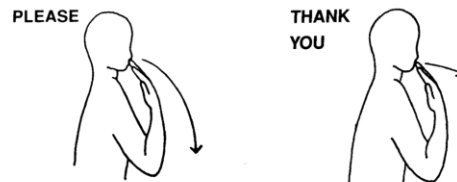


- Week 13th May - KS2 Sat's week
- Friday 17th May - PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school on the Infant playground
- Thursday 6th June - New EYFS welcome meeting 6pm
- Week 10th June - Phonics screening week
 - Science week
 - Multiplication test week

- Thursday 13th June - Synagogue trip
- Wednesday 19th June - Upper KS2 Sports day
- Tuesday 25th June - Lower KS2 Sports day
- Thursday 27th June - KS1 sports day
- Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- Week 8th July - Music week through the decades
- Monday 15th July - end of year reports
- Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 end of year production
- Wednesday 17th July - Parents evening in the hall
- Thursday 18th June PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

Sign of the week

This week we have two new signs to is 'please' and 'thank you'. Can you use this sign over the weekend?



PTA

🍦🍭 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍭🍦 - We will be starting these again on Friday 17th May. They will then run every Friday until the end of term. As usual we will be selling ice lollies/ice creams from the junior yard/hall after school every Friday from 17th May.

We have also other events that are currently being planned for this term, details are to follow.

Just a quick reminder that our 'Recycle 4 School' drop box is still being collected regularly, so if you are having a clear out don't forget our clothing recycling bag drop for any unwanted clothing 😊. It's an easy and safe way for us to raise some funds for the school.

Also anyone who enters our Your School lottery before 25th May will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win a summer getaway or £1000 cash prize'. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Kath McArragher (PTA Co-Chair)



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win a holiday, or take the cash!

BUY TICKETS



See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/05/24.



School dinners

We would like to give you advance notice that from September 2024 the cost of a school meals is rising from £2.50 to £2.70 per meal. £13.50 per week.

Children moving from year 2 into year 3 will no longer receive the Universal free school meals and will need to pay for school lunches from September should you wish for school to continue to provide lunch.

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



For any parents/carers, **whose circumstances have changed** and think their child(ren) may be entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium.

Please note that younger siblings of pupils who are already entitled will not automatically qualify for Free School Meals. If a family's circumstances have changed and cease to be entitled to qualifying benefits, the elder children will be protected but any new children will not qualify. This is why Pupil Access Team require applications completing so they can properly assess new sibling's entitlement.

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

Berries have had a brilliant week of learning. We have been continuing with our story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. On Tuesday we had our own tea party and reenacted different moments from the book. In maths, the year 1 children have been learning about time and the reception children have been comparing length and width. In science, we have been continuing the topic of plants. We have compared the different plants and trees that live in forest school and our playground. The children have been working on the skill of using their manners.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

Amazing Acorns





It has been a fabulous week in the sunshine.

We have been writing our own version of 'No-bot the robot'. Ask your child what Bernard lost in their story.

In Maths we have been sharing equally and we have begun to look at odd and even numbers. Do you want to have a go at home then try the coconut game on Topmarks.

We went to Forest School this week and shared a story called 'The Perfect Ribbit', we did some pond dipping and learnt about the life cycle of a frog.

You should have received a letter all about our class trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve. Please can you complete the permission part on Parent Pay.

- PE: Wednesday
- Forest School: Tuesday.

Miss Cavaney.

Awesome Ashes



This week in English we have started to look further into our core text *The Tiger who came to Tea*. We story mapped the story and then tried to recall things that did or did not happen in the story, focusing on the verbs we have been looking at and adding the conjunction 'but'.

In Maths we have started to look at weighing amounts. Have a go at some simple cupcakes at home this weekend to help your children embed this learning.

On Wednesday we went down to forest school and used the mud and powder paints in primary colours to mix them to create secondary colours. The children loved getting stuck in and made some great colour predictions. Our last forest school session this half term is Wednesday 22nd May. I will send kits home to be washed.

Year 1 Phonics screening:

As you may be aware the Year 1 children are coming up to their phonics screening check. We have been working hard revising some of our phase 3 and 5 sounds. If your child comes home with a phonics pack with their reading book please try to engage with the games as much as possible to support your child. We do not let the children know that this is a test as we do not want them to feel under any pressure. We tell them they are going to show Mrs Charlesworth how amazing they are at reading to blow her socks off!

PE: Our PE is now on a Tuesday for this half term with the sports coach. We are still missing some PE kits. Please can you ensure you have sent a full PE clearly labelled with your child's name on into school on Monday. This can be left in school as we are now learning to get dressed for PE on our own ready for moving up to our new classes in September.

Forest school dates: Wednesday 22nd May.

Super Sycamores



A shorter week, but action packed as always!

In English we have begun to plan our own innovated stories linked to 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have worked hard on our fractions in maths this week, finding half of odd numbers, which we found tricky at first, but persevered and worked hard to master this! We have enjoyed being outdoors more this week, working on our throwing and catching skills during our rounders match in PE.

Year 2 parents

We will be hosting an information meeting for our Y2 parents on Wednesday 22nd May at 9.15am in the school hall.

This will be for parents of children who will be taking the optional Y2 SATS tests this year to find out more about how these will be undertaken in school this year. Please register your interest with the class teachers. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the door.

- PE will be on a Wednesday for both sessions.
- Forest School days will be: Friday 24th May, Friday 14th June, Friday 28th June and Friday 12th July.

Outstanding Alders



A fantastic week in Alders, we have been super busy. I would just like to say a huge well done to all of Alders for their behaviour and learning on our trip on Thursday to the Imperial war museum. Whilst at the museum we built on our knowledge about WW1 and asked some amazing questions.

In English we have finished our Aladdin unit, we have written some fantastic setting descriptions of the cave scene. In maths we have been practicing adding and subtracting with exchange.

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Forest school dates

- 13th May

PE days

- Thursday - Outdoor
- Friday - Indoors

Enchanted Elms



This week we have continued with the Enchanted Woods - we have met new characters and lands. The children have written setting descriptions, and used 'roll on the wall' for a new character we have met. They have also created their own land for their own chapter they will be writing next week. In maths we have been learning about direction and position. It would be great if you could practice turning a quarter turn over the weekend. In History we have using a timeline to start our learning around the local cotton mills. We have also looked at the acts for workers and children, to ensure they had better working conditions in the factories. The children thought of their own acts that should be place for children working in mills.

Dates are:

- **Forest School - Tuesday 14th May 2024**

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



It's been a short but busy week in Maples. In Maths we have been continuing to practice the times tables in preparation for the Year 4 test after half term. The children are working hard on recalling their tables when practicing. At home please continue to work on the 7s and 9s.

In English we have continued to read Raven Boy and find out what mischief the main character Nick has been up to. The children are enjoying this book and are excited to find out what happens next.

In history we have continued to learn more about the plague and understand how it spread so quickly. We have also learnt what happens if someone catches the plague.

Multiplication Tables Check - The National Multiplication Check for Year 4's will take place in school between the 21/05/2024 – 14/06/2024. Please can your child continue to practice the sound check on Timetables Rockstars website, which is a very similar format of 25 randomised times table questions. Further information about the test can be found at

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents)

Dazzling Elders



Elders have had a great week. The children have enjoyed the sunshine this week- please send in hats, water bottles and suncream this term. The children will be continuing their swimming sessions and will need to bring a cotton t-shirt and cotton shorts with them each week as well as their normal swimsuit/shorts. This is part of their safer swimming badge they will work towards.

Y4 children will be going to the Synagogue on Thursday 13th June. Consent can be given on Parent Pay as well as the £5 contribution. Thank you.

Elders class are also having a visitor in school on Wednesday 26th June. They will become Greek citizens for the day and will learn about Ancient Greece. Consent can be given on Parent Pay, we would be very grateful for a voluntary contribution of £12 . If you have any questions- please don't hesitate to come and speak with us.

The children have begun to gather content for their non-chronological report and have really tried to ensure they gather interesting facts to help make their report informative and interesting for the reader.

We have been practising times tables and we have become much more confident, and some children are working at super speed when answering the questions-well done! In RE, the children are focussing on 'The Kingdom of God' and how God wanted this to be a place of happiness and kindness. We thought about the most prominent problems the world is facing and how we would rank them.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Kind Regards,

Mrs Nolan and Miss Yates.

Wonderful Willows



It has been a short but jam - packed week in Willows!

In Maths our Year 6 children have continued to work hard on their SATs revision looking at the four number operations and written calculations. They have also looked at converting fractions and decimals. Our Year 5 children have been working on place value of numbers to a million.

In English we have finished and edited our diary entries from 'The Explorer' and are looking forward to learning about the people of the Amazon next week.

In Geography we learned about the four layers of the Rainforest.

A huge thanks to our Muslim children in class this week who were a great help in our RE lesson, translating some of the Qu'ran and explaining to us how to treat it respectfully. We even learnt some Arabic!

For our Year 6 children: 😊

The timetable next week is as follows:

- Monday 13th May - Spelling, punctuation and grammar test
- Tuesday 14th May - Reading test
- Wednesday 15th May - Maths Arithmetic (paper 1) and Maths Reasoning (paper 2)
- Thursday 16th May - Maths Reasoning (paper 3)

At the start of each day next week, there will be an option of toast and juice for the children (free of charge). If your child wishes to bring their own snack (fruit, cereal bar) to have at the start of the morning, they are very welcome to do so. Please ensure this does not contain any citrus, nuts or sesame. Please ensure that your child is in school for registration, so we are able to start the tests promptly each day.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



Despite it being a short week this week, the children have worked exceptionally hard in preparation for the end of key stage assessments, which take place next week. We have been recapping on using the four operations in maths and looking at different elements of spelling, punctuation and grammar in English.

Please note: End of key stage assessment week takes place on the week beginning 13th May.

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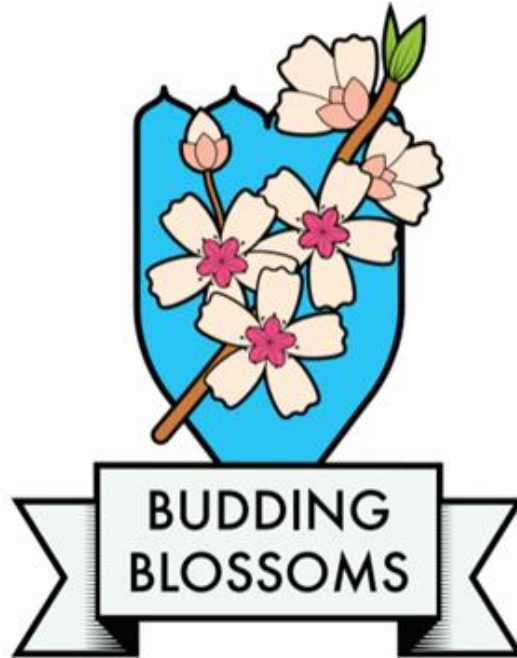
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We are so proud of our Year 6 as they have worked so hard this year. We know that each and everyone of them will try their very best.

- **This half term we have the PE coach each Tuesday afternoon.**

- **Our PE days remain as Tuesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school.**
- **Forest School session on Thursday 9th May**

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms have had a fantastic week in school. We have enjoyed learning to read the temperature using thermometers and seeing how the temperature changes as we add hot and cold water, the children really enjoyed and learning about this. In English, we have been writing sentences to show a description of the stormy weather in our story, 'Hello Lighthouse'. The children have written fantastic descriptions, and I am very proud of them.

Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home and continue to practise their addition and subtractions.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.

















Let's celebrate - Weekly awards



St. Paul's Awards.

	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week	Value winner
Amazing Acorns	Rory	Esme	Jayden
Awesome Ashes	Logan	Fintay	Saba
Super Sycamores	Charlotte	Joseph	Rupert
Outstanding Alders	The whole class	Ayaan	Connie
Enchanted Elms	Jake	Evie	Ava
Marvellous Maples	Kian	Joshua	Leslie
Dazzling Elders	Ava	Freddie	Ethan
Wonderful Willows	Martha	Zain	Isabella
Mighty Oaks	Noah	Ellesia	Charlotte
Brilliant Berries		Kaira	
Budding Blossoms		Lucy	

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid, Whooping Cough or Measels.

We are unable to authorise any absences that are not illness related unless in exceptional circumstances. There is a leave of absence form available from the school office however, we would ask that all holidays are taken within the holiday periods and not in term time, to avoid a fine from Lancashire County Council. A holiday list for this academic year is on our school website. [School-Holidays-23-24.pdf](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/School-Holidays-23-24.pdf) (stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk)

To enable us to safeguard our children, may we request that if your child is absent from school you, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 09:00am to inform us. If we have not received a call, a member of our office staff will call you to ensure that your child is at home and is safe.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the **Department for Education** has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

Please note that school does not receive any money for penalty notices.

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.

- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period^[1] . This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

[1] A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Holiday list 2024/25





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School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Re-open	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2024 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 28th October 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 20 th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 6th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 24th February 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 4 th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Staff Training Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open on	Monday 2nd June 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 18 th July 2025
Staff Training Days	Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025



Spectrum of light

Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC are hosting an information gathering sessions aimed at neurodivergent adults in our community. They will take place on Saturday 11th May 10-11am and 12-1pm at St Paul's Community Centre, behind Bambino's Nursery, just off Burnley Road, in Rawtenstall.



WE WANT YOU



We know that the adults in the neurodivergent community are overlooked when it comes to needs and provision.

We want to know what matters to you!!!

Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC, are hosting information gathering sessions to learn what is needed in our adult community, with the aim to respond and provide for identified gaps.

Date: Saturday 11th May 2024

St Pauls Community Centre,
(off Burnley Road - behind Bambino's Nursery)
Rawtenstall
BB4 8HY

What to expect

- Brief introduction to Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC
- Space to fill in questionnaires and gather your views and opinions
- Refreshments available
- Option to stay and ask questions or share ideas

Session times: 10-11am & 12-1pm



Reflective Friday

WHAT I LEARN TODAY
DOESN'T MAKE YESTERDAY
wrong,
IT MAKES TOMORROW
better.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend filled with fun and laughter.

Mrs Charlesworth