



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 11th July 2025

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

Headteacher news

What an incredibly wonderful penultimate week we have had with so many exciting events to share with you. We began the week with our infants sports day which was filled with cheers and celebrations and most importantly, amazing sportsmanship. The pupils certainly made us proud! Well done to all the team for a well organised event.

Tuesday brought an exciting opportunity for our Year 6 pupils with the career carousel event. This was a particularly special occasion, made possible by the generous volunteers who gave up their time to share their professional experiences with our pupils. The children had the chance to explore different career paths and hear first-hand accounts from people working in various fields. I cannot thank our volunteers enough for their dedication and for inspiring our pupils to think about their future aspirations.

Thursday was adventure day for our Sycamores class as they embarked on their school trip to 'Bring yer Wellies'. The pupils returned with beaming faces, having experienced hands-on learning in an outdoor environment. These trips provide such rich learning opportunities that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom, and I know the memories made will last a lifetime.

Our week concluded on a high note with Friday's Night at the Movies musical event. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many families come together to celebrate and enjoy this special experience. The atmosphere was electric as our school community gathered to share in the joy of music and performance. A huge thank you to Mrs de Boutemard and the rest of the team for putting this event together. I am sure, if you were fortunate to attend, you will agree that it was magnificent! Please note, all photos of the event will be sent out in a separate newsletter on Monday due to the number of images. We cannot wait to share these with you.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this week so successful.

Memories

At the end of this summer term, both Mrs Smith and Mrs Hindle will be retiring after working in our school for over thirty years. Just think about that for a moment – over thirty years of dedication, care, and commitment to our school & community. In that time, they have made a huge impact on so many children and families who have walked through our doors.

We are trying to put together a memory book for Mrs Smith and Mrs Hindle, something they can look back on fondly and treasure as they begin this new chapter of their lives. We want to fill it with all the wonderful memories, moments, and messages that capture just how much they mean to our school community.

If you have any photographs from school events, sports days, Christmas plays, or everyday classroom moments that feature Mrs Smith or Mrs Hindle, we'd love to include them. Perhaps you have special memories you'd like to share – maybe a time when they went above and beyond for your child, or a moment that perfectly captures their caring nature. Even if you simply want to send your well wishes and thanks, that will mean the world to them.

Please could you email anything you'd like to contribute to school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk. We will then collate everything and present this special memory book to Mrs Smith and Mrs Hindle on our last day of term.

Thank you in advance for your help with this project. I know how much it will mean to them to see the impact they've had on our wonderful school & community over the years.

Changes for September

Changes to our PE uniform

- We recognise that the cost of everything is escalating for everyone at the moment. With this in mind, we have made the decision not to have the PE hoody as part of our school uniform. We hope that by removing this item from our PE kit requirements, we can help reduce the overall cost of uniform for you all.
- If your child currently has a PE hoody and wishes to continue wearing a jumper during PE lessons, they can certainly keep using it until they grow out of it. Once they do outgrow it, there's no need to purchase a replacement. Instead, they can simply bring an additional school jumper on PE days. This way, they'll stay warm during their physical activities, and the jumper they've worn as part of their regular uniform will remain clean and fresh.

- **Mobile Phone Policy Update**

- As part of our ongoing commitment to online safety, we have reviewed our mobile phone policy. We have noticed that many children are bringing phones to school, even when they are collected and dropped off by adults. Currently, these phones are locked in the office throughout the day and remain unused during school hours. With this in mind, we've decided that mobile phones are no longer needed, and children should not bring them into school. However, if your child is in Year 5 & 6 and walks home to an empty house with no adults present, please inform us so we can make appropriate arrangements with you.

St. Paul's PTA





☀️ 🍦 Ice lollies 🍦 ☀️

We'd like to thank everyone for all your support at ice lolly Fridays. Today was our last ice lolly Friday, but as the forecast for next week is warm and sunny, we'll be selling ice lollies after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from the hall. Come and grab a lolly or ice cream, cool off and help raise some funds for our school!

👧 👦 Party time! 👧 👦

Next Thursday is our end of year Celebration Disco. A letter was sent out by ParentPay last week with full details. If you'd like to volunteer to help out, please contact us via Facebook or the school office. Your help means we can safely run events like these for the children, and is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

St Paul's PTA

Slip, slop, slap, and slide



As we are starting to come into warmer sunnier weather you may start to think about additional items for your child.

- Please label any sunhats you send in with your child's name on.
- Please avoid bringing sun glasses as these can cause an immense amount of distraction and distress when they are broken or lost.
- Please try to apply suncream before you bring your child to school, if you wish to send additional suncream with your child this can remain in their tray.
- Ensure your child has a water bottle! This can be refilled as many times throughout the day as they need.

We cannot apply this for them but if we see fit that children need to reapply those that have suncream in class we can talk them through how to reapply this themselves.

- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle each day to stay hydrated.
- Please label your bottles of suncream and ask your child to put it in their tray for ease of access.

Dates for your diary...



- **PTA selling ice lollies after school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from the school hall**
- Year 6 tubing trip - Thursday 17th July - further details to follow
- Reports out to parents- Monday 14th July
- End of Year parents' evening- Wednesday 16th July
- Year 6 Leavers service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 17th July at 9.30am - all parents of Year 6 invited to attend
- End of Year PTA disco- Thursday 17th July - please refer to the PTA letter for further information
- End of summer term at 1:35pm - Friday 18th July
- INSET days- Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July- school closed

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill.

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.

What to do if my child is ill.

Despite school being cleaned daily using antibacterial solutions with the use of antibacterial soap and hand gels available for all to use freely. It is that time of year where illness and viruses start to unfold.

- The NHS have a helpful guide should you wish to use this. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Please can you ensure that your child does not attend school for 48 hours after they have last vomited or had diarrhoea.

We are still encouraging good respiratory hygiene i.e. covering their nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, discarding tissues after use and washing hands with soap and water. It is important to reduce the risk to others.

Can you authorise my child's absence?

As many of you are aware, 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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



Please find links to our school holiday dates. These dates are crucial for planning purposes, and I kindly ask that you keep them in mind when considering any future family holidays or trips.

It's worth reiterating our school's policy on attendance during term time. As you're all aware, we place a high value on consistent attendance and its impact on our pupils' educational progress. With this in mind, I must remind you that leave during term time will not be authorised. This policy is in place to ensure that our pupils receive the full benefit of their education and don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time, it's important to note that this will result in a penalty notice. This measure is not one we take lightly, but it's necessary to maintain the high standards of attendance that contribute to our pupils' success.

I understand that planning family time is important, and I hope that by providing these dates well in advance, we can work together to ensure that holidays and family commitments align with the school calendar wherever possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Here are the quick links to -

- [2024-25 Holiday list](#)
- [2025-26 holiday list](#)

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD WHO MAY BE BEING NEGLECTED...



If you are a young person, you can contact 2-10pm, 365 days a year.
Phone on 0800 51 11 11
Text on 07786 51 11 11
Email: talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk



NSPCC

If you are an adult or professional,
call 0300 123 6720



For more information
www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect/



Lancashire Family Hubs

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/



Healthy Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

For more information, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>

Drop in
anytime—no
booking, no
fuss.
Everyone's
welcome



FREE SOFT
PLAY AND
TOYS FOR
KIDS

WHERE: MADEN FAMILY HUB, ROCHDALE ROAD,
BACUP, OL13 9NZ
WHAT TIME: FRIDAY MORNINGS DROP-IN BETWEEN
9:30-11:30AM

25TH JULY UNTIL 29TH AUGUST - EVERY FRIDAY
MORNING

ENQUIRIES?

Rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries



A slightly quieter week for us this week although we have still been working hard. We have been busy recapping our phonics skills and reading lots of different books. It is lovely to see the progress the children have made with both their reading and writing. Tuesday saw us getting a bit hot and sweaty on the sports field for our infant sports day. Mrs Coleman and I were so proud of all the children in Berries for their 'have a go' attitude and the perseverance they showed when things got a bit tricky. Well done Berries. In class we have also been working on our core strength and our fine motor skills to help us become stronger.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rigby & Mrs Coleman

Amazing Acorns



Another busy week, I can't believe how quickly our final term is coming to the end.

This week we have been making maps of our trip to the farm. The children enjoyed making them in the construction area and writing labels for each section. We performed our class worship all about plants. The children did a super job and sharing their knowledge with the rest of the school and singing our favourite song 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary'. In topic, we have been learning about the life cycle of animals including humans and had the task of matching pictures of different animal mums to their babies.

A Night at The Movies concert

We are so proud of how the amazing the children have been rehearsing and performing their version of Revolting Children from Matilda the musical during . Thank you to everyone who provided costumes and came to watch their performance.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 14th July 2025 – Reports out to parents
- Thursday 17th July 2025 – School Disco - 6:00pm
- Friday 18th July 2025 - End of term - 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bliss and the EYFS team

[Awesome Ashes](#)



The end of term is so close, but we have still been so very busy!

In Maths, the children have been learning to measure using g weights for mass and cm rulers for length. In English the children have been writing their own instructions for 'How to cross the road' and 'How to play a game'.

On Tuesday, the Infants enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day- the children showed true resilience, perseverance and encouragement! Lots of parents also said how well the Infant children did, so well done to all and thank you parents for your support.

Night at the Movies

It was great to perform 'I'm Still Standing' to our audience on Friday. Thank you for buying tickets and coming to watch and cheer us all on!

We have lots to look forward to next week too!

Dates for your diaries

- Reports out to parents - Monday 14th July PTA
- Disco - Thursday 17th July

- End of term - Friday 18th July @ 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



WOW! What another busy week with sports day on Tuesday. All the children tried their hardest in all of the different events. I am impressed with the classes hula hooping skills! On Thursday our class trip to Bring Yer Wellies was amazing. The children were busy all day with learning about plants, planting their own smelly herb, went on a jungle walk, pond dipping, den building, sandcastle building and using maps for a treasure hunt. On Friday it was amazing to see the children all dressed up and singing and dancing for the Night at the Movies concerts! At Bring Yer Wellies the children planted their own smelly herb to care for at home. If you have any pictures of the sunflowers from earlier in the term, please email in so that we can see how much they have grown.

Dates for your diaries.

- Reports out to parents - Monday 14th July
- PTA Disco - Thursday 17th July
- End of term - Friday 18th July @ 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs De Boutemard









Outstanding Alders



Curriculum News

In English this week we have finally read the end of our poem, we even had a go at innovating a verse by changing the rhyming words. We have also been performing the poem.

In maths we have been focusing on time, we have been ordering units of time and telling the time to five minutes.

We sent home our baskets/bracelets and bookmarks this week. The children have loved our art unit; weaving. They had to persevere at some points whilst making them.

We have now finished our RE unit about Judaism, this week we focussed on Shabbat and learnt about how it is celebrated, we also talked about a time that is special to us.

Reading Books

We will be collecting reading books in next week, so please can you make sure that your child brings theirs back to school. Thank you.

Night at the Movies!

It was great to perform 'I always wanted a brother' today, the children have worked so hard learning the song and they shone while performing. Thank you for buying tickets and coming to watch and cheer us all on! We have lots to look forward to next week too!

Dates for your diaries

- Reports out to parents - Monday 14th July
- PTA Disco - Thursday 17th July
- End of term - Friday 18th July @ 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.





Enchanted Elms



We have continued with our novel 'Enchanted woods' we have mind mapped Joe's escape from the bears, predicted what might happen to the snowman in the cottage, wrote a character description of the snowman and wrote a setting description of the ice and snow land. In maths we have been looking at statistics, collecting and recording data, presenting data in a bar chart and pictograms, using and interpreting data and solving problems involving statistics. In geography we have been learning about why some people choose to live near or on a volcano, we looked at the pros and cons of this. The children have then written a leaflet all about

volcanoes, earthquakes and tectonic plates. In art the children have finished painting their amazing pots, I'm so proud of how they turned out.

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[Marvellous Maples](#)



Maples have had a great week. The children have been reading a poem in English called 'The Railway Carriage'. The children thought about a journey they could go on and used their senses to come up with as many things they could see, hear or smell on that journey. They then had the tricky task of using these to create rhyming couplets to use in their very own poem.

In science, the children investigated how and why a low pitch and high pitch sound is made using a recorder, ukelele and some music tubes. They had some great ideas and some really great vocabulary was used in their explanation.

The children performed fantastically in our concert. We are very proud of them. Thank you to all those who were able to make it.

We have our final forest session this week- Thursday 17th July.

We will be collecting reading books in this week and passing them to their next class ready for September. Please continue to encourage your child to read over the summer holidays to keep them on track.

Dates for your diaries

- Reports out to parents - Monday 14th July
- Forest session- Thursday 17th July
- PTA Disco - Thursday 17th July
- End of term - Friday 18th July @ 1.35pm

Have a fabulous weekend in the sun!

Mrs Yates





Dazzling Elders



As we approach the end of term, the past week has been full of engaging activities, and we still have more to look forward to in our final days together.

The children swam exceptionally well on Monday, showing fantastic progress and confidence since the beginning of their lessons — it's been wonderful to see how far they've come

In Science, the children have been learning about plant reproduction, exploring the various parts of a flower and how they function. In English, they have been memorising and performing a verse from *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. It was lovely to see them speaking clearly, using expression, and showing great listening skills as an audience.

Our music lessons came to a fantastic finale with Friday's *Night at the Movies* concert. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along. The children performed *Best Day of My Life* brilliantly — we were incredibly proud of every one of them for their enthusiasm and singing.

Please note: Due to class transition activities on Monday, Elder's swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoon next week instead.

Dates for your diary:

- Reports to parents: Monday 14th July
- Elder's swimming: Tuesday 15th July (afternoon)

- PTA Disco: Thursday 17th July
- End of Term: Friday 18th July at 1:35pm

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



Wow!!! What a performance!! We are so proud of the hard work out children have put into their Grease performance, they all looked incredible and put 100% effort into their performances. Well done everyone.

We have managed to enjoy some tranquil time in the sun at forest school where we choose to complete our artwork looking at the natural environment. It was really relaxing and a rare opportunity to take.

Year 6 performance - Tuesday 15th July

Next week sees the Year 6 production of The Wrong Way Round. If you have not already sent your child's costume into school, please could this be in for Monday, when we will be performing our dress rehearsal in front of some of our younger pupils. Tickets for both performances are now on general sale priced at £3. These can be purchased through ParentPay until the end of Monday on a first come, first served basis.

Our evening performance begins at 6pm, so we are asking that all Year 6 children be back in school at 5.45pm. Entrance into school will be through the Junior playground and through Oaks class door. Parents who are staying to watch the evening performance can then enter the school through the back of the hall.

Collection will be at 7.15pm approx from Oaks class door.

Leavers service

Our Year 6 Leavers service will take place on Thursday 17th July at 9.30am in St Paul's Church. All Year 6 parents are very welcome to attend. School uniform to be worn for the service.

Whitaker Park and Tubing trip

This will take place straight after the Leavers service on Thursday 17th July. Your child is welcome to bring a change of clothes for the trip in a bag, which they can then get changed into after the leavers service. A packed lunch will also be required on this day. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and requires a packed lunch from the school kitchen, please let the office know as soon as possible.

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd









Mighty Oaks



Oaks

The end of term is edging ever closer and the last few days for our Year 6 pupils have been filled with so many different events. We also have a jam-packed week next week to see us through to their very last day of primary school.

Yesterday, we were visited by the Vision Youth team, who talked to the children about online safety and the dangers of online apps, sites and games. This was a really informative session with some very important messages passed on. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Night at the Movies concerts this week. The children performed amazingly and we were very proud of their enthusiasm and singing spirit.

We were also lucky to have our Career carousel on Monday afternoon, where the children were given the opportunity to talk to people from a range of professions. A massive thank you to all the career professionals who gave up their time to speak to all the Year 6 children.

Forest School

The last ever Forest School session for Oaks class will take place on Tuesday 15th July in the morning. Please can kits be in school on this day.

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Mrs Lee

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.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

