



# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

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

## Starting Reception in 2024

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. **Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.** You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

**The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at 11.59pm on:**

**Primary applications – 15th January 2024**

Starting school in 2024...

**ST. PAUL'S CE PRIMARY, A PLACE  
OF LEARNING AND WONDER.**

Is your child due to start school in  
September 2024?  
If so we would love to welcome you

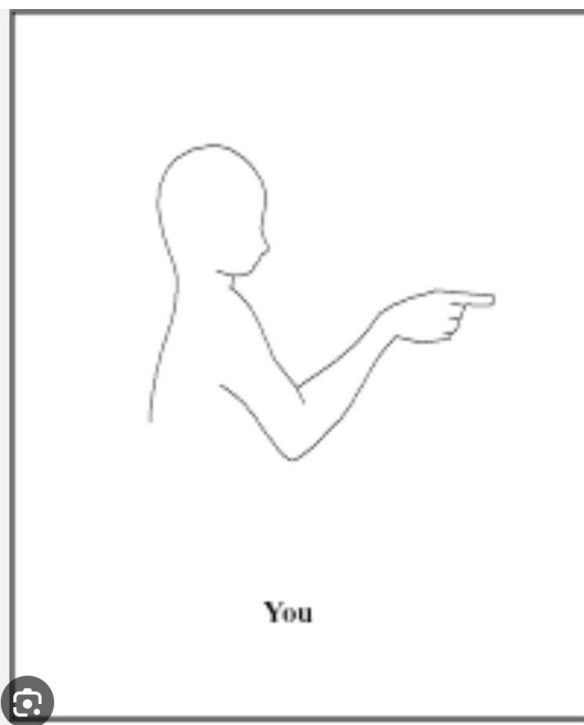


*Open Evening*

**Wednesday 15th November  
6pm**

Calder Road, Rawtenstall, Rossendale  
BB4 8HW

Word of the week



Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 have been learning a new word in Makaton. We thought it would be lovely if we shared each week's new word on the newsletter so that we can all learn together. This week the infants are learning how to sign the word 'you.'

### Dates for your diary...

- ***Wednesday 15th November Open Evening for EYFS 2024***
- ***Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November Parents Evening – Please complete the form for an appointment***
- ***Parents evening for Willows class only - Wednesday 29th November and Thursday 30th November***
- ***Tuesday 12th December Infant Nativity 1.30pm and 6pm (Ticketed event)***
- ***Tuesday 19th December Junior Carol Service at St Paul's Church 2pm***

### Forest School timetable - Autumn 2

#### ***Week starting 13/11/2023***

- **Monday - Alders**
- **Tuesday - Elms**
- **Wednesday - Elders**
- **Thursday - Willows**
- **Friday – Maples**

#### ***Week starting 20/11/2023***

- **Monday -**
- **Tuesday - Acorns**
- **Wednesday - Ashes**
- **Thursday - Oaks**
- **Friday – Sycamores**

## PE Timetable - Autumn 2

St. Paul's PE.					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Amazing Acorns			Indoor PE		
Awesome Ashes	Indoor PE				
Super Sycamores			Indoor PE & Outdoor PE		
Outstanding Alders				Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
Enchanted Elms	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Marvellous Maples	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Dazzling Elders	Outdoor PE				Indoor PE
Wonderful Willows		Indoor PE with sports coach			Outdoor PE
Mighty Oaks	Swimming	Indoor PE with sports coach			

If your child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependant) sunscreen, water bottle, PE hoodie.  
All classes other than Acorns and Ashes will need to bring their PE kit and leave it in school. Acorns and ashes can come to school for the day in their PE kit which consists of navy blue shorts, track-suit bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie/school jumper and pumps.

## Attendance/Holiday information

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

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 \(stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk\)](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/School-Holidays-23-24.pdf)

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.

## Do you want to raise funds for school in a way that does not cost you anything?

Just letting you know that St Paul's CE Primary, Rawtenstall are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can even book your next holiday through them. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-ce-primary-rawtenstall/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-ce-primary-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1) Thank you so much!

## Young Mental Health Champions

On Thursday 9th November, 2 children from Year 5 were chosen to attend a special training session to become a Young Mental Health Champion. The day was delivered by two 'Champions'; A world class skateboarder and an England Hockey player who have inspired our children. Throughout the day, we took part in many activities to equip us with the right skills to deliver a Mental Health programme back at school. Our two children, Elijah and Amara are keen to begin a lunchtime club to educate their peers on how important it is to look after our mental health and they were both very brave in delivering a Dragon's Den performance about their plan.

## England Rocks times tables competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, the Junior children are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](https://play.ttrockstars.com).

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them as much as you can.

Many thanks

Mrs Lee



## PTA

### PTA News

We are once again organising a 'Christmas Hamper' raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a non-perishable food or drink item for the hampers (a sell by date of at least 31 December 2023) and as a thank you for hamper donations the children will be able to "wear what they want" for one day in school on Friday 24th November 2023 (appropriate clothing for the weather please). Please see our letter that will be sent out by ParentPay.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on ParentPay - £1 each.

The draw will take place week on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm live on our Facebook page, we will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections before school closes on Wednesday 20th December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

## This week we have been learning...

### Amazing Acorns



Acorns have been really busy this week. In maths we have been learning all about the number six and using positional language to describe where teddy was hiding.

In English we received a message from a duck and shared our new story Framer Duck. The children were brilliant at role-playing the story.

We have learnt about Diwali and Remembrance Day. At Forest we were making a home for Hattie the hedgehog so she could hibernate.

### Brilliant Berries

We have had another lovely week in Berries. In English we have been continuing with our book Lost and Found. We have loved thinking about what it is like to live in The South Pole like the penguin from our story. We have explored cold water and ice and even dressed up in winter clothing. In science we have been looking more at everyday materials. We have tested reflective materials and liked exploring them in different lights.

A polite request: If any spare clothing/ underwear has been given out this term, we would greatly appreciate it returning back to school. Also, if anyone has any old/ spare uniform they would like to donate (age 4-7) it would be greatly received. Thank you.

### Awesome Ashes



This week in Ashes we have had a super week of learning. In science we explored Autumn down in forest school comparing leaves on their shape and their colour. The children decided to create an autumn landing using autumn leaves and throwing them up as they went down the slide. In maths we have been busy counting in twos and exploring number 6. We helped Noah to count his animals in 2 by 2 making sure the animals were safe and in pairs.



## Super Sycamores



This week the children in Sycamores have learnt about fractions in maths this week (finding equal parts of the whole). In English, we have been shared writing the beginning, middle and ending from Jack and the Beanstalk. Our History this week has had us finding out about the life of Learie Constantine a famous cricketer who lived in Nelson.

## Outstanding Alders



Alders have had a super week. In English we have carried on reading Honestly Red Riding Hood was Rotten. We are really enjoying a different version of the traditional tale. In maths we have looked at different types of charts and how we collect data. In history we continued to look at Rosa Parks life and what life was like for her when she was younger. In RE we linked our nativity to the Christmas story and discussed why the Christmas story is important to Christian's.



## Enchanted Elms



The children this week have been learning about Remembrance Day and why its important to remember - They created some poppy art for our school display. In topic they have been learning about the Bronze Age and why it is the end of Stone Age.

Friendly reminder - We have our next Forest School on Tuesday 14th November 2023. Please bring your kit.

## Marvellous Maples



This week I have been so impressed with the children's understanding in Maths. Year 4 children have been adding four-digit numbers with exchanging and have all been making progress. This is great to see. In History we have been a team of archeologists discovering a tomb like Howard Carter. The children had to crawl down a dark passage to view the artefacts in the tomb, but couldn't stay more than ten seconds due to the poisonous air. They then had to discuss with their team what they saw.

Polite request - please can all Geography field trip letters for the fieldtrip walk on Monday 20th November be returned to school on Monday 13th November.

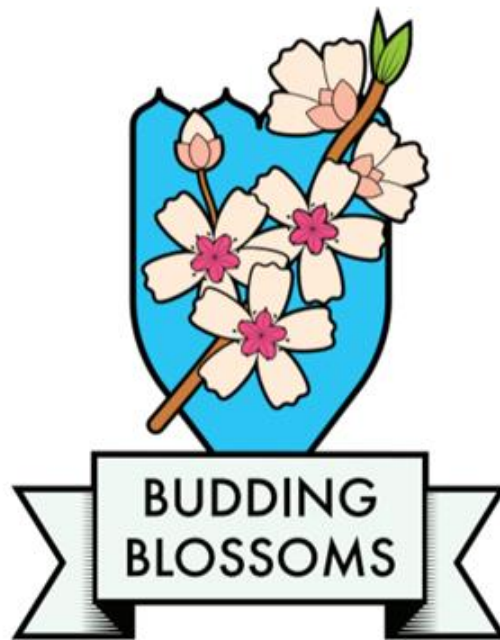
## Mighty Oaks



Year 6 have certainly battled against the elements this week! This weeks Bikeability goes down in school history as the wettest ever! This didn't put our riders off though as they have learnt to navigate the roads safely. A big well done to all Year 6 who have taken part and also a huge thank you to the instructors from Go Velo. Children are now welcome to ride their bike to school however, please ensure that they have lights and reflectors/reflective jackets to keep themselves safe during the winter months.

Alongside cycling, we have also been building and constructing a 3D model of the inside of an air raid shelter. Our photos show how intricate and detailed they are.

## Budding Blossoms



Blossom's have had another great week. We have used all our senses to begin to write our 'Bonfire Night' poems, we cannot wait to perform them to another class next week. The children have come up with so many fantastic ideas and we have loved using a multisensory approach to create our ideas. In maths, we are still working on our multiplications. We have been working on a wide range including 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s and 11s. We have been using songs to help us remember them and been making them in lots of different ways using Numicon, gems and other resources in our classroom.

Next week, we have 'England Rocks', so practise your timetables because there are prizes for the most correct answers. Please read with your child frequently, it is really important as it helps fluency. Please read even if you have read the book once. Books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday, but we must have books in school every day. I look forward to seeing you all at parents evening, so please do book a slot.

## Pupils as leaders in our school...

### Pupil Voice



This week pupil voice have been talking about Children in Need. We have decided to have a non-uniform/PJs day - you can choose. £1 Donations can be made on ParentPay ready for Children in Need on the 17th November.

From Sam, Beth and Jessica on behalf of the Student Voice team.

## National Anti- Bullying Week

Monday marks the start of National Anti - Bullying week. Next Monday we are asking all pupils and staff to wear their silliest, brightest or oddest socks to celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school. No financial contribution needed.



## New ways November.

Each month, as part of our work based on our school values and to inspire practical actions for a happier and more caring society; our classes work through the action for happiness calendars.

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new each day!

Trying a new activity can be a great source of happiness. In challenging times, it also helps to take a new perspective or find new ways forward.



Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Charlesworth