



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter October 24

Friday 11th October 2024

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

Headteacher news

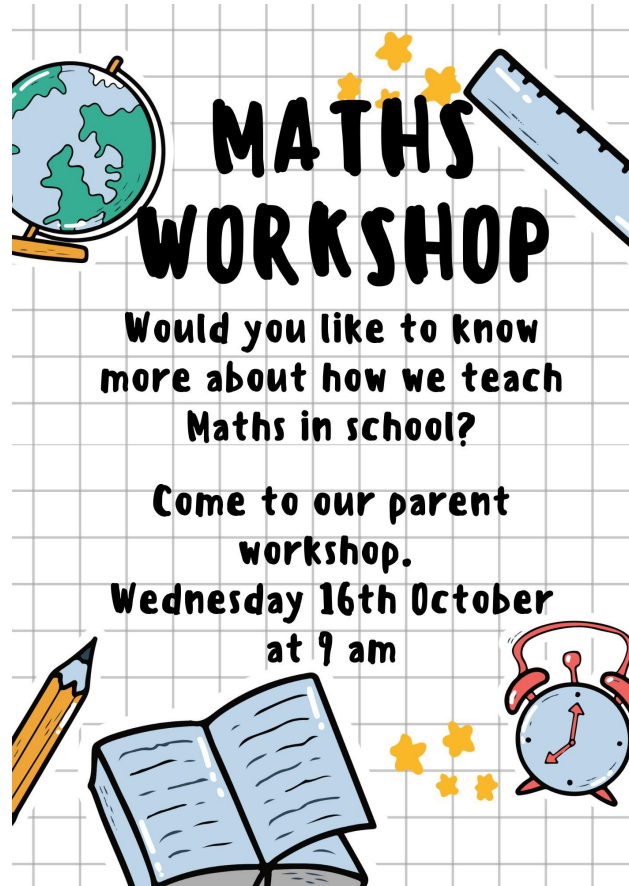
I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you who very kindly donated to our RAFT appeal. Your generosity will be greatly welcomed by many families in the valley who are currently facing challenging times. Thank you also to the parents, grandparents and St. Paul's PCC who helped us to walk to church and attended our church services on Thursday. I am especially proud of the staff and the children who have, created such lovely services to celebrate the Harvest festival this year.

If you're keen to discover more about how we teach maths – and how you can reinforce these skills at home – I warmly invite you to join us for the workshop. It promises to be informative, engaging, and tailored to help you make a real impact on your child's educational development.

These workshops reflect our commitment to fostering a strong partnership between home and school. We believe that when we work together, we can create the best possible learning environment for our pupils, both in the classroom and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we're nurturing the next generation of curious, confident, and capable learners.



St Paul's Rights Respecting School

Our Rights Ambassadors have got off to a flying start this half term with their work on improving rights for all rights holders and duty bearers in school.

They have worked in their classes to lead sessions on 'The Right to Play.' They then brought all of the children's fantastic ideas back to our meeting to write a Playground Charter. This will build on and support our Class Charters which we use within school.

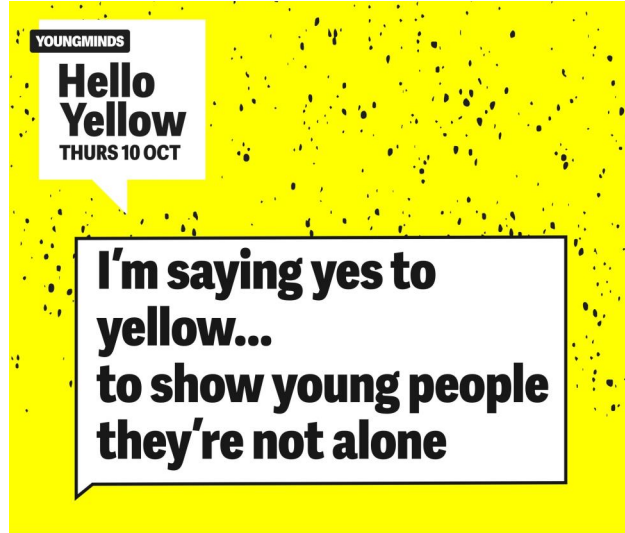
We then met with Mrs Charlesworth who was very proud of the ambassador's hard work and signed off the Playground Charter to be used for all of our playtimes and outdoor provision.

Already keen to further embed children's rights across school, they have already begun work on a Dining Room Charter and are actively involved in consulting on and trialling our new CARE behaviour policy.

Well done Rights Ambassadors! We are so proud of your brilliant start to the year!

Mrs Cooper

St Paul's Mental Health Ambassadors



M&S | **YOUNGMINDS**









Thursday was World Mental Health day and we really want to thank you for coming together dressing in yellow and kindly donating to support one of pupils choice charities #HelloYellow

The funds you've raised are vital for supporting the work of Young Minds and helping young people to feel less alone with their mental health.

You raised a whopping £288.52

Thank you so much for your support.



[myHappyMind Parent App Introduction - England & Wales](#)



We have continued to use a program to all year groups at school called myHappymind. myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappymind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappymind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 119367

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org

Special Lunch Bonfire Night 24

Please can you inform Mrs Harwood before Thursday 17th October if you would like to order this special lunch. Any orders after this date, we unfortunately cannot accept.

As always there will be our healthy options salad bar, fruit and yoghurts on offer for your children to select.

BONFIRE NIGHT



5th November

Fawkes Fire Cracking
Hot Dog
& Tomato Ketchup
or
Catherine Wheel Pizza
served with
Smokey Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
or
Baked Beans
~
Sparkler Cupcake

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CATERING SERVICE

Dates for your diary...



- Couch25k - Every week starting from Thursday 12th September - Meet at the office at the front of school
- EYFS Early number workshop - Wednesday 16th October 9 am
- Half Term break - Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October
- Return to school for the 2nd part of our Autumn term - Monday 28th October

- Individual photographs - Wednesday 13th November
- Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 28th November

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.

Influenza vaccinations

Flu Immunisation vaccinations will take place in school on THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, please follow this link to complete an online consent form.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/032f5d11>

This link will close on the 14th November 2024

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 3583 397, Option 2, Option 2.

In the meantime, if you have already taken your child to the doctors or chemist to have the Flu vaccine, please kindly inform the school office.

Thank you.

PTA

🎄👉 With the festive season growing nearer, your children will soon be getting letters sent home with their Christmas artwork attached, to give you the chance to order cards, labels or mugs. Along with these, there will be instructions on how to order.

****Artwork for any orders placed will need to be returned to school by 9am on Monday 14th October 2024 as orders cannot be printed without the returned artwork.****

If anybody has any questions or problems, please message us, or speak to one of the PTA Committee 🌍🎄

👥👥 **Save the date!** Our next event is the autumn disco on Thursday 17th October 2024. Please note it is NOT Halloween themed. We need lots of volunteers on the night to make the event possible so if you'd like to help please contact us via our Facebook page, email address stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com or leave your name and contact details at the school office and we will get back to you 👥👥



Autumn Disco Thursday 17th October 2024

Dear parents / carers,

The 2024 Autumn Disco is held at school on Thursday 17th October.

Children in infants will be able to enter at 6.00pm, together with their siblings. All other children (Year 3 upwards) should arrive at 6.30pm. This allows the younger children time to settle in before the older children arrive. Children will need to be collected by a responsible adult by 8pm. The price is £2 per child.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the disco, please leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the Facebook page. A list of volunteers will be made prior to the disco. Volunteers should arrive at the school office at 5.45pm and entrance is free. We will not be accepting volunteers on the night.

There'll be a DJ in the Hall, games, crafts and refreshments including hot dogs, drinks, crisps and sweets to purchase.

Face painting and temporary tattoos are available on the night. Please let a member of the PTA know, prior to the disco, if there are any concerns about this for your child for example a previous allergic reaction. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil and face paints with soap and water and should be removed before school the next day. Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.

Only children that currently attend St. Paul's are allowed in the Disco. We realise this may cause inconvenience for some parents with younger children, however it is a rule for the safety of our children.

For safeguarding reasons, there are strictly no mobile phones or any electronic recording devices allowed at the disco (children or adults). We will have to ask you to leave if this rule is ignored.

For health and safety reasons we have made some changes to previous discos:

Due to fire safety regulations on the number of people allowed in the building, we ask that only parents/carers of children with medical needs stay at the disco. Parents and carers who stay will need to sign in at the school office. All children will be supervised by several St Paul's staff and PTA volunteers. Staff will contact parents/carers if their child wishes to leave early.

We are also changing where to collect children from at the end of the disco. Children in infants can be collected at 7.45pm from their own classroom doors, apart from children in Alders class. Alders pupils can be collected from Berries classroom door. Juniors can be collected from the external hall doors at 8pm. Please contact school to let them know if your child is being collected by someone else.

www.facebook.com/stpaulsrawtenstallpta stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com www.twitter.com/stpaulsptabb4



The children have a wonderful time and grow in confidence with each school Disco. The children enjoy the independence of buying items and working out if they have enough money left for something else at the end of the night, which is a valuable life skill!

Let's celebrate together. Any questions please ask via the PTA Facebook and twitter pages or via email.

St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

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📄📄 On Friday 1st November 2024 at 3:20pm we will be holding our AGM. This is a chance for you to see what and how the PTA run and for you to get involved. We always need new volunteers! If you would like to attend please email us at stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there 📄📄

Many thanks for all your continued support!

Bonnie Smith(PTA Chair)

Fundraise for school that does not cost you anything.



Parentkind – the charity that supports schools and PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, 'opt in' through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

A huge thank you to all who have already added our school to their Asda Rewards Cashpot.

If you would like to support our school:

- Please open your Asda Rewards App.
- Click on the ... three dots in the bottom right corner of your screen
- Select 'Clubs' and then select 'Cashpot for schools'
- Select 'Great count me in'

- Select our school using the postcode 'BB4 8HW '
- It will ask you to select 'Rawtenstall St. Paul's Church of England Primary School'
- Select Submit

Easyfunding



We're now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use Easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE!

These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

Starting Reception in 2025 or moving onto high school ...

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

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 2025 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31st October 2024

Primary applications - 15th January 2025

OPEN EVENING



Wednesday 13th November
Event starts 6pm

St. Paul's Church
of England Primary
School Rawtenstall

Join us !!

📍 Calder Road, Rawtenstall BB4 8HW
🌐 <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk>
👍 @StPaulsCESch ☎️ 01706 215893

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://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.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices from September 2024

Information for Parents



You may be aware that the Department for Education 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.**
- A 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).
- This also includes pupils with persistent absences.
- 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



School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Re-open Wednesday 4th September 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 21st October -

Friday 25th October 2024 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 28th October 2024

Closure after school on Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open Monday 6th January 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 17th February –

Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 24th February 2025

Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Staff Training Day Friday 2nd May 2025

May Day Closure Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open on Monday 2nd June 2025

Closure after school on Friday 18th July 2025

Staff Training Days Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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/>

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Believing in Better*

Call or text 07877 714693

4X 2hr Sessions

Scan to book - in the drop down box, please make sure you select the course and date required

**HANDLING
ANGER IN
THE
FAMILY**

Promoting healthy tips with our children & family members and strategies to handle anger better.

September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD

Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

**THE
TEENAGE
YEARS**

The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

We have had a lovely week in Berries, we have worked hard to practise our counting forwards and backwards to and from 100. The children love joining in and jumping to the numbers.

In English, we have been practising our segmenting and blending. We have written CVC words and used the magnetic letters to find the sounds and also make the words. They have blown our socks off with how hard they have worked.

In our topic this week, we have worked hard in geography, we have been deciding if buildings and objects around Rossendale Valley have been man-made or natural. They made great decisions and were able to correctly identify different objects.

Each child now has a reading book, please ensure it is in school every day, so that we can read with your child in school and change their books when necessary.

If you would like your child's cauliflower card, these need to be returned on **Monday**.

As always, we hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Coleman

Amazing Acorns



What a busy week Acorns class have had. In English, we have been looking at the characters from Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We then looked at the pictures of our family and labelled who was who. In science we had a go at making butter. We thought carefully about where food comes from and how and why the cream has changed.

Thank you to everyone who came to our harvest service. The children did an amazing job and sang beautifully.

Cauliflower Cards

Parents are reminded that the cut off date for orders and art work to be returned to school is Monday 14th October.

PE

After half term, all the children in Acorns need to bring their PE bags to school and get changed in school each Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Bliss.

Awesome Ashes



Curriculum news

In Maths this week, we have been learning about shapes: Year 1 have been finding out about vertices and sides on triangles and squares. Our Reception children have been learning about number 2. In English we have been creating character profiles for the Gingerbread Man, the children learnt different words for 'sad' including glum, upset and miserable. In topic we have been learning about maps, locating London, Manchester and Rawtenstall on a map of the UK.

Harvest It was lovely to see so many of our parents in church yesterday for the Infant Harvest service. The children listened to the work of RAFT in our Tuesday worship and the statistics were astounding of how many families within Rossendale are supported by this very worthy charity. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

Cauliflower Cards

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PE

After half term, all the children in Ashes need to bring their PE bags to school and get changed in school each Wednesday.

Dates for your diary

Maths workshop- Wednesday 16th October @9am

School disco - Thursday 17th October

School closes for half term - Friday 18th October @ 3.10pm

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

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[Super Sycamores](#)



Curriculum news

This week has been super busy in Sycamores. In English we have been working hard on writing our stories based on Harry the Happy Mouse and making sure we use our finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and our phonics to help with our spellings.

In Maths we have moved onto measurements and learning new vocab - length, height, taller, shorter and width.

In Forest school we have been looking for signs of the season and were able to work out that the current season is Autumn. We made journey sticks to include items that represented the season Autumn. We had fun finding items to tie to our sticks and have learnt to tie a simple knot. Lots of children helped each other and it was great to see the class working together.

Harvest It was lovely to see so many of our parents in church yesterday for the Infant Harvest service. The children were amazing for standing up and remembering their lines, especially as we had a last minute stand it - well done to everyone.

Cauliflower Cards

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Next half term PE will be on Tuesdays - please bring PE kit on this day from Tuesday 29th October.

Dates for your diary

Story sharing - Thursday 17th October from 2.55pm

School disco - Thursday 17th October

School closes for half term - Friday 18th October @ 3.10pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs de Boutemard







Outstanding Alders



Curriculum News

In Maths this week, we have finished our unit on measurement and we are now working on addition and subtraction.

In English we have finally got to the end of our story. Before we shared it we predicted what might happen and they role-played it, the children were great wolves. We also wrote a letter as Wilf to the animals to thank them.

We also spent time on Thursday thinking about our mental health and how we can keep our mind healthy. We completed some different activities throughout the day, such as reading, drawing and exercise.

Check out our Science pictures from our work on materials.

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Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.



Enchanted Elms



Curriculum news

This week we have been looking at a variety of graphs (bar charts, pictograms, tally charts) the children have been answering questions about the data. In English we have been doing a scaffolded write for a new chapter of A bear called Paddington and the children next week will be writing their own chapters. In science the children have been looking at muscles and what they do for our skeleton. In R.E we have been looking at the freeze frame pictures and how they relate to the creation story.

Harvest

It was lovely to see so many of our parents in church yesterday for the Junior Harvest service. Thank you also for the tremendous donations for RAFT. The children listened to the work of RAFT in our Tuesday worship and the statistics were astounding of how many families within Rossendale are supported by this very worthy charity. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

#Helloyellow

Thank you to all of the children for coming dressed in Yellow for Young minds. On Thursday, we celebrated Hello Yellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better. Because we stand brighter, together.

Cauliflower Cards

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After half term

PE after half term, P.E will be just on a Tuesday we have the coach and then its outdoor slot for 7 weeks.

Forest School

Monday 28th October 2024

Monday 11th November 2024

Monday 25th November 2024 Monday 9th December 2024 Dates for your diary

School disco - **Thursday 17th October 2024 – 6:00pm – 6:30pm - infants, 6:30pm-8:00pm – all children**

School closes for half term - **Friday 18th October 2024 @ 3.10pm**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



This week we have been super busy. The Maples have started writing their magazine articles and have produced some amazing introductions, which include rhetorical questions and topic vocabulary. The children have been trying to include some complex sentences in their writing, which has been great to see.

In science, we planned an experiment together and have decided on variables and a question. The children will be investigating what damages our teeth. We used eggs as a substitute for our teeth and have submerged them in water, milk, coke, vinegar and apple juice. We will be collecting the results and concluding the investigation next week.

Thank you to all the children that came in yellow yesterday and that have donated to young minds charity. It was also wonderful to see the sea of yellow in our celebration of Harvest at Church. The children did a fabulous job and we are proud of them all. We would also like to thank you for all your kind donations that have been now passed on to RAFT.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates

[Dazzling Elders](#)



Curriculum news

Elders class have worked extremely hard this week. In English the children have been writing their own non chronological reports. The children have written fabulous reports including technical language, expanded noun phrases and brackets. In Maths, the children have continued their work on Statistics. They have studied a range of graphs and interpreted and calculated the data.

Harvest

It was lovely to see so many of our parents in church yesterday for the Harvest service. Thank you for the help walking the children to and from church. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you also for the tremendous donations for RAFT. The RAFT foundation visited our Tuesday worship and it was astounding how many families within Rossendale are supported by this very worthy charity. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

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Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



Willows Class always work hard but this week they have worked exceptionally hard and made us very proud!

In English we have been writing our own fantasy stories, based upon the Nowhere Emporium. We had a huge list of steps of success for these lessons and the children have done so well, including dialogue, relative clauses, 'ing' openers, expanded noun phrases and similes. We have written so much each day that we have had to do finger yoga midway through our sessions! We will be finishing our stories next week and we can't wait to see the finished stories!

In Maths we have begun our Statistics unit and the children have had to tackle the tricky concepts of discrete and continuous data. They have studied a range of graphs and interpreted and calculated the data from them. Great work Willows!

In History we have continued to look at the Vikings as raiders and investigate how they were so successful at travelling such long distances before the invention of modern ships and aeroplanes. We studied why monasteries were a target for the initial raids and how the the capacity of different longboats gives us clues as to whether they were used for raiding, trading or as cargo ships. We also learnt some fun facts! Did you know that the Viking's used seal blubber to add waterproofing to longboats, but they also used it on bread like butter? Urrgh!

Dates for your diary

Maths workshop for KS1 - Wednesday 16th October @9am

Last date for Cauliflower Cards - Monday 14th October

School disco - Thursday 17th October

School closes for half term - Friday 18th October @ 3.10pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



Curriculum news

We are edging closer to the end of the half term and still Oaks class show how hard they are working in all subject areas. We have been looking at multiplication in maths this week and how partitioning bigger numbers is a great strategy to help when finding answers. We have also looked at using the grid method for longer calculations. So many of the class have persevered and tried their hardest this week. Well done!

In English, we have been using the text and the film of Goodnight Mister Tom to make comparisons between the characters and the plot. We have also been using particular events within the story to build emotion, action, dialogue and description. This is in preparation for our writing next week.

Harvest

It was lovely to see so many of our parents in church yesterday for the Junior Harvest service. Thank you also for the tremendous donations for RAFT. The children listened to the work of RAFT in our Tuesday worship and the statistics were astounding of how many families within Rossendale are supported by this very worthy charity. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

Cauliflower Cards

Parents are reminded that the cut off date for orders and art work to be returned to school is Monday 14th October.

Dates for your diary

Forest School - Tuesday 15th October

School disco - Thursday 17th October

School closes for half term - Friday 18th October @ 3.10pm

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

St. Paul's Church Worship



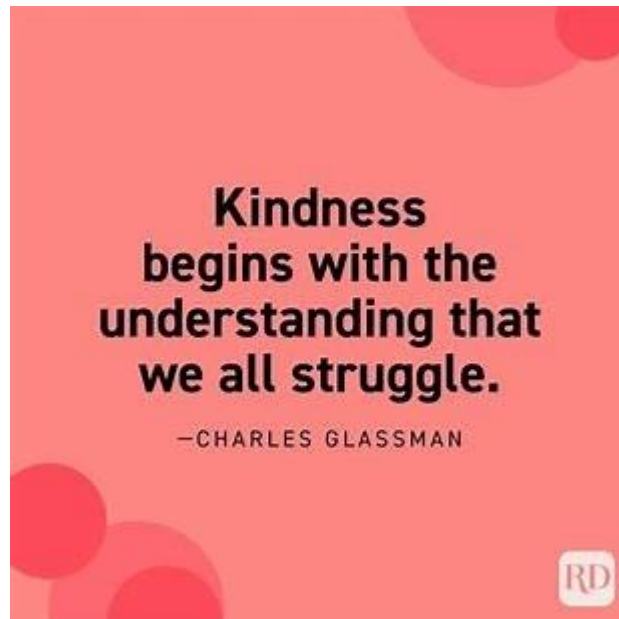
Harvest

Thank you to all the families who very kindly donated food items for Raft, please know that your generosity will bring comfort and relief to many. A simple tin of food or a packet of pasta might seem small, but when combined with the contributions of others, it becomes a significant lifeline for those who are facing challenging times.

Your generosity will undoubtedly make a positive impact on many lives in our valley. It's a testament to the caring and supportive community we have here at St. Paul's CE Primary School.

Together, we can make a real difference in our community, one act of kindness at a time.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

