



# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2024

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

## Headteacher news

What an incredible week we've had at our school! I'm thrilled to share with you the exciting events and learning experiences that have taken place recently.

First and foremost, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our very first 'Through the Decades' concerts. These performances served as the grand finale to our music week, which has been a great success. Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different music styles and fashion trends, as well as learning and performing songs from their chosen decades. It's been a joy to witness their enthusiasm and creativity throughout this project. Keep an eye out for photographs and video clips in next week's newsletter, where we'll showcase some of the highlights from these fantastic performances. Thank you to Mrs De Boutemard for leading on this wonderful project.

On a different note, I'd like to bring your attention to an important announcement from the Department for Education. They have mandated that by September 2024, all schools should provide a 32.5-hour school week. For St. Paul's, this means we need to extend our school day by just five minutes. We value your input on this matter, and I kindly ask you to participate in our consultation by using the link provided. We'll share the results of this consultation in next week's newsletter, ensuring that we make this transition with your feedback in mind. Please be mindful that this will impact the traffic on site for the end of the day option.

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I'd also like to remind you about our ongoing Parent Governor elections. Your participation in this process is crucial, and I'm grateful to all those who have already cast their votes. For those who haven't yet voted, please remember that completed ballot papers, sealed in their envelopes, must be returned to the school office and placed in the ballot box by 12 noon on Tuesday, 16th July. The votes will be counted immediately after this deadline, and we'll announce the results promptly.

This week marked the successful completion of our highly anticipated 'St Paul's to Paris' run. I must say, our children have truly outdone themselves! Their enthusiasm, determination, and team spirit were on full display throughout this event, and I couldn't be prouder of their remarkable efforts. I'd like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all those who have sponsored this event. For those who have yet to submit their sponsor money. Please ensure that any outstanding sponsorship funds are sent into school by Monday, 15th July 2024. I know many of you are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the prize winner. Rest assured, we haven't forgotten! The lucky winner will be revealed in next week's newsletter, so do keep an eye out for that exciting news.

I'd like to share my thanks to Miss Yates for organising this fun event.

On Monday our end of year reports will be sent home with your children. Please check their reading bags for the report envelope. Within this you will also receive any end of Key Stage and statutory test results. Information about parents evening should you wish to meet with your child's class teacher following their report. Information about the class and teacher that your child will move to in September and the holiday dates for the next academic year.

As we approach the end of the academic year, please note that school will close for the summer break on Friday at 1:35 pm. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this academic year. It has truly been a memorable one, filled with growth, challenges, and numerous achievements.

## Dates for your diary...



- Friday 12th July - Final Ice Lolly Friday.
- 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 July - PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm
  
- Staff Inset on Monday 2nd September
- Staff inset on Tuesday 3rd September
- School re opens for the new academic year to all pupils on Wednesday 4th September.

PTA



🍦🍦 Our final ice lolly Friday was on Friday 12th July. We hope you have enjoyed them, and we would like to thank you all for your support, even on those rainy days! It's lovely to see the children with big smiles on their faces! 🍦🍦

🗓️ 👤 Celebration Disco 👤 🗓️ Don't forget our celebration disco is on Thursday 18th July from 6pm - 8pm. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the end of a wonderful year!

📣 !! Volunteers needed !! 📣 We are still desperately in need of volunteers for the disco. If anyone is able to help, please contact us via the PTA Facebook or through the school office. Without enough volunteers we can't run events like this. so your help really does make a difference!

Thank you for your continued support.

Bonnie Smith

PTA Co-Chair

**THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024**  
**6PM -8PM**

**ST. PAUL'S**  
**PTA**



# **NEON** **CELEBRATION** **DISCO**

**FOOD, GAMES, FACE PAINTING**  
**AND LOTS MORE.**

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## Celebration Disco Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parents / carers,

The 2024 Celebration Disco is held at school on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. The doors open at **6.00pm** and all children need to be collected from school by **8pm** by a responsible adult.

Please note that 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.

As this is a Celebration Disco, a special room has been set aside for Year 6 Children to enjoy their last school Disco at St. Pauls.

The theme for the disco has been chosen by the Year 6 children and it is:-

### **"NEON"**

All children are welcome to come in themed outfits or fancy dress, but this is optional.

The price is £2 per child. If you wish to stay with your child at the Disco then the cost per adult is £2.00. Adults who stay cannot use their mobile phones during the disco. This is a strict rule for safeguarding reasons. We will have to ask you to leave if this rule is ignored.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the night then entrance is free. 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 and volunteers should arrive at 5.45pm. 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.

Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.

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!

There are no mobile phones or any electronic recording devices allowed at the disco (children or adults) and several St. Paul's class teachers are at the event for safeguarding reasons to protect our children.

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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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

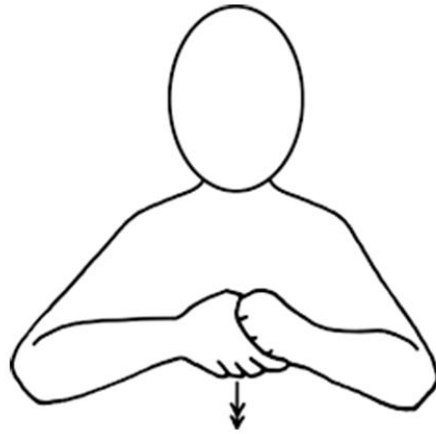
Another wonderful, busy week in Berries. In English, we have been finishing our story, Dogger. We have put the story in order and made a story map. In RE, we have been looking some more at Hinduism and welcomed Rita the doll to our classroom. The reception children have completed their road safety and have been learning how to cross the road safely with an adult.

Thank you to those who came to our 'Through the Decades' concert. The children have worked really hard on their performance and looked amazing in their costumes.

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Sign of the week: Friend



**Friends**







Amazing Acorns



I am feeling very sad that we only have one week left to go. We performed for the school on Wednesday, we had our class worship. We did a thankfulness catwalk and we showed the school a video of photographs from across the year. The children looked so different and I am incredibly proud of how much they have grown. They are all fantastic.

In Maths this week we have been counting, ordering and estimating. We have also been working out the missing number using one more/one less.

We have been learning about Islam this week and we have learnt about Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him). We have also learnt about the Quran. The children wrote their own rules for living a good life.

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Thank you for coming to the 'Music through the decades concert'. The children have worked so hard learning the song and the dance routine. Mrs Alvarez and Mrs Smith said they were amazing.

### Key dates

- Monday 15th July - Transition morning.
- Monday 15th July - Reports out to parents.
- Wednesday 17th July - Parents Evening.
- Friday 19th July - School closes at 1.35pm.

Miss Cavaney.

### Awesome Ashes



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Well done to all the Ashes on their performance! You should all be so proud of yourselves and your effort and performing skills.

Teddy Bears Picnic: Next week we are finishing our DT food unit and would like to invite 1 or 2 parents or carers per child to come and join us for our Teddy Picnic on Thursday 18th July at 2pm. Please let me know on Monday if you are able to make it so we know how many sandwiches etc to make.

## Super Sycamores



We have had another wonderful week in Sycamores class, planning and innovating our story based on The Proudest Blue in English and learning to measure capacity in Maths.

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Thank you for coming to watch our 'Dance through the Decades' it was great to perform our song!

Looking forward to enjoying the final week in Sycamores- I can not believe how quickly this year has flown by!

## Outstanding Alders



Alders have had a super week this week.

In science we continued our topic on plants. We looked at the life cycle of a plant, photosynthesis and compared bulbs and seeds. We are looking forward to writing an explanation text in English next week about plants. In RE we started looking at the faith Judaism and what is important to Jewish people. In outdoor PE we practiced our basketball skills. Through the Decades Shows. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the concerts - the children looked fantastic dressed as in 1970's outfits and loved singing and dancing. During music week we have also learnt about music and fashion trends in the 1970s and listened to a 1970's playlist.

### **Outstanding wellies**

Please can all Wellies be collected from outside the classroom door. There are still lots of wellies with no home. Any left over wellies will be recycled into plantpots or as spares for other children.

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## Enchanted Elms



In maths this week we have been learning about 3D shapes and the properties of them. In English the children have written their own advertisement for a robot helper. In art we have made felt flowers for the Civic Pride art project. Civic Pride are entering Rawtenstall in a Britain in Bloom competition and as part of that they have invited schools and community groups to decorate benches. This year's theme is Friendship, felt (Rawtenstall manufactured felt) and flowers.

### **Through the Decades Shows**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the concerts - the children looked fantastic dressed as popstars and loved singing and dancing. During music week we have also learnt about music and fashion trends in the 2000s and listened to a 2000 playlist.

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Thank You.

Miss Cowgill

## Marvellous Maples



We have had another fabulous week in Maples class, ending with the Through the Decades Shows. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the concerts - the children look fantastic dressed as popstars and loved singing and dancing. During music week we have also learnt about music and fashion trends in the 2000s and listened to a 2000 playlist.

On Wednesday we completed our Run to Paris sponsored run and despite the weather everyone was enthusiastic with some children running nearly 3 miles! Please return sponsor forms and money to school by Monday 15th July.

Reports will be sent home on Monday with your child. This will include the year 4 multiplication check score and their current attainment in all subjects. Transition morning will be on Monday. Your child will spend some time with their new class and teacher.

In English, we have now written our own version of the poem From a Railway Carriage and performed this to the class. I have been so impressed with the choice of vocabulary and how the children performed the poems with confidence.

In Maths, we have been working hard on different mental maths strategies for multiplication and division.

Any watches that have not been handed back from Edge Hill- please can you make sure these are in by Monday.

School finishes at **1.35pm** on **Friday 19th July 2024**.

Mrs de Boutemard

## Dazzling Elders



Elders have had an exciting week, filled with lots of exercise and performing.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the 'St Paul's to Paris' run. Some of our children ran an impressive 3 miles!! Please ensure any sponsor money which is outstanding is sent into school for **Monday 15th July 2024**. Thank You. The prize winner will be announced on next week's newsletter.



The children have also enjoyed a competitive game of dodgeball with the cricket coach- practising their throwing and aiming skills.

We have one week of swimming left and this will be their 'fun' session to celebrate all their hard work and determination throughout the term. Please remember to bring kits- no t-shirt or shorts required this week.

We are so impressed and proud of all of Elders in their 'Through the decades' performance. I hope you enjoyed the nostalgia throughout the concert, as we certainly enjoyed learning the songs and performing them.

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The children have been learning about the 'Shema' in RE and completed a very competitive 'crack the code' activity. They have also been learning the poem 'Pied Piper of Hamelin', ready to perform next week. The children have been using some tips from Michael Rosen to help them perform the poem effectively.

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School finishes at 1.35pm on Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates & Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



So our final week is upon us!

What a year it has been for our wonderful Willows!

In History this week the children have been learning about Mayan Gods. Some of the Mayan history is quite gruesome so the children have loved it!

In English we have been studying the classical poem 'The Convergence of the Twain' by Thomas Hardy. They have loved our English work on Titanic and have totally absorbed themselves into Kaspar, Prince of Cats. It has been a lovely unit to end the year.

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**Some information for our Year 6** - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies - Year 6 end of term performance. We are so looking forward to showing you our performance of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies on Tuesday 16th July and the children have been busy putting the final touches to the show. There are a few tickets remaining for each performance if you are wanting to watch or purchase extra tickets for family members. The afternoon performance begins at 1.30pm and the evening performance at 6pm. We are asking that children return to school in the evening from 5.30pm through Oaks class door. If you are watching the show, entry will be through the back hall doors (entry into school through the Junior double gates). After the show, pupils will be dismissed through Oaks class door (7.30pm pick up if you are not attending the evening performance). All children must be collected by an adult.

**Leavers Service** - Parents/Carers of Year 6 are invited to attend the Leavers service on **Thursday 18th July at 9.30am** in St Paul's Church. This is an opportunity for our children to reflect on their time at St Paul's and for the school to say a goodbye to our amazing Year 6. You may need to bring some tissues Please ensure all children be in full school uniform for the service and not their leavers hoody.

**Year 6 - Tubing and Whitaker Park trip** - Thursday 18th July This will take place after the Leavers service on Thursday. Children can bring along their own clothes to school in a bag to get changed into after the service. Leggings/joggers are advised for the tubing session. A packed lunch will also be required - if you need a packed lunch from Mrs Hindle, please inform school as soon as possible.

School finishes at **1.35pm** on **Friday 19th July 2024**.

Wishing you a wonderful last week in school.

Kind Regards Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

## Mighty Oaks



Oaks class, It seems very strange that there is only one more week left of the academic year, and the last week in school for our wonderful Year 6 pupils. This week has seen the class perform in our 'Through the Decades' Concerts, learn about and begin to make their own Freedom quilt and spend time with their Seed.

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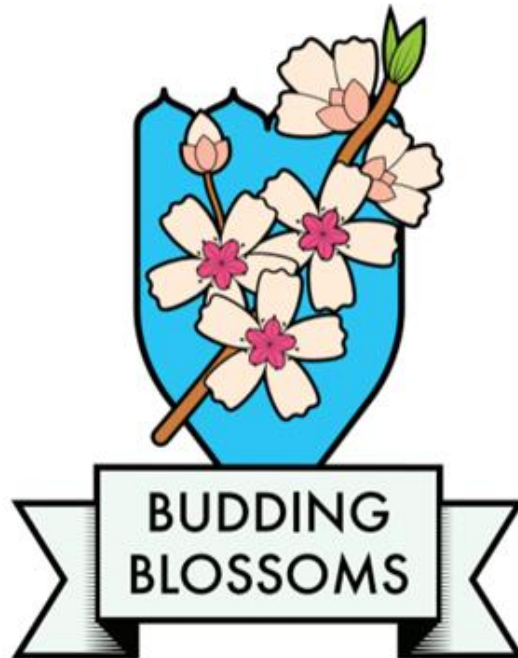
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Here's to a fun filled last week of term.

Mrs Lee

[Budding Blossoms](#)



Blossoms' have had a great week; we have enjoyed working out the perimeter of different shapes in maths and finding the length of different/missing sides to find the perimeter.

In English, we have continued to use a range of different medias to create short stories, diary entries and descriptions of different settings and characters. The children have worked so hard and the progress I have made this year has been huge! I am so incredibly proud of each Blossoms' and how hard they have worked this year.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Taylor



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## **Attendance/Holiday information**

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

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](http://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 from September 2024

### 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<sup>[1]</sup>. 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



## 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

Reflective Friday





Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again for our final week of this academic year.

*Kind regards*

*Mrs Charlesworth*

