



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 14th June 2024

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

Headteacher news

Every week I am very proud of our children, but this week I am especially proud of the Year 1 children who I have had the absolute honour of listening to them read through their phonic screening tests and our Year 4 children who have completed their Multiplication tables check. You have all worked incredibly hard and have made us all very proud of each of you.

A huge Thank you to Mr Rush and all the staff who give so much of their own time to organise and attend all our sporting events. Thank you for enabling our pupils lots of opportunities for so many sports.

Dates for your diary...



- Every Friday until the end of term - PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school from the hall at the end of the school day
- Wednesday 19th June - Upper KS2 Sports day 1:30pm
- Tuesday 25th June - Lower KS2 Sports day 1:30pm
- Thursday 27th June - KS1 sports day 1:30pm
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- Monday 1st July- PM Career Event Year 6 1pm-3pm
- Tuesday 2nd July - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- Week 8th July - Music week through the decades
- Monday 15th July - end of year reports
- Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 end of year production
- Wednesday 17th July - Parents evening in the hall
- Thursday 18th July - PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

PTA



🍦🍦 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍦🍦 -

Ice lolly Fridays are back! We will be in the hall every Friday after school until the end of the summer term. Come and get your end of week treat.

We are also starting to plan our end of year Celebration Disco. This will be held on Thursday 18th July 6pm - 8pm, more details to follow.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Co-Chair

School dinners

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

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

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



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

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

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

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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries



It has been a lovely week in Berries. This week, we have been continuing with our book Dogger. We have been discussing different adjectives and have been on a vocabulary walk around school. In maths, the year 1 children have been looking at fractions and the reception children have been looking at space and positional language. In art this week, we have been looking at the artist Paul Klee. We have been painting in his style.

Amazing Acorns



It has been a fabulous but busy week for Acorns.

In English, we have been ordering our story and exploring rhyming words. In Maths we have been learning all about 3d shapes.

Across school we have been doing lots of Science. We had a fantastic visit from Adrian who shared lots of different experiments with us. Our favourite was iron bru and mentos; we loved the orange explosion.

We have also been planting some seeds this week and we made our own recyclable pots out of newspaper.

We have learnt about Mary Anning this week, who is a famous fossil hunter. The children loved learning facts about her and they have been busy exploring our own dinosaur dig.

We also went on our class trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve. It was amazing and the children were brilliant, we completed two workshops: minibeasts and habitats.

Key Information:

- **PE is now on Tuesday.**
- **Please return forest school kits to school.**
- **Learn to ride, starting wb 24th June.**
- **Sports Day, 27th June 1:30pm.**
- **Road Safety, starting wb 8th July.**

[Awesome Ashes](#)



Through the decades concert - As the email via parent pay shows we are putting on a through the decades concert towards the end of term. Please can you start to gather white and red clothes that maybe suitable for the performance. Please see the image below for ideas.



This week we have been enjoying science week in Ashes. We started by looking at Mary Seacole and how she helped people as a nurse in the war. Our focus this week is to explore our bodies were we learnt about how our lungs work and made our own plastic lungs. We learnt about our muscles and how we need meat and fish to help build them, we then went to forest school to test out our muscles climbing trees. We explored what happens to food when we eat it and mixed our food and drink together in our stomach and squeezed it through the intestines to see what it looks like when it comes out. On Thursday we enjoyed the travelling science show, we got to predict, measure, observe and classify whilst learning to work scientifically. Finally on Friday we had a special visitor Dr Joy Hirst who came to speak to us about our bodies, how doctors can help us keep our bodies healthy and we explored our own teddy hospital.

PE - If you have not already done so please can you return your PE kit on Monday for our two PE sessions.

Forest school - Forest school starts back this week if you have not done so already please return your child's forest school kits. Forest school dates:

- Wednesday 26th June,
- Wednesday 10th July.



Super Sycamores



This week the children have really enjoyed our Science Week! We have undertaken lots of experiments about materials and learnt about the Scientific Elizabeth Garrett Anderson- the first woman doctor.

Y2 Mosque and Weavers Cottage visit Year 2 children will be walking to Peter Street Mosque and the Weavers Cottage on June 24th. Please provide your child with suitable coats for the weather and children will be able to wear their trainers.

Sports Day This will be held (weather permitting) on Thursday 27th June in the afternoon at 1:30pm.

Year 1 Road Safety Next week our Year 1 children will take part in Road Safety training.





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PE - Indoor Monday. Outdoor Wednesday.

Road Safety- For Y1 will commence on 17th June

Mosque visit for our Y2 children will be on Monday 24th June

Forest School days will be:

- Friday 14th June,
- Friday 28th June
- Friday 12th July.

Outstanding Alders



Through the decades



A super week in Alders this week. We have been doing some fabulous learning across the curriculum but have particularly enjoyed science week. We have been looking at the famous scientist Rachel Carson, learning about why she is famous and completing some experiments that are similar to those that Rachel did during her research.

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Dance through the Decades We are practicing our song 'blame it on a boogie' Please do not buy anything special, but if the children can wear anything bright and colourful and funky glasses that will be amazing! We'll have some spare glasses at school for anyone that needs them!

Reminder - if you haven't signed the consent form on ParentPay for the Mosque and Weavers' cottage visit on Monday 24th June, please could this be done as a matter of priority.





PE days :

- Thursdays (outdoor)
- Fridays (indoor)

Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE uniform which consists of a plain white T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only.

Forest school after half term:

- Monday 17th June
- Monday 1st July





Enchanted Elms





The children have been learning how to use grid method this week. They haven't found it easy but have really persevered and have worked super hard. Timetables knowledge has been the barrier; it is important they know their 3's, 4's and 8's. In English we have been looking at playscripts where the children have been using their acting skills. They have been using intonation, tone and volume for a variety of characters. This week they have learnt about Anna Atkins- a Botanist and the first person to publish a book illustrated with photographic images. They have learnt about her life and drawn shells, plants, pressed plants (can't wait to use these once they have dried) and even made their own prints of plants using real plants from the school grounds. They enjoyed having Adrian from Travelling Science learning about Forces. They really loved seeing real life experiments from a scientist.

Forest school - Tuesday 18th June 2024.

A reminder that Tuesday 24th June is our Sports Day at 1.30pm - Weather permitting!

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Forest school after half term:

- Tuesday 18th June 2024
- Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Maples have loved Science week! Our Science topic is sound and we have been learning all about Alexander Graham Bell's life, how he grew up and how he made the first telephone call. We have made our own telephones with string and paper cups. We had to investigate the best way to make them work. We have also learnt about vibrations, pitch and volume by testing elastic bands on a Tupperware with rice in. We have also learnt how the ear works and tested which materials are best for creating ear defenders.

Well done to all the Year 4s who have completed their times tables test - you were all so focused and tried your best.

Maples are learning the Ukulele over the summer term and are excited to show you our music skills with a small concert on Friday 5th July at 2.30pm.

Please note PE is now Tuesday and Wednesday Next Forest session Thursday 20th June

- **Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE uniform which consists of a plain white T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only.**

We have also chosen our songs for the Music Through the Decades week and are very excitedly learning the words and moves. As mentioned in the email, Maples are covering the 00s and the pictures are ideas for dressing up as popstars on concert day (white and glittery please)



Dazzling Elders



Elders have had a busy week this week. They have enjoyed swimming and some have earned certificates which have been given out. In RE this week, the children have looked at the Lord's Prayer and discussed the meaning of each of the lines. This week has been science week and we have been learning about Mae Jemison, who is an astronaut and scientist. The children have produced a biography all about her and her amazing achievements.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the Synagogue trip had to be postponed. Further information will follow at a later date. The children were so mature and understanding and enjoyed some field games instead.

Sports day is on Wednesday at 1:30pm (weather permitting). Please ensure your child has the correct kit with them. If it is cancelled due to weather, the children will then go to Forest School so please send their kit in anyway.

Reminder- Parent Pay for Greek Workshop- please sign.

PE - Our day has changed. It will now be on Wednesdays. Please can you ensure your child has a kit with them each Wednesday. This should include black/blue shorts (non branded) and a PLAIN white t-shirt. These are available to buy at the supermarkets usually costing only a few pounds (much less than the price of a football shirt).

The children will also have a cricket coach (EVERY Wednesday) in for the first hour in the afternoon so will need both kits on forest days. Swimming sessions will continue until the end of the academic year. (Cotton shorts and t-shirts are needed every session, as well as their swimming costume/trunks)

Next Forest school sessions:Wednesday 19th June Wednesday 3rd July

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates & Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



The children have had a wonderful Science week in Willows. Our key scientist was Professor Brian Cox and we have been learning all about Space in our lessons. We have designed a lunar rover, watched an

asteroid being made and learnt all about black holes. The children have been really engaged with this topic, asking some great questions about all aspects of Astrophysics!

In English we have continued with our Titanic passenger recounts. We are SO very proud with the standard of some of the writing we have seen this week. It has been amazing!

A reminder that next Wednesday is our Sports Day at 1.30pm - weather permitting! A separate letter has come home with the children detailing what they need on the day.

Dance through the Decades

We are practicing our 80s song 'Livin' On a Prayer' and the children should have brought home the words to learn. On the day please could the children dress as rockstars. We have been watching the original music video so they have some great ideas about big hair and rock star fashion. Please do not feel you need to buy anything new but if anyone has any inflatable guitars we would love to borrow them if at all possible!

Kind regards Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Year 6 children - if you haven't signed the consent form on ParentPay for the Cathedral visit on Thursday 20th June, please could this be done as a matter of priority.

Kind Regards Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

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[Mighty Oaks](#)



It has been another busy week in Oaks with play practice and Science week. The class have started to learn about the scientist Michael Faraday (who discovered electromagnetism) and our science workshop on Friday was all about electricity. The children have also had the opportunity within their science lesson to construct simple electrical circuits using a range of components.

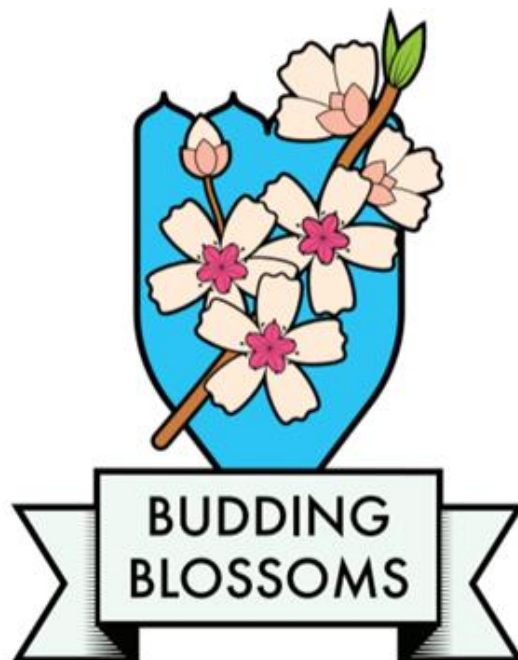
Letters have gone out to parent emails about some additional events coming up for the Year 6 - Year 6 Mini Olympics, and Picnic in Whitaker Park with Tubing. Parent permission is needed for both of these events if you wish for your child to take part. Please ensure that you do this through your ParentPay account before Wednesday 26th June.

Next Thursday sees the Year 6 travel to Manchester Cathedral to take part in the Diocese Leavers service. This is the first event in the start of their high school transition process and promises to be a memorable afternoon. Please can all children ensure that they are in full school uniform for the service and parents are also reminded that our arrival time at school will be a little later than 3.10pm. Traffic dependent, we are hoping to be back at school for approx 3.30pm.

A reminder that next Wednesday is our Sports Day at 1.30pm - weather permitting! A separate letter has come home with the children detailing what they need on the day.

Mrs Lee

[Budding Blossoms](#)



Blossoms have worked really hard this week; I am very proud of their independent skills that they have been building on. In maths, we have been continuing to practise our multiplication and completing long multiplications, all the children have worked so hard, and I am so pleased with the progress they have made.

In English, we have been working on our independent skills and ensuring we are consistently using capital letters and full stops in every sentence that we write. We have been reading our sentences back to make sure that they make sense and editing them when needed.

Well Done, Blossoms, another fabulous week!

Mrs Taylor!

Let's celebrate - Weekly awards



St. Paul's Awards.

	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week	Value winner
Amazing Acorns			
Awesome Ashes	Charlotte	Bradley	Benjamin
Super Sycamores	Oliver	Finn	Emelia
Outstanding Alders	Fraser	Charlotte	Denny
Enchanted Elms	Nuala	Evie H	James P
Marvellous Maples	Elise	Louie	Hattie
Dazzling Elders	Cali-Grace	Ivy	Tilly
Wonderful Willows	Ben B	Haniya	Dylan
Mighty Oaks	Rowan	Noah and Jess L	Scarlett
Budding Blossoms			



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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)

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.

Spectrum of Light - Irlen Syndrome



We are writing to let you know about another great CPD opportunity, organised by Spectrum of Light Rossendale (SoLR). We are proud to announce that Simone Ball will be joining us at St Paul's Community Centre Rawtenstall on Monday 17th June 7-9pm. The session will be available for all parents/carers and professionals to attend at a minimal cost of £5.00 per attendee. Simone is a qualified Irlen screener. She is based in a primary school setting and is passionate about educating more people about Irlen syndrome. Please help us by sharing this with your families and the wider community on your social media platforms. Please do contact us on info@spectrumoflightrossendale.co.uk if you need any further information.

Best wishes

Team Spectrum.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

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

The changes to be aware of are:

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

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period^[1]. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

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

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

Holiday list 2024/25



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

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mrs Charlesworth

