

# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter November 24

Friday 8th November 2024

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

### Headteacher news

What a whirlwind of a week we've had! It's been filled with moments of reflection, celebration, and looking towards the future. I'm thrilled to share with you some of the highlights that have made this week so special.

Our Remembrance Day observance was truly moving. The sight of our pupils in their various uniforms, standing together to pay their respects, was a powerful reminder of the importance of community and shared values. Your generosity shone through in the donations we received for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. It's heartening to see our school community come together to support such a worthy cause.

Midweek brought excitement as we opened our doors for our annual Open Evening. It was a joy to welcome families considering St. Paul's for their little ones who'll be starting their primary school adventure in September 2025. The evening buzzed with energy as we saw familiar faces of current and past parents, as well as potential new members of our school family. These

events always remind me of the continuous cycle of growth and renewal in our school community.

Speaking of family, our recent sibling photo session was a delightful affair. Watching brothers and sisters come together for their portraits was a heartwarming experience. These moments capture the essence of what makes our school special – the connections and relationships that extend beyond the classroom.

As we rounded off the week, our Children in Need Day brought a splash of fun and cosiness to the school. Your support and donations for this fantastic cause were, as always, incredible. It's wonderful to see our pupils engaging with charitable activities and understanding the importance of helping others.

Each of these events, in its own way, showcases the spirit of St. Paul's. From honouring the past and those who served, to welcoming future pupils, celebrating family bonds, and supporting those in need – we've demonstrated the values that make our school community so strong.

As we move forward, let's carry this spirit of respect, openness, and generosity with us.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement. It's a privilege to lead such a caring and engaged school family.

# Celebrating art in our school

### St Paul's C of E School Art Gallery

As I walk through the corridors and classrooms of our wonderful school, I'm constantly reminded of the incredible talent and creativity that our pupils possess. It's a joy to witness their artistic expressions adorning our walls, bringing colour and life to every corner of St. Paul's.

One of the many things I truly cherish about my role as Headteacher is the opportunity to see the amazing artwork our pupils create. Each piece tells a unique story, showcasing not only their artistic skills but also their imagination, dedication, and growth. From vibrant paintings to intricate sculptures, every creation is a testament to the hard work and passion of our young artists.

I often find myself pausing in front of these displays, taking a moment to appreciate the thought and effort that goes into each masterpiece. It's not just about the final product, but the journey of learning and self-expression that each artwork represents.

I'm excited to share this experience this joy alongside me. We've created a QR code that will allow you to view a selection of our pupils' artwork from wherever you are. Simply scan the

code with your smartphone, and you'll be transported into a virtual gallery of our school's artistic achievements.

I encourage you to take a moment to explore this digital showcase. Share it with your family and friends, and let's celebrate the creativity and hard work of our pupils together. It's an opportunity for you to see our school through my eyes and share in the pride I feel every day.



### PTA

It's been wonderful to hear that we have some parents who are keen to attend our AGM next week! We are looking forward to meeting you next Friday! If you are considering coming along, please do let the school office know – the AGM will start at 3.20pm on Friday 22nd November. Our PTA really does rely on the support of parents and families, and it's been lovely to see all of the support received so far this year!

Our next event is on Friday 29th November, where we invite all children to "wear what they want" for the day! This event runs in conjunction with our Christmas hamper raffle, so we are asking that in return, each child bring in an item to donate towards our hampers, for example mince pies, chocolates, crackers or biscuits.

Thank you for your continued support

**Bonnie Smith** 

PTA Chair



# PTA Christmas Hamper "Wear what you want day" Friday 29th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We are once again organising a Christmas hamper raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a contribution towards the hampers 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 29th November 2024.

Please make sure your children's clothing is suitable for the weather on that day.

We would be grateful for donations of Christmas related items on Friday 29th November.

We have listed some suggestions below. Please note that they need to be <u>non-perishable</u> items and to have a <u>sell</u> by date of at least 31 December 2024. We are accepting products containing citrus this year where items are bought and sealed in packaging.

- Chocolates
- Biscuits, Crackers, Crisps
- Christmas pudding, mince pies, Panettone, Lebkuchen
- ♦ Soft drinks

This year we intend to donate a hamper to a deserving family within our school community who may have had a difficult year.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on Parentpay for £1 each and we will allocate numbers. Sales will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The draw will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December around 7pm live on our Facebook page and we will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections before school closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any questions please ask a member of the PTA, email us or contact us through our Facebook page, details for which can be found below.

Thank you for your support in making these Christmas hampers a great success.

St Paul's PTA

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

### St Paul's Mental Health Ambassadors

Our Mindfulness Ambassadors are doing a fantastic job at delivering our Lunchtime sessions. Each week they plan a different activity as well as hosting an emotions drop-in session. They take their roles very seriously and deliver it perfectly. This week they were teaching children from Maples and Elder's class how to create corner bookmarks using the skill of origami and how reading can be a great activity to distract our busy brains, relax and focus.

Thank you to all the children that attended.



### myHappymind Parent App Introduction - England & Wales

myHappymind is delivered in our school by our 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 <a href="https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources">https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources</a> 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



# Dates for your diary...



Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 28th November - Parents evening

Thursday 28th November - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 29th November - PTA Non uniform day/hamper collection

### Wednesday 11th December ...

- Junior panto day
- Infants Christmas experience

Infants Christmas Dinner

### **Thursday 12th December**

- Junior Christmas lunch
- Infant nativity at 1.30pm and 5.30pm. (This is a ticket only event)

**Tuesday 17th December -** Alders and Sycamore Class party

Wednesday 18th December - Acorns, Berries and Ashes Class party

### **Thursday 19th December**

- Junior Carol service in church
- Elms and Maples Class party

### Friday 20th December

End of term celebration worship

Oak, Elders, Willows Class party

School closes at 1.35pm

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.

Have you started your Christmas shopping? Fundraise for school in a way that does not cost you anything.

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

# **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. <u>Is my child too ill for school?</u> NHS (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 3year 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 1.35pm 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



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/

# FAMILY e MATTERS

Time out for parent



Believing in Better Believing in Better

Call or text 07877 714693

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

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

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm YEAR 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 wonderful week; the children were so respectful during our two minutes silence on Monday. We have been using our story, Oliver's Vegetables as a hook this week, we have tasted some of the vegetables, as well as using them for printing and drawing our different pictures of the vegetables.

The children have worked really hard on their individual work and have blown me away with their sentence work this week.

We have had a busy week, having our photos taken, which you should have received now to order if you wish.

### Dates to remember

Forest school- Tuesday 20th November

Parents Evening - Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th November.

Nasal Flu vaccinations Thursday 28th November.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### Mrs Taylor and Mrs Coleman

### **Amazing Acorns**



Acorns have had another very busy week, working so hard and making us all very proud. In English, we have been continuing exploring our story Oliver's vegetables. This week, we have been ordering the story into the correct sequence, which has also been helping us remember the days of the week. In maths, we have been discovering the number 6! We have been subitising 6 and making it in different ways, as well as collecting 6 items around the playground and completing 6 jumps, claps, skips etc.

We have created some observational drawings of Oliver's vegetables that he found in his Grandad's garden. We were so impressed with their interpretations; we have some real Michelangelo's in our class, we were so impressed with their skills.

The children have made us so proud with getting changed, they are able to get changed on their own into their PE kit and back into their school uniform. They just need help with those fiddly buttons, so please do continue to work with them at home with this when they are getting ready for school. We have been moving like animals, we have been snakes, kangaroos, tigers and even cheetahs! We loved seeing each other's poses when we had to freeze!

This week, we have enjoyed tasting some of the vegetables that Oliver found when looking for potatoes. Some children really enjoyed beetroot, some did not! Their faces were brilliant, but I am so proud of them for all having a go at something they had not tasted before. Next week, we will use the pictures we took to help with our writing.

Our nativity is well on the way, the children have been practising their songs and dances and its practical a West End production now! We cannot wait for you to see it. There will be two performances on the 12th December, a matinee and an evening showing!

### **Important Dates**

PTA Raffle donation non-uniform day - Friday 29th November

Infant Nativity- Thursday 12th December

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

The EYFS team

Awesome Ashes



What a busy week it has been in Ashes this week.

In Maths the Y1 children have been working on counting in groups of 2 and 5. Check with your child! Can they count to 20 in 2's and can they count to 50 in 5's? Please practice. Our Reception children have been working on the number 6.

In English we have been reading information about penguins. We have even written our own page about 'What Penguins eat'. We know lots about penguins and are using our phonics to segment in order to write. Some of our Year 1 children are even beginning to use adjectives and the joining word 'and' in sentences now.

In our topic work we have learnt about Remembrance Day, creating some super poppy craft and finding out why we may choose to wear a poppy. We had a very respectful minute of silence on Monday to commemorate this important day.

Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many of our pupils dressed in their pyjamas and own clothes for Children in Need Day on Friday. Thank you also for your donations.

### **Library books**

Please remember to bring library books into school to be changed each Wednesday.

### Dates for your diary

Next Forest School session - Friday 29th November and Friday 13th December.

Parents Evening- Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 28th November (please let me have your parents evening reply slip for an appointment).

PTA Raffle donation non-uniform day - Friday 29th November

Infant Nativity- Thursday 12th December

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding



We have had another super week in Sycamores.

In Maths we have been learning to count in 10s, 5s and 2s, To support your child's learning please can you practice this counting at home.

In English lessons, we have started our new topic of Traditional Tales with a twist. We are looking at the features of a traditional tale to recognise when a story is a traditional/fairy tale.

This week in Forest we have continued our learning about the season Autumn and have completed a treasure/scavenger hunt to find signs of Autumn. Sycamores loved using the clipboards and brand-new pencils!

Next Forest School sessions- Thursday 28th November and Thursday 12th December

Parents Evening- Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 28th November (please let me have your parents evening reply slip for an appointment).

PTA Raffle donation non-uniform day - Friday 29th November

Infant Nativity- Thursday 12th December

Mrs de Boutemard









### **Outstanding Alders**



Another busy week done and we have had our first nativity practise. The children were amazing. Please can you support your child to learn their lines off by heart.

You should have received a letter about parents evening. Please can you return it if you have not already, and I will do my best to fit you in for your chosen slot. Please can I remind parents that these slots are only for five minutes, should you need more time then please let me know.

### **Curriculum News**

In Maths this week we have been doubling and completing repeated addition number sentences such as 5+5+5+5. We have also been looking at arrays and multiplication.

In English we have been learning more about elephants, lions and zebra's in preparation for writing our own fact file.

We have continued our work on Pete Cromer and completed a pastel drawing of a robin using a picture of his. Have a look at some of our artwork.

### **Dates to remember**

Forest school- Tuesday 26th November.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th November.

Nasal Flu vaccinations Thursday 28th November.

Infant Nativity will be held on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss CAvaney













### **Enchanted Elms**



This week the children have been planning their leaflet about some of London's landmarks that we have been learning about over the last couple of weeks. In Maths we have been learning about grid method for multiplication. They have been multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. In science the children have learnt about magnets and how they have two poles. They investigated if they would attract or repel each other.

**Remembrance Day** - The children created their own poppies to create a wreath for Remembrance Day. As a school we took two minutes of silence to reflect on the soldiers who had lost their lives during the great battle.

**Children in Need** -It was lovely to see so many of our pupils dressed in their pyjamas and own clothes for Children in Need Day on Friday. Thank you also for your donations.

### Junior Christmas panto trip

Thank you to all the parents who have signed the consent form and paid towards the panto trip. If you haven't signed the consent form on Parent Pay, please could this be completed as a matter of urgency. No child will be allowed on the trip without parental consent. If you need a paper copy of the form, please see Mrs Harwood in the school office.

**P.E is on Tuesdays** we have the coach and then its outdoor slot for **4 weeks**.

### Forest School -

- Monday 25th November 2024
- Monday 9th December 2024

### Dates for your diary

Nasal Flu vaccinations - Thursday 28th November 2024

PTA Raffle donation non-uniform day - Friday 29th November

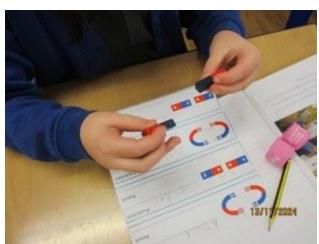
Junior trip to the panto - **Wednesday 11th December** (a packed lunch will be required on this day)

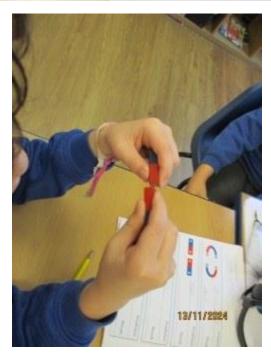
Junior Christmas lunch - **Thursday 12th December** (please order through ParentPay before Friday 22nd November)

Junior Christmas Carol Service - **Thursday 19th Decembe**r in St Paul's Church at **9.30am** 

Miss Cowgill









### Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a great week.

We have been busy collecting words and phrases to describe a monster for our writing in English. We have also watched the trailer to Water Horse to see how the author introduces the character.

In maths, the children have been working hard on using the grid method to multiply larger numbers. They have really impressed me with their perseverance. In science, we have looked at solids, liquids and gases and how we can distinguish between them. We had some really critical thinking, which was great to see.

Thank you to all those that donated to children in need, we had a great day celebrating this amazing charity.

Parent's evening slips have been sent home and I have sent out appointments. If you haven't received a letter, we have spares.

If anyone would like to donate any 'Water Horse' books, they would be gratefully received by Maples class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

**Dazzling Elders** 



It's been a week full of learning in Elders class! The children have been writing narratives inspired by The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. They have been applying all the skills they have developed in the last few weeks. They have been blending description and dialogue, using expanded noun phrases, inverted commas to demarcate speech and fronted adverbials for when. The children have really enjoyed this unit and have been enthusiastic writers: we definitely have some future authors!

In Maths, the children have been practicing their nine times tables and using the grid method to multiply and even working on calculations with missing numbers. In RE this week, we have been

thinking about how people show that they belong to different clubs, organisations and groups and linking it to how Sikhs express their beliefs and values.

This week in Forest the children looked for signs of Autumn, we discussed deciduous and evergreen trees and then the children sketched trees or leaves.

Children in NeedIt was lovely to see so many of our pupils dressed in their pyjamas and own clothes for Children in Need Day on Friday. Thank you also for your donations.

### Dates for your diary

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



This week we have been so proud of the Willow's class; they have worked so hard to create a brilliant class assembly. It was filled with facts, jokes, and some vicious looking Vikings. We couldn't be prouder of their clear lines, beautiful singing, and bags full of enthusiasm. Well done Willow's class.

#### Science

Last week we planned an experiment to test how absorbent materials could be. We decided to test different nappies. Some children chose to test different brands of nappies while others chose to test the different sizes. It was amazing how much we learnt and just how much a nappy can hold. We the wrote up our results and evaluated our experiment.

#### Maths

Our Maths has been very tricky this week as we have been battling with fractions. We used our timetables knowledge to help us to find and create equivalent fractions, we then moved on to ordering our fractions and finally we have been looking at converting fractions to decimals. Some of those Maths brains are definitely ready for the weekend to recover. Throughout the lessons they have been very resilient though and not let the idea of 'fractions' put them off.

### Dates for your diary

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Mrs Todd













### Mighty Oaks



It's been a week of hard work, enthusiasm and resilience in Oaks class this week!

As always, the class have been working towards their various swimming awards in their weekly lesson at Marl Pits. The improvement in all of the children has been phenomenal and the swimming coaches are very proud of the children working so hard to attain some tricky skills, particularly in life saving skills. Please can your child bring along shorts and t shirts, as well as their swimming kit for the remainder of the term.

In English, we have finally completed our own independent first-person perspectives based on the story of Goodnight Mister Tom. It has been wonderful to see the children incorporating all the skills of the past few weeks into their writing. We definitely have some budding authors in Year 6.

To link with Remembrance Day and our War Poetry unit, the children visited the World War One memorial in Rawtenstall Cemetery on Monday on the way back from swimming. We took a moment to reflect on the soldiers who had lost their lives during the great battle and we also identified one soldier each who we would like to find out some more information about. This will form part of our history lessons in the next few weeks.

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Mrs Lee

## St. Paul's Church Worship



As we settle into the rhythm of another exciting half term, the focus of our collective worship: peace. This theme resonates deeply within our school community, offering us all an opportunity to reflect on its significance in our daily lives



Saturday 30th November

From 2pm to 4pm

St Mary's Church Rawtenstall BB<sub>4</sub> 8SQ

FREE | NO NEED TO BOOK!



### Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

# Kind regards

# Mrs Charlesworth

