



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

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

Headteacher news

What a fantastic week we've had!

First and foremost, a huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs. Your hard work and determination have not gone unnoticed, and we're immensely proud of each and every one of you.

It's with great pride that I can report that the Cross-Country event ran smoothly, as always. But what truly sets St. Paul's apart is the enthusiasm of our pupils. We had an impressive 48 children participate - the largest number of all schools attending! This level of engagement speaks volumes about the spirit and energy of our school community.

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to our wonderful staff who supported the children at this event at Marl Pits. Your support and dedication made the day a resounding success. A special mention goes to Mr Rush for his organisation of the event. We look forward to going again next week with our year 5 & 6 children.

Well done team St Paul's I'm immensely proud of you.

Slip, slop, slap, and slide



As we are starting to come into warmer sunnier weather you may start to think about additional items for your child.

- Please label any sunhats you send in with your child's name on.
- Please avoid bringing sun glasses as these can cause an immense amount of distraction and distress when they are broken or lost.
- Please try to apply suncream before you bring your child to school, if you wish to send additional suncream with your child this can remain in their tray.

We cannot apply this for them but if we see fit that children need to reapply those that have suncream in class we can talk them through how to reapply this themselves.

- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle each day to stay hydrated.
- Please label your bottles of suncream and ask your child to put it in their tray for ease of access.

Dates for your diary...



- **16th May- PTA to start selling ice lollies after school every Friday**
- End of summer 1 - school closes at 3:10pm Friday 23rd May
- Multiplication Times Tables Check week beginning 2nd June- 13th June
- Phonics Screening Checks- week beginning 9th June
- Choir concert- 2nd July
- A Night at the Movie Concert (parents invited) 11th July- more details to follow
- Reports out to parents- Monday 14th July
- End of Year parents' evening- Wednesday 16th July

- End of Year PTA disco- Thursday 17th July
- End of summer term at 1:35pm - Friday 18th July
- INSET days- Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July- school closed

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/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)
- 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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



Please find links to our school holiday dates. These dates are crucial for planning purposes, and I kindly ask that you keep them in mind when considering any future family holidays or trips.

It's worth reiterating our school's policy on attendance during term time. As you're all aware, we place a high value on consistent attendance and its impact on our pupils' educational progress. With this in mind, I must remind you that leave during term time will not be authorised. This policy is in place to ensure that our pupils receive the full benefit of their education and don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time, it's important to note that this will result in a penalty notice. This measure is not one we take lightly, but it's necessary to maintain the high standards of attendance that contribute to our pupils' success.

I understand that planning family time is important, and I hope that by providing these dates well in advance, we can work together to ensure that holidays and family commitments align with the school calendar wherever possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Here are the quick links to -

- [2024-25 Holiday list](#)
- [2025-26 holiday list](#)

Additional information

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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4 X 2hr Sessions
 Call 01282 435302 or 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.
 January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
 March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 9.30am - 11.30am
 May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 12.45pm - 2.45pm & online
 June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ASD
 Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
 January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 12.45pm - 2.45pm
 May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD
 Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
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THE TEENAGE YEARS
 The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.
 March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 6.30pm - 8.30pm & online
 June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Fundraise for school in a way that does not cost you anything.

Easyfunding



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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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries



What a wonderful week we have had in Berries.

In our English lessons we have carried on with our book Superworm. We have focused on retelling the story using pictures to help us and we have started to write this in our books. In Maths we have moved on to addition and subtraction where we have used tens frames and part whole models to support our learning. Our favourite part of the week has to be forest school where we made potions to stop Wizard Lizard and mud cakes for Superworm and his friends. We have also been examining how the seaside has changed over the years, including watching a Punch and Judy show.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss Rigby & Mrs Coleman





Amazing Acorns



The Acorns have been working their socks off this week. In English, we did some independent writing all about our very own mini-beast. We have been trying hard to remember to use our phonic fingers and finger spaces.

In maths we have been exploring the composition of numbers to 20. Ask your child if they can show you at home.

In our Understanding the World topic, we have been thinking about where plants come from and how they grow. We used our senses to explore different types of seeds and made

predictions about what they will turn into. On Friday, we planted our own seed potatoes. We will look after them the rest of the term to see what happens.

Dates for your diary

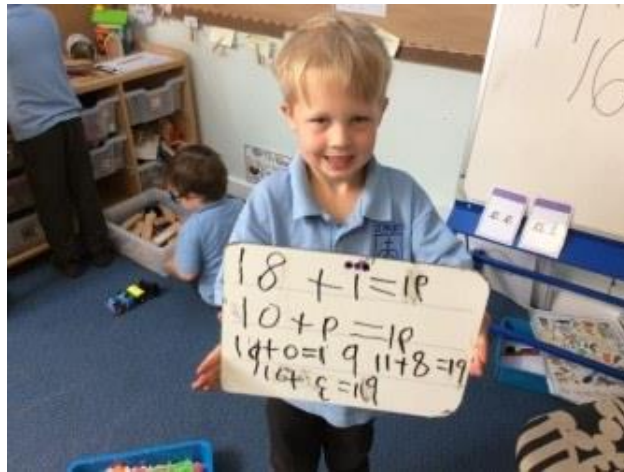
- School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May
- School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June
- Infant Sports Day 26th June @ 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Bliss and the EYFS team









Awesome Ashes



Another week, full of beautiful sunshine! Ashes have worked hard and enjoyed the weather outdoors.

This week, we have started our new English unit, learning to read and eventually innovate our own traditional rhymes. We have looked at rhyming words and innovate the Humpty Dumpty rhyme.

In maths Year 1 children have worked hard on addition- learning to find new strategies including bridging to work out how to add numbers more rapidly and efficiently. Well done as this isn't easy!

In our topic, we have begun to learn about the religion of Islam, finding out how Muslims care for creation as Khalifah's. We are beginning to practice for our Sports Day and enjoyed the sack race, egg and spoon race and learning the relay, all on our field this week.

Water bottles

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Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



In Science this week we have continued learning about plants and have investigated the structure of plants by digging up and looking at weeds/flowers to identify the different parts. We have also checked in on our sunflowers which are growing very fast.

In English we have started our new topic of stories by the same author - Anthony Browne. We are reading *The Tunnel* and have made predictions as well as learnt about inferences linked to the character of Rosie. This helps us understand how she is feeling throughout the story.

Dates for your diary -

- Next Forest session - Thursday 22nd May
- School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May
- School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June
- Infant Sports Day 26th June @ 1.30pm
- Thursday 10th July - class trip to Bring Yer Wellies, please see email and complete forms asap.
- have a lovely weekend.

- Mrs Deboutemard





Outstanding Alders



What a brilliant week we have had and we have been up to so much, the children have been working hard as always.

Curriculum News

In English we have finished our independent writing. We have been writing a diary entry as Bertha the hen, the children have blown me away with their fabulous writing. That is now the last piece we are doing on our story, you are now welcome to read it at home with your child.

In maths we have been looking at fractions, focusing on quarters. We have been identifying, one, two and three quarters of shapes and amounts. We have also begun our unit on time. Your child should be able to tell you the time to the hour, quarter past, half past and quarter to.

In science we have been learning about habitats and microhabitats, we explored our school grounds to see what microhabitats we could find and discussed what might live there.

In art we have been weaving and we continued weaving our baskets, the children worked so hard on these and really had to persevere. Some of us even went to Maples to show them off.

Diary dates

- Forest School session - Tuesday 20th May
- School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May
- School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June
- Class trip to Brockholes nature Reserve - Monday 2nd June
- Infant Sports Day - 26th June at 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.





Enchanted Elms



this week in maths we have been dividing using groups of (chunking) the children have really persevered with this, its not easy at all. Just a reminder that children should be going on TTRS this will help them then dividing. They need to practice 3, 4,8 timetables so they have better recall of multiplications. In English we have been writing a scaffolded write for our own folk tale very similar to Anansi the Spider.

In Science we have been looking at seed dispersal and how seeds are pollinated. The children found how seeds were dispersed every interesting especially the explosion seed dispersal.

Roman Experience

Just a gentle reminder for returning forms for the Roman workshop on **Monday 16th June 2025**. This is a super learning opportunity for your child. Make a voluntary contribution on Parent Pay as soon as possible.

PE changes

Outdoor PE session will now be on Tuesday afternoon.

Indoor PE session will be each Wednesday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days.

Water bottles, Sun Cream, Hats

As the weather warms up, please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school.

Forest School Monday 19th May 2025

Dates for the diary

- Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term
- Monday 2nd June 2025 - School reopens for Summer 2 Term
- Monday 16th June 2025 – Roman Experience – Children can come dressed as Romans
- Monday 30th June 2025 – Lower Junior Unit Sports Day – 1:30pm

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a great week. They have been producing some great writing in our English lessons. The children have continued a chapter, focussing on language and coherence for the reader. They had some great ideas and have really shown their understanding of the characters and the storyline.

In maths, we have looked at missing number calculations and measurements. In history, we are still focussing on the plague and the children looked at how it spread and why it was a problem. In PE, the children are continuing to practise their skills in Boccia and are really focussing on their aiming.

Dates for your diary.

- School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May
- School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June
- Forest School - Thursday 5th June
- Lower KS2 sports day- Monday 30th June 1.30pm start
- Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July at 10am and 2.10pm

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



In English, the children have impressed us with their thoughtful and imaginative writing. They've been working on writing a myth based on Theseus and the Minotaur. It's been wonderful to see how well they understand the characters and storyline—they've brought some brilliant ideas to life in their work.

In Maths, the year 4's have been tackling missing number calculations and exploring different units of measurement. The year 5's have been using factors and multiples. The children have shown great problem-solving skills and growing confidence in applying their knowledge to a range of challenges.

Our history lessons have continued to focus on the Ancient Greeks. This week, the children discussed using historical sources to find out about the past. They looked at Greek pottery for clues about life in Ancient Greece. Their discussions were insightful, and they've been making thoughtful connections between historical events and the world today.

Dates for your diary

- Forest School - Wednesday 21st May
- School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May
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- Upper Junior Unit Sports Day @ 1.30pm - Friday 20th June

- Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July at 10am and 2.10pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



Another important milestone has been crossed off this week as our Year 6s completed their end of key stage two assessments. We are so proud of each and everyone of them for being resilient, hardworking and enthusiastic and it has been lovely to embrace the beautiful weather as a reward for all their hard work.

Well done to all of our Year 6s on being fantastic!

Whilst the Year 6s have been working hard and enjoying a few additional treats, our Year 5s have also been working hard. In our Geography lessons we have been investigating where all of the world's rainforests are and learning some important facts about them. In R.E this week the children have been learning about The Night of Power when the Angel Jibreel commanded Muhammad PBUH to recite the word of God. In Science, the children have continued to be super engaged in our learning about the Solar System, looking at the lengths of days and years on the different planets.

Year 6 Leavers service at Manchester Cathedral

On **Tuesday 17th June**, Year 6 have been invited to take part in the Manchester Diocese Leavers service at Manchester Cathedral. This is one of the first events for our Year 6 children in

preparation for their transition to high school and it always proves to be an inspiring and memorable occasion. The event is due to start at 1.30pm and pupils will be transported to and from the venue by coach. Our departure time from school will be approx. 12.15pm so the children will have an early lunch on that day.

We are anticipating our arrival back at school to be around 3.30pm (traffic dependent) so if your child is due to be collected from school on that day, please make arrangements for a slightly later pick up. Parents will be informed through text message if the arrival time back at school is later than the specified time.

Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform on this day and that they also have a waterproof coat in case of wet weather. A letter has been sent out by email and if you wish for your child to attend, please complete the permission response via ParentPay before Friday 6th June.

Year 6 production

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- Year 6 performance - Tuesday 15th July at 1.30pm and 6pm
- Year 6 Leavers service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 17th July at 9.30am

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



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Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



Ice lolly Fridays are back!

It was lovely to see so many of you - and the sunshine! - at the first ice lolly Friday of the summer.

We'll be selling a selection of ice lollies every Friday in the Hall after school, from now until the end of the school year. Prices range from 50p to 80p.

Children attending BYT will have the opportunity to come and buy lollies as well, if they wish.

Thank you all for your continued support at our events. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Have a lovely weekend.

St Paul's PTA

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



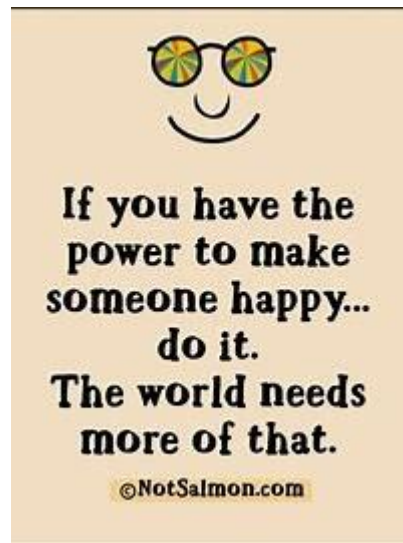
For any parents/carers, **whose circumstances have changed** and think their child(ren) may be entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below:

<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.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

