



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

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

Headteacher news

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into another exciting term, I'd like to take a moment to share some important updates and reminders with you all.

Firstly, I'd like to address a matter concerning our infant yard. We've noticed that some children have been playing with the equipment set out before and after school hours. While we appreciate the enthusiasm, we kindly ask parents to ensure that children refrain from using this equipment during these times. This helps us maintain the equipment's condition and ensures it's ready for use for learning activities.

As you know, maintaining a smart appearance is an important aspect of our school ethos. I'd like to gently remind everyone about our expectations. Pupils should always wear their full school uniform and school shoes during the school day.

For PE, our kit consists of a white t-shirt with or without the school emblem, black trainers, a school hoodie, and navy-blue jogging bottoms or shorts. It's worth noting that while school hoodies, joggers and trainers are a fantastic addition to our PE kit, they're not to be worn as part of the daily school uniform.

Your support in adhering to these uniform guidelines is greatly appreciated. It helps create a sense of unity and pride among our pupils, as well as ensuring everyone is comfortably and appropriately dressed for their daily activities.

On a more energetic note, I'm thrilled to remind you about our upcoming Couch to 5K (C25K) session. If you're looking to kickstart your fitness journey or simply enjoy a communal run, please join us next Thursday at 3:45 pm. We'll be meeting at the school office, so lace up those trainers and come along!

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Mrs Charlesworth

Headteacher

[Dates for your diary...](#)



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

Harold is back

As part of our whole school approach to health and well - being and in order to enrich our PSHE curriculum even further, we once again look forward to welcoming the Life Education Van into school on the 28th and 29th January 2025.

Our Infant and Lower Key Stage 2 children will participate in the 'Harold and Friends' sessions, learning about various health - related topics through the use of play and puppets.

Our older children will participate in sessions looking at preparing them for their next steps on their journey to Secondary Education and how to deal with the challenges this can bring.

The Life Education Van is a charity and is not funded by the local authority therefore we do ask for a contribution of £4.50 to cover the cost of the sessions and resources. Please could all payments be paid on Parent Pay by **Friday 24th January**. Should the contribution cause any financial difficulties at all please do not hesitate to discuss this with the office.

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



Earlier this week, I sent out our new holiday dates for the 2025-26 school year. 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](#)

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/>

Rossendale
Primary Care Network

FREE HEALTH EVENT
FOR FAMILIES
BRUNCH INCLUDED

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
CHILD'S HEALTH?

WANT TO START 2025 IN
A POSITIVE WAY?

LOOKING FOR SOME ADVICE
FROM EXPERTS?

PLEASE COME TO OUR FREE
EVENT

DATE

18.01.2025



EVENT TIME 9-12

HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK
BURY ROAD
HASLINGDEN

- WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF BABIES, TODDLERS, OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS
- TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED MENTAL HEALTH, IMMUNISATIONS, FOOD & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

Happy New Year feels a bit late to be saying that, but we have only just managed to all get back together due to the chaos the snow brought last week.

However, do not fret, it is like the children have never been away, they all missed their friends and have very quickly settled back into routine perfectly. The children have all worked really hard and picked right up where they left before the craziness of Christmas.

In English and Maths, the children have worked really hard on their individual targets and really impressed us! Together, we have been looking at counting backwards, have a go at home together as it helps reinforce their learning at school.

We have read with all children this week, please can you make sure that their books are in their book bags daily, thank you.

This week, our topic is science, we have been focusing on the seasons and deciding which is our favourite, mine is Spring because of all the new beginnings that it brings. Lots of the children said they liked summer, some because they can go and play at the park, others because they love putting sunscreen on. The children spent Wednesday afternoon in forest school and loved exploring and looking for different signs of winter in our forest school.

Please make sure that their forest school kit is in school and suitable for the colder weather. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Coleman

[Amazing Acorns](#)



In English we have been writing sentences about our favourite owl baby – Sarah, Percy or Bill. In Maths we have been looking at different quantities of objects and saying which is “more” and which is “fewer” without counting.

We had our first forest school session of 2025 this week. The children remembered the forest school rules and they really enjoyed making nests for the owl babies using natural materials such as twigs and leaves.

The children have been learning about animals who live in the Arctic this week. We have located the Arctic on our globe and have made 3D models of Arctic animals using salt dough.

Acorns looked at sculptures by the artist Rosie Hurley and tried to copy her style. We have baked them in the oven and will be sending them home. The children have also practised their cutting skills and followed instructions to make penguins.

Have a lovely weekend

The EYFS team

[Awesome Ashes](#)



The children have enjoyed a full first week in school without the disruption of the snow!

In English, we are enjoying reading Handa's Surprise. The children have been taste testing the fruits, some of which were brand new for the children. We thought of good describing words (adjectives for our Year 1 children) and wrote speech bubbles for characters in the story.

In Maths, Year 1 children have been learning to add 10 to a two-digit number. We have drawn this visually in our books to help us. Children in EYFS have been working hard on number 11.

In our topic, we have been learning about animals in science. The children have been learning about the animals' diets (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore for Year 1), sorting and classifying and EYFS children have loved writing in our vets role play!

What a busy, productive week! Well done for your hard work children.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries/books - Each day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor/Outdoor PE - Tuesday - Please bring your child's PE kit to school each Tuesday.
- Forest School session - Next Friday (24th January) Please ensure that your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



It has been another busy week in Sycamores, and it was great to be able to get outside for PE on Thursday with the sun shining!

In English we have been exploring, we have been gathering wintery words and using them in our writing and performances of our own winter poems.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting ten using base ten to help us.

To help us understand more about the seasons we have been learning about different types of weather, and over the next week we will be recording the weather using weather symbols,

measuring the temperature using a thermometer and measuring the amount of rain using a rain gauge.

Class reminders -

- PE - every Thursday (bring PE kit on the day)
- Forest School - Tuesday 21st January
- Spellings - every Friday
- Reading - please read with your child each day and bring their book into school each day too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs De Boutemard

[Outstanding Alders](#)



In Maths this week we have started our new unit on place value. We have been adding ten and taking ten away from two-digit numbers. We have also been identifying numbers on a number line, bead string and ordering numbers.

In English we wrote our own food poem, and we have continued our work on 'The Highway Rat'. We have been writing about rats from a negative and positive point of view.

In Art we have continued to learn about Pointillism and learn about the artist Georges Seurat. I wonder if you could find out any more fun facts at home.

In Re we learn about the Lord's Prayer and the gifts that Christians believe God gave us.

Class reminders

- PE - Tuesday
- Forest School/Outdoor Learning - Next Thursday 23rd.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.

[Enchanted Elms](#)



In English we have been learning about retrieval questions and how we can find the answer using the text. We have finding unfamiliar words, what they mean and looked at differences between Barney and Stig.

In Maths we have continued to learn about place value and how we can use this within addition and subtraction (Adding 10s and subtracting 10s).

In Science we carried out some tests on a selection of rocks to investigate their durability, permeability and density. We also looked at Sedimentary rocks and how metamorphic rocks are made.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – Every day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Tuesday

- Indoor PE - Wednesday
- Forest School sessions – Monday 20th January 2025, Monday 10th February 2025

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



The children have been really engaged in our English lessons where we have look at a new book. The children do not know which one or what the story is about, we are working slowly through it, looking at language and using information stated and implied to create some plausible predictions.

The children have been finding properties of 3D shapes and have been looking at right angles and also acute and obtuse angles.

In Geography, our focus question is 'Is Earth extreme?'. The children are researching and will present their information about an extreme environment.

Please ensure your child is reading every night and handing in their diaries. It is such an important part of learning and will help your child in all areas of the curriculum, so please do encourage this as much as possible at home.

- Outdoor PE- Tuesday (weather permitting)
- Indoor PE- Friday

- Forest school- Every other Thursday PM

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



We have had an enjoyable second week back in school. In English, we are finding *The Boy at the Back of the Class* really interesting. The children have been identifying and using subordinating conjunctions in grammar and using point and evidence in their reading. We have also been identifying the features of a Discussion text.

In Maths, the children have been learning the properties of 3-D shapes, including prisms and pyramids.

In our Science, we have been working out how to separate various materials using evaporation, sieving, or filtering for reversible changes and looking at the formation of a new material when an irreversible change has taken place. The children also created a fact file about Spencer Silver or Ruth Benerito, who were scientists who invented new materials. Some of our children have entered a lunchtime chess competition and have been practising before their matches.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries/books - Each day

- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor/Outdoor PE - Monday and Friday
- Forest School session - Wednesday 22nd January - Please ensure that your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



We are thoroughly enjoying our new topic where we are looking at Evolution and Inheritance. Our class have been so mature in these discussions and have produced some fantastic ideas. When looking at adaptation, we researched the unique features of a camel, polar bear, chameleon and a cheetah. Then we created our own hybrid animals with a mixture of three animals. We have a variety of really interesting designs.

Our new art unit of work is based on William Morris, last week we started our biography where we researched his background and his style. Then we moved on to create a piece of work in the style of William Morris, we looked at his botanical themes and the symmetrical patterns throughout his work.

Just a polite reminder about school uniform, children are expected to wear **school** shoes at all times and our PE kit expectations are white t-shirt with the school emblem, black trainers, school hoodie, navy blue jogging bottoms or shorts. School hoodies are **not** be worn as part of daily school uniform. Thank you

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – at least three reads a week
- Spelling Test - Every Wednesday
- Swimming - Monday (Bring kit)
- Indoor PE - Wednesday
- Forest School sessions – Friday 31st January

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



It has been good to get back to normality this week after the snow chaos of last week. The children are continuing to work hard in class and should be praised for their efforts in all their learning.

In English, we are enjoying reading our new class novel, *Holes*. The children have been sharing their predictions about characters within the story and using their empathy skills to imagine what it would have been like to have been in a detention camp. We have been continuing our work in geometry this week and identifying angles in different shapes, including triangles and

rectangles. It has required some perseverance skills when using a protractor and a ruler to measure accurately when drawing our own triangles.

Bikeability

Next week, is our Bikeability sessions in school. If your child is taking part, you should have hopefully all received further information about your child's session. The weather forecast is looking hopeful for next week but please ensure that your child is wrapped up warm, they have gloves and they have a waterproof coat. No school uniform needs to be worn on their Bikeability day. Please remember that your child will need to bring their bike and helmet to school on the days of the session (unless these are being borrowed from school). Bikes are welcome to stay overnight in school in between sessions but it is your responsibility to ensure it goes home at the end of their course.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries - Each Friday
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor PE - Thursday
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Monday
- Forest School session - Tuesday 28th January (please ensure that your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



★ Happy New Year! ★

We hope you are all settling back into school after a break over the festive period!

Save the date!

📅 Our next event is the February Disco which will be on Thursday 13th February! More details to follow..📅

Have a lovely weekend,

Bonnie

PTA Chair

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.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

