



# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024

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

## Headteacher news

This week our year 6 children have completed their end of year SAT's and finished the week with a celebration party. We are all very proud of each and every one of you.

We want you to remember that you are all stars that shine in different ways. Each of you unique, each of you amazing! You have worked extremely hard and it has been a pleasure to watch you all flourish.

I wish you a well-deserved rest this weekend, go out, enjoy the sunshine and have fun with your family and friends.

YEAR 6

Don't ever doubt  
yourself.

YOU'RE

AMAZING

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ST. PAUL'S PTA



**Ice lolly Fridays are back!**

AFTER SCHOOL  
FROM 17TH MAY 2024 IN THE HALL  
AND EVERY FRIDAY TILL THE END OF TERM

PRICES RANGE FROM 40P - 70P

## Slip, slop slap



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...



- Friday 17th May - PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school on the Infant playground
- Thursday 6th June - New EYFS welcome meeting 6pm
- Week 10th June - Phonics screening week
  - Science week
  - Multiplication test week
- Thursday 13th June - Synagogue trip
- Wednesday 19th June - Upper KS2 Sports day
- Tuesday 25th June - Lower KS2 Sports day
- Thursday 27th June - KS1 sports day
- Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- 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 June PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

## Sign of the week

This week we have two new signs to is 'clean'. Can you use this sign over the weekend?



## PTA

🍦🍭 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍭🍦 - Thank you to all those who came to our Ice lolly Friday event. These will continue to run every Friday until the end of term. As usual we will be selling ice lollies/ice creams from the junior yard/hall after school every Friday.

We have also other events that are currently being planned for this term, details are to follow.

Just a quick reminder that our 'Recycle 4 School' drop box is still being collected regularly, so if you are having a clear out don't forget our clothing recycling bag drop for any unwanted clothing 😊. It's an easy and safe way for us to raise some funds for the school.

Also anyone who enters our Your School lottery before 25th May will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win a summer getaway or £1000 cash prize'. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Kath McArragher (PTA Co-Chair)



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win a holiday, or take the cash!

**BUY TICKETS**



See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/05/24.

## 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

Another busy week in Berries. This week, we have been writing a diary entry as a character from The Tiger Who Came for Tea. We have also been thinking how Sophie might be feeling in different points of the story. In maths, the year 1 children have looking at number and place value. The reception children have been Exploring capacity and volume. In RE we have been learning about Islam and been exploring how Muslims show care and respect. This week we have been focusing on the skill of personal hygiene (using tissues, catching a cough and washing hands, etc.) Please encourage your child to continue this at home. Star of the week is: Blake Sign of the week: clean

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

## Amazing Acorns



Every week is a busy week.

In English we have been acting out and exploring machine poems. We even wrote an extra verse for one.

In Maths we continued to explore odd and even numbers. We have also been exploring taller and shorter.

In PE we used the javelins and practised our over arm throwing.

We had our last 'Kids Rock' session with Laura, which we have loved, the children did some fabulous singing, beat keeping and exploring moving with pom poms.

Check out some of our creations this week too.

Miss Cavaney.



## Awesome Ashes



This week in Ashes we got a surprise letter from 'Auntie Jane' to Sophie from The Tiger who came to Tea story. We have been looking at features of a letter, role playing as Sophie and gathering exciting adjectives to help respond back to Auntie Jane next week. In Maths we have been finishing our measuring unit ready to move onto geometry next week. We had our final session of Kids Rock with Laura which we loved every moment of. We also had coach Ellen back teaching us different jumping skills in PE.

**Items from home** - Please can I remind you that stickers, toys and books should not be brought in from home as we cannot guarantee the children will not lose or damage these and become upset.

**PE** - PE kits will be sent home on Tuesday to be washed. Please return these before the end of the week ready for our first PE session back on Monday 27th May. After the half term PE will be back on a Monday. We will be completing two sessions of PE on Monday afternoon ball skills outdoors and Gymnastics indoors. Ball skills will be taught by Miss Pounder however Gymnastics will be taught by Miss Fielding so the children can experience an appropriate level of demonstration and support that Miss Pounder cannot unfortunately give in gymnastics due to her pregnancy.

**PE:** Our PE is now on a Tuesday for this half term with the sports coach.

- **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.**
- Please ensure that you clearly label with your child's name on into school on Monday. This can be left in school as we are now learning to get dressed for PE on our own ready for moving up to our new classes in September.

**Forest school dates:** Wednesday 22nd May.

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## Super Sycamores



This week the children have enjoyed innovating their own stories based on 'The Enormous Turnip'. We had some amazing ideas including 'The Colossal Coconut' and the 'Gigantic Dragon Fruit'!

In maths, we have finished our work on capacity. Our DT work has included designing and making a moving picture based on 'The Enormous Turnip'.

- We will have Forest School next Friday and our last double PE on Wednesday.
- Advance notice: After half term, PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday for Summer term 2. **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 hoodie can be worn for PE lessons only.**
- Forest School days will be: Friday 24th May, Friday 14th June, Friday 28th June and Friday 12th July.

**We have had the following missing in school, all from one child:** x1 blue school T shirt x1 fleece x1 jumper x1 hat

All the above should be labelled, please could you double check that the items are not hiding anywhere!

Many thanks

**Year 2 parents**

We will be hosting an information meeting for our Y2 parents on Wednesday 22nd May at 9.15am in the school hall.

This will be for parents of children who will be taking the optional Y2 SATS tests this year to find out more about how these will be undertaken in school this year. Please register your interest with the class teachers. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes

### Outstanding Alders



This week we have been busy researching and gathering information about Accrington Pals and world war 1 to create a non-chronological report. In maths we have been looking at different scales and adding amounts. In RE we continued our topic on Islam and sequenced how to perform Wudu. In art the children worked hard paper weaving, it took lots of concentration and perseverance, but they all looked amazing, and Mrs Alvarez was super proud of all of the classes work.

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### PE days

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- Thursday - Outdoor PE
- Friday - Indoors PE

### Forest school after half term:

- Monday 3rd June Monday 17th June
- Monday 1st July

### Enchanted Elms



In maths we have been looking at time and time problems we will continue this next week. In English the children have been writing a scaffolded piece for a new chapter which we will start to write next week. The children have drawn and planned their new imaginary land at the top of the Enchanted Tree. In music the children have been learning the song Mamma Mia and in P.E we have created dance moves for the song.

**Just a reminder children should have their P.E kits on Mondays and Thursdays, I have a high volume of children who aren't bringing in P.E kits.**

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Miss Cowgill

## Marvellous Maples



This week in our English lessons, Maples have been gripped by our class reader *The Raven Boy* and the adventures of the main character. We have left the story on a cliff hanger; where the main character has seen the Fire of London and realised his sister is right in the middle of it. He has just set off to see if he can find her and the book describes the fire and surroundings using ambitious vocabulary which creates a great discussion.

In DT lessons, we have begun designing our own lights linked to our Science topic of electrical circuits. Next week, we will be making our lights using a bottle or light box design - please see pictures below. To support your child's DT lesson, please provide a bottle/box and similar resources they can use to complete this project. Each child has written a list of things they made need to bring in. Bottle light -



- Next week PE remains on Monday and Tuesday.
- Next half term PE will change to Tuesday and Wednesday. Forest School will remain on Thursdays.
- **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.**
- **Multiplication Tables Check** - The National Multiplication Check for Year 4's will take place in school between the 21/05/2024 – 14/06/2024. Please can your child continue to practice the

sound check on Timetables Rockstars website, which is a very similar format of 25 randomised times table questions. Further information about the test can be found at

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/multiplication-tables-check)

Dazzling Elders



This week in English, the children have been gathering content and ideas for a non-chronological report and writing a Greek inspired myth independently. In Maths, the Year 4's have been converting



measurements. The Year 5's have been choosing an appropriate strategy for addition and subtraction. In Art, the children have been learning about Greek pottery and looking at and drawing the different geometric patterns. At forest school this week, the children investigated how well the parachutes they had made worked. Each group investigated different questions they had devised such as: which material works best for a parachute?

- **Swimming: On Monday, the children need to bring a pair of shorts and a t-shirt as well as swimwear.**
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Kind Regards,

Mrs Nolan and Miss Yates.

Wonderful Willows



It has been a very mixed up week in Willows this week and we would like to commend all of the children in both years 5 and 6 for adapting to the changes SATS week has brought. You are all fantastic!

Our Year 5 children have continued with writing and presenting their podcasts in English this week. We certainly have some budding podcasters or radio presenters in the making!

In Maths we have been looking at negative number sequences and Roman Numerals. The children have really impressed us with their efforts.

In RE this week we have learnt about the importance of The Night of Power and why it is important to Muslims and in PE we had a yoga and mindfulness session to support our Year 6s with their test week.

Advance notice:

After half term, PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Both of these sessions will be outdoors if the weather permits so please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable.

- **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.**

After the holidays we will also be beginning a new class novel 'Kasper, Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo. Please ensure your child has access to their own copy of the book for the first week back. All local libraries will happily order a copy in free of charge providing you are a member.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



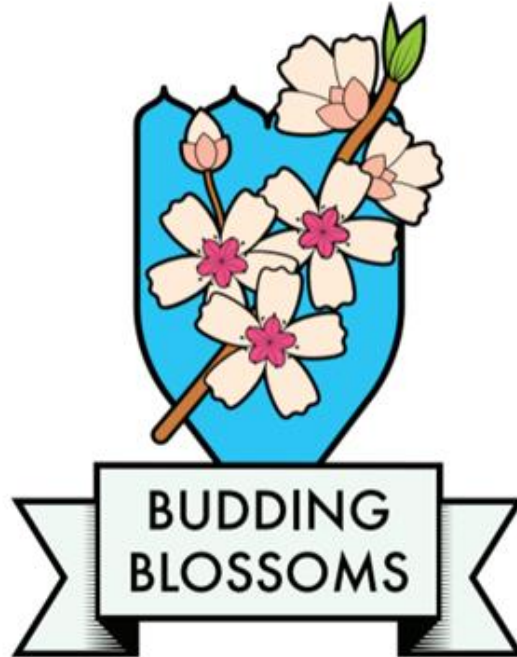
We reach the end of another week in school and what a week it has been for Year 6! We are so immensely proud of each and everyone of all our Year 6 pupils, who have shown resilience, maturity and perseverance when completing their end of key stage two assessments. They certainly deserved their day off timetable on Friday.

Excitement is building already as next week, we are holding auditions for our end of year production - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. Parts will be decided and given out after the half term holiday.

Next week is Forest School - please ensure that kits are in school on Thursday 23rd May.

- **Our PE days remain as Tuesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only.**

### Budding Blossoms



We have had a bit of a mixed-up week this week, I am so proud how the children have coped with all the different changes going on and the work they have produced independently.

I am very proud of all our Year 6 Blossoms' who have worked so hard and put 100% into their SATs this week.

Well done Blossoms', a great week!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.







16/05/2024



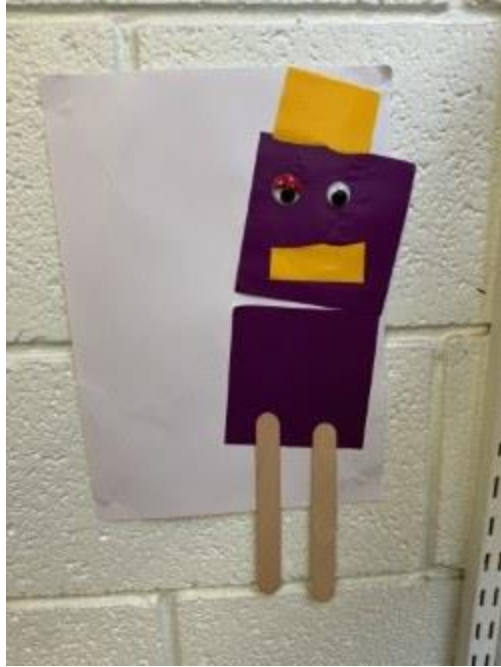












*Let's celebrate - Weekly awards*



**St. Paul's Awards.**

	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week	Value winner
Amazing Acorns	Rory	Esme	Jayden
Awesome Ashes	Logan	Fintay	Saba
Super Sycamores	Charlotte	Joseph	Rupert
Outstanding Alders	The whole class	Ayaan	Connie
Enchanted Elms	Jake	Evie	Ava
Marvellous Maples	Kian	Joshua	Leslie
Dazzling Elders	Ava	Freddie	Ethan
Wonderful Willows	Martha	Zain	Isabella
Mighty Oaks	Noah	Ellesia	Charlotte
Brilliant Berries		Kaira	
Budding Blossoms		Lucy	

## Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid, Whooping Cough or Measels.

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](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/School-Holidays-23-24.pdf) ([stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk))

To enable us to safeguard our children, may we request that if your child is absent from school you, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 09:00am to inform us. If we have not received a call, a member of our office staff will call you to ensure that your child is at home and is safe.

## Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

### Information for Parents

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

The changes to be aware of are:

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

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.

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

### Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

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

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

## Holiday list 2024/25





## St. Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the week</u>	<u>Topic award learner of the week</u>	<u>Value winner</u>
Amazing Acorns	Daniel	Nahidul	Noah
Awesome Ashes	Ollie	Charlotte	Matilda
Super Sycamores	Harper	Aizah	Oliver
Outstanding Alders	Olivia	Freddie	Ethan M
Enchanted Elms	Millie	Louis	John-Paul
Marvellous Maples	Isobel	Mason	Ruby-Mae
Dazzling Elders	Ruby	Freddie Mc	Joshua
Wonderful Willows	All year 6	Eesa	Elijah
Mighty Oaks	The whole class	Ellesia & Alice	Chloe
Brilliant Berries	Blake		
Budding Blossoms	George		

## Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend filled with fun and laughter.

Mrs Charlesworth

