



# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

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

## Starting school in 2024...

It was wonderful to see so many new families looking around our school this week. Thank you all for taking the time on such a wet autumnal evening.

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. **Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.** You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

**The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at 11.59pm on:**

**Primary applications – 15th January 2024**

## Word of the week



**where**

Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 have been learning a new word in Makaton. We thought it would be lovely if we shared each week's new word on the newsletter so that we can all learn together. This week the infants are learning how to sign the word 'where.'

## Dates for your diary...

- ***Friday 24th November - Wear what you want day - PTA event - Please refer to the PTA section***
- ***Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November Parents Evening – Please complete the form for an appointment***
- **Parents evening for Willows class only - *Wednesday 29th November* and Thursday 30th November**
- **Tuesday 28th November- 1:45pm Year 2 & year 6 Fire safety talk**
- **Friday 8th December- 3/4 Athletics competition**
- **Tuesday 12th December Infant Nativity 1:30pm & 6pm for parents - Ticketed event only**
- **Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Just Imagine performance and Christmas dinner**
- **Wednesday 13th December - Berries Nativity 2pm**
- **Wednesday 13th December - KS2 Panto**
- **Wednesday 13th December - PTA Hamper raffle drawn live on PTA Facebook**
- **Thursday 14th December- Junior Christmas dinner**
- ***Tuesday 19th December Junior Carol Service at St Paul's Church 2pm***
- **Wednesday 20th December - End of term closure at 1.35pm**

## Forest School timetable - Autumn 2

***Week starting 20/11/2023***

- Monday -
- Tuesday - Acorns
- Wednesday - Ashes
- Thursday - Oaks
- Friday – Sycamores

**Week starting 27/11/2023**

- Monday - Alders
- Tuesday - Elms
- Wednesday - Elders
- Thursday - Willows
- Friday – Maples

## PE Timetable - Autumn 2

St. Paul's PE.					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Amazing Acorns			Indoor PE		
Awesome Ashes	Indoor PE				
Super Sycamores			Indoor PE & Outdoor PE		
Outstanding Alders				Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
Enchanted Elms	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Marvellous Maples	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Dazzling Elders	Outdoor PE				Indoor PE
Wonderful Willows		Indoor PE with sports coach			Outdoor PE
Mighty Oaks	Swimming	Indoor PE with sports coach			

If your child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependant) sunscreen, water bottle, PE hoodie.

All classes other than Acorns and Ashes will need to bring their PE kit and leave it in school. Acorns and Ashes can come to school for the day in their PE kit which consists of navy blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie/school jumper and pumps.

## Attendance/Holiday information

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

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.

## Do you want to raise funds for school in a way that does not cost you anything?

Just letting you know that St Paul's CE Primary, Rawtenstall are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can even book your next holiday through them. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-ce-primary-rawtenstall/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-ce-primary-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1) Thank you so much!

## PTA

### PTA News

We are once again organising a 'Christmas Hamper' raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a non-perishable food or drink item for the hampers (a sell by date of at least 31 December 2023) 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 24th November 2023 (appropriate clothing for the weather please). Please see our letter that was sent out by ParentPay.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on ParentPay - £1 each.

The draw will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm live on our Facebook page, we will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections before school closes on Wednesday 20th December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

This week we have been learning...

Amazing Acorns



Acorns have had another busy week. We watched an amazing Mad Science workshop yesterday; the children were in awe. We have been learning all about the number seven this week and looking at number pairs for 5, 6 and 7. In English we have been writing about the Farmer from Farmer Duck and ordering the story.

Brilliant Berries

Berries have had another lovely week. We have been looking at the sound 'i' as well as practising blending and segmenting CVC words. In maths, the reception children have been looking at the number 7 and trying to understand its value. The year 1 children have been learning about fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . In DT we have been making structures and focused on making igloos like in our story 'Lost and Found'.

## Awesome Ashes



In Ashes we have been busy in English this week, after we received a letter from Blackpool Zoo asking for our help. We have written a penguin fact file for their new exhibit. We were on such a roll we then we used our skills to independently write a fact file about tigers too!

## Super Sycamores



This week, the children have loved finding out more about Yayoi Kusama, our artist this half term. She painted using dots, which is very interesting! Please see our display photographs. The children have

written their own stories based on Jack and the Beanstalk this week, which we are very proud of! We also enjoyed the Mad Science workshop on Thursday.

Please could your child bring joggers (if they haven't already for outdoor PE) and a SPARE pair of socks, as trainers aren't the best at being waterproof in puddles!

### Outstanding Alders



In maths we have been finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of amounts and have enjoyed finding different ways to do this. In history we continued to look at Rosa Parks life and why she is significant in history today. In art we looked at Pete Cromer and the art he created. We are looking forward to recreating pieces of his work with our own interpretations. Please practice your children's line for then nativity with them as we are really trying to not use scripts when practicing in school.

### Enchanted Elms



In English we have been looking at a variety of non-chronological report and finding features of reports. In science we have been looking at healthy diets and how food gives us energy.

If you have any old fancy dress costumes that your child/children don't wear please can you donate them to school.

### Marvellous Maples



A quick reminder that Maples will be going on a fieldtrip walk on Monday afternoon. The weather is very changeable at the moment, so may be postponed until Thursday afternoon if it is raining. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school on both days.

In Geography lessons we have been learning about the journey of a river and making links to the water cycle to understand why a river usually doesn't dry up. We have been labelling the features of a river using new vocabulary.



## Dazzling Elders



This week the children have been really engaged in learning more about refugees and they have started to plan a non-chronological report using the information and facts they have learned. In RE, the children are learning about incarnation and have thought about the meaning behind the images in the Big Frieze. On Wednesday the children had fun at forest school, using the mud kitchen and the mud slide and enjoyed being outside despite the rain.

Elders Art lessons - Can you help?

We are appealing for old shirts or a long-sleeved t-shirt for the children to wear over their uniform during art lessons. It could be a parents or an older siblings shirt just to pop on for art to protect their school uniform.

## Wonderful Willows



It has been another busy week in Willows Class this week. In our Geography lessons we have been looking at the climate in Scandinavia, plotting our own line graphs to look at the differences in climate between Norway, Sweden and Denmark. In our RE lessons we have been looking at how the Eightfold Path gives Buddhists a framework to live good lives and we have been reflecting on how we can bring happiness to our own lives. Willows have also been working incredibly hard in Maths. We have finished our long division unit and are now looking at fractions. Both tricky concepts but myself and Mrs Todd are very proud of how hard the children have been working. Well done!

This week we were also lucky to attend forest school in fine weather. Our class were very creative in producing their own Viking inspired long boats. We witnessed so much fantastic team building and innovative thinking, we ended in a short battle of the Vikings which was thoroughly enjoyed.

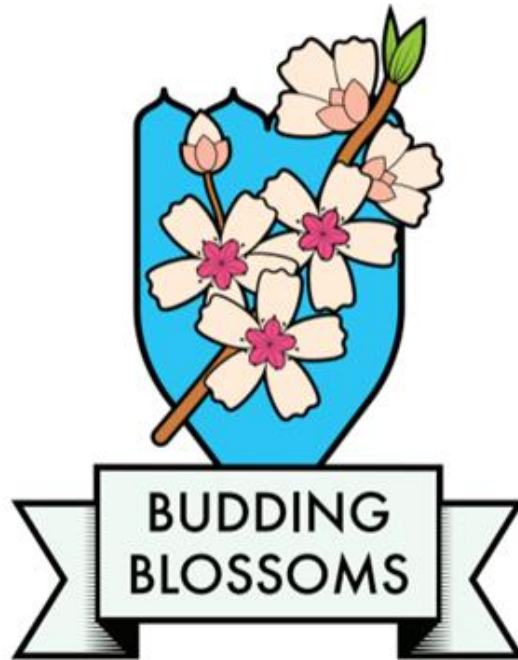
## Mighty Oaks



Another busy week in class this week, starting with our Odd Socks Day on Monday to recognise the diversity of all our pupils. In English, we have begun our new biography unit and have been learning important information about people of significance. Next week, we will be using Anne Frank as our focus.

Parents are reminded that Forest School takes place on Thursday. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has the correct kit so they are able to participate fully in the session.

## Budding Blossoms



This week in Blossom's we have begun our new text, 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs'. We started the week off by retelling the original story of the three pigs using puppets and then predicting what we thought is going to happen in this story. We then began a character description of the wolf and what we already know and will compare the description from our new story next week. We have been doing lots of fine motor skills activities to continue to develop our handwriting and making sure all our letters sit on the line. You can continue to practise these at home by completing some threading or using some tweezers to pick up some small objects.

In maths, we have begun sharing and division. The children have enjoyed sharing grapes with each other and using real life maths to help with their learning. Why don't you ask your child at home to help prepare tea and share out something equally between the plates.

As always, reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday. It is encouraged to read with your child frequently and by repeating the same book, it will help develop their fluency when reading.

Please book your parents evening through your child's class teacher and I will also attend alongside them.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Taylor.

*Let's* celebrate weekly awards

Pupils as leaders in our school...

Pupil Voice



A huge thank you to all of you who dressed up and donated to Children in need on Friday. We will count the money raised and let you know how much we managed to raise to support children in need.

From Sam, Beth and Jessica on behalf of the Student Voice team.

[Rossendale Hospice Penny challenge](#)

A huge thank you to all who kindly donated to the Rossendale Penny Challenge. We managed to raise £160.

Thank you on behalf of the Hospice.

[Mad Science after school club](#)



Mad Science visited us today for a Mad Science Assembly! We are now offering a Mad Science After School Club on a Thursday from 11th January. The deadline for registrations is **Thursday 23rd November**. You can register your children online at <https://northengland.madscience.org> on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment by instalments is available. If you have any problems or queries with booking please call Mad Science directly on **01772 628844** and they'll be happy to help!



<https://sway.office.com/zNokSZqEUWPPKJXI#content=ZCfX2y6W1YNYxl>

## New ways November.

Each month, as part of our work based on our school values and to inspire practical actions for a happier and more caring society; our classes work through the action for happiness calendars.

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new each day!

Trying a new activity can be a great source of happiness. In challenging times, it also helps to take a new perspective or find new ways forward.





## Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Charlesworth