



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

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

Headteacher news

Thank you!!!

A huge thank you to Mrs Lee, Mrs Todd, Mr Rush and Mrs Cooper who gave up their weekend to give the year 6 children a wonderful weekend full of memories to treasure. Thank you for being awesome! A huge well done to our 6 pupils who overcame so many things, you showed great resilience and perseverance, and we are all **exceptionally proud of every single one of you!**

Thank you

A huge thank you also to the PTA & Miss Cowgill for organising our school disco this week. Thank you to all the parents and staff who also kindly gave their time both on the night and prior to the event for making this happen for the children. The children had a ball!!

A reminder from our pupil ECO warriors

If you have any batteries that have reached the end of life, then please bring them into school to ass to our battery recycle point. This is based in our school porch area.

A reminder for our Choir

If your child is taking part in the @sing up' concert at King Georges hall and you would like to purchase a ticket for the performance, then please click on this link. Tickets are selling quickly [Let's Go Sing! - King George's Hall \(bwdvenues.com\)](https://www.bwdvenues.com)

Poppy Appeal

A huge Thank you to those who kindly donated and bought items for our Poppy Appeal we managed to raise a wonderful £386.32.

World Book Day 2024

We would like to share with you our very exciting plans for World Book Day which will take place on Thursday 7th March. We look forward to celebrating all the wonderful books on offer and continuing to inspire a love of reading for your children.

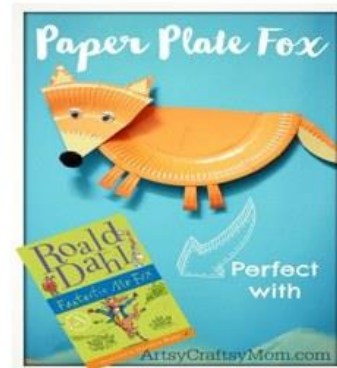
Vocabulary Parade

On the day we are hosting a 'Vocabulary Parade' where your child is invited to come dressed as a descriptive word. For example, they could wear brightly coloured clothes and be 'illuminous', wear a superhero costume and be 'courageous' or dress in pyjamas and be 'sleepy'. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed- the more inventive the better. There are plenty of ideas on Google to help you think of ideas.

Book on a Plate

We are hosting a 'book on a plate' competition. Your child is invited to create a scene/front cover/character from their favourite story on a paper plate. If you need a paper plate, please let your child's teacher know and we can provide one for you. Please bring your entries into school no later than Monday 4th March. A winner from each class will be chosen with the help of our 'Reading Champions' and the winning 'book plates' will be displayed in our school library. Please do not forget to put your child's name and class clearly on the back of the plate.

Book on a Plate



'Drop everything and read' -Sponsored Reading Event

All children will take part in a sponsored read event. We are hoping to use the monies raised to invite a poet to work with all children across school. Throughout the day, a reading alarm will sound and the children will need to 'drop everything and read' for a set amount of time- these times will differ depending on the age of your child. We would really appreciate sponsors from friends and families to help! Your child will need to bring their favourite book into school on Thursday 7th March so they can take part-please ensure their name is on the book. We have plenty of books in school if this is not possible.

If you are happy to ask for sponsors, please return completed forms and money raised by Monday 11th March. Sponsor forms will be sent out after half term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Your child will also be taking part in lots of book related learning throughout the day. Look out for photographs on our 'X' page and our website. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Happy reading!

Parents evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for our Spring term Parents' Evening which will take place on **Tuesday 19th March** and **Thursday 21st March** for all classes. These meetings will take place in school.

The purpose of this Parents' Evening is to discuss your child's progress this academic year including social and emotional progress. The appointment system allows **5 minutes** for each meeting, and we ask in consideration of others, that you do not exceed this time. We urge you not to leave any concerns you may have or issues you may want to discuss until Parents' Evening. Please make a separate appointment on another day to allow us to give you the time needed.

Mrs Horrocks (Inclusion Manager) or Mrs Ormerod (Deputy Head) will also be available for anyone who wishes to seek any advice or support for their children. Appointments can be made through the school office. If you require another copy of the letter, please ask at the school office.

Midday mindfulness...





Word of the week

Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 learn 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 'Bear.'



Bear

Apply for support for with childcare costs.



From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Winter weather



It's that time of year...

As part of our winter preparation, I would like to inform you that we take Health and Safety very seriously in school and in the unfortunate event of extreme weather we will aim to remain open.

If we have to close school due to dangerous weather conditions, we will update our school's **Twitter page @StPaulsCESch at the earliest opportunity**. We will also update our PTA Facebook page, our school website and we will inform BBC Radio Lancashire.

Whilst waiting around our school grounds in your cars we would ask that you turn off your car engines in order to help to keep the air around school cleaner.

Dates for your diary...



- Each Thursday - Couch 25k starts at 3.45pm from the school office.
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Friday 15th March Sing up Concert at King Georges Hall
- Tuesday 19th March & Thursday 21st March - Parents evening
- Thursday 21st March Maples class trip
- Friday 22nd March Elders Class ukulele concert 2.40pm
- Wednesday 27th March Easter Service at St. Paul's Church - Infant service 9.30am and Junior service 10.30am

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



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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.

PTA

A massive THANK YOU to all those who helped in any way to make last night's disco happen, from wrapping lucky dips, to helping on the night and all the behind-the-scenes stuff. We will let you know as soon as possible how much we have raised.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

😊 Thank you for your support 😊

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

PTA Second Hand online uniform: We have an abundance of almost new uniform. If you need any uniform, please contact us or email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk stating what you need, and we will arrange for it to be delivered to the school office.

You can access the shop online at the following link

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/227>

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This week we have been learning...



Amazing Acorns



I cannot believe that we are already two weeks into this half term.

In English this week we have continued with our story 'Supertato'. The children have been acting out the story and writing about Supertato and Evil Pea.

In Maths we have been doing some addition work and we have been doubling. Check out this game to practise some addition number sentences.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/addition-to-10>

We have been down to Forest School this week and we have been super scientists. We had to help Miss Cowgill solve a problem, her cut apples always turn brown. We explored different liquids to see which would stop this from happening. Juice worked well!

Just a reminder that our PE Day is Wednesday.

Miss Cavaney

Brilliant Berries

Another fab week in Berries. This week we have been continuing with our story: Going on a Bear hunt. We went on a sound hunt around the classroom and in the playground. In DT we have been busy making a moving story book. We have painted a background and made characters to move around the page. In maths we have enjoyed doubling and adding one more.

As of next Tuesday we will be going to forest school (every other week). Please ensure that your child has an appropriate kit (e.g. waterproofs and wellies) in school.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

Awesome Ashes



In Ashes this week we have really enjoyed delving deeper into our We're going on a Bear hunt text. We sequenced the story and then recalled some of it in writing a letter to our grown-ups about the adventure we had been on. In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes with year 1 which they have enjoyed finding and sorting lots of facts about the shapes. Try to see if you can test your child on spheres, cubes, cuboids and pyramids around your house! In reception we have been looking at subtraction within 10. They have done brilliantly with this concept and loved the interactive TopMark's game. Have a go at home on your tablet or grown ups

phone! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/subtraction/subtraction-to-10> We also continued our dance unit in PE and the children have been so enthusiastic about creating their fire movements I can't wait to see them all come together as a mini performance at the end of the term.

- Reminders: PE has returned to Mondays, please come dressed in your PE kit.
- Forest school sessions for this half term , Wednesday 13th March, Wednesday 27th March.

Super Sycamores



This week in Sycamores we have explored more about the mills in Rawtenstall in History and written a non chronological report in English about mills, which the children have found interesting.

Well done to our Year 2 children who completed some quiz's this week in preparation for our SATS (which are optional this year). They all tried so hard and enjoyed the work too! Our Year 1 children practiced some science skills and conducted simple experiments and investigations.

Well done everyone for a productive and hard working week!

Outstanding Alders



In Alders we have had a busy week doing our quizzes in preparations for SAT's later in the year. We are so proud of everyone this week for showing how fantastic they are. Every child has worked so hard and tried their best and they have really enjoyed showing how much they have learnt this year already. Well done!

We have also been busy finishing our money topic in math's and learning more about Bob the man on the moon in English.

Our PE days will remain the same. Thursdays - outdoor Friday - indoor

Forest school will be on:

- **Monday 8th March**
- **Monday 18th March**

Enchanted Elms



This week we have been really persevering with our maths, learning about fractions and fractions of numbers. We haven't found it easy at times, but the children have shown so much resilience with their maths. In English we have found out all the trouble Anansi has got himself into. The children have written super predications about what might happen next and what sons might do to help him when he's in trouble because they all have special powers. We have learnt how Anansi became a spider. This week the children have been learning about where the most dangerous places to live on earth are because of volcanoes and earthquakes and where the safest places to live are.

Just a reminder that we have **P.E on Tuesday** - please can you ensure your child/children have their **P.E kits in school**. This week we have lots of children without P.E kits.

At the moment we have lots of children who aren't reading three times a week. This is vital for children's progress in their learning, the more reading a child is exposed to, the wider their vocabulary will become, and this will help them in every way with their education. You do not always need to be sitting right next to your child in order to listen to them read. You can ask them to read while you are driving, folding laundry, preparing meals, etc. If they need help with a word, they can simply use their phonics knowledge to sound out the word out for you.

Forest School is now Monday this half term due to us having the coach on Tuesday. So our sessions are:

Monday 11th March 2024

Monday 25th March 2024

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Marvellous Maples



A huge well done to everyone in Maples class for their assembly on Wednesday - all the children were fantastic and remembered their lines. Thank you to all the parents who provided costumes - the children looked great.

In English this week, we have been writing our discussion texts about school uniform and this has raised interesting points of view. We have been working hard on writing about both sides of the discussion.

- **Maples class trip - Thursday 21st March. Please see letter sent out on Thursday.**
- **Forest school - Friday 8th March**
- **PE remains on Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor) after the half term.**

Dazzling Elders



Another busy week in Elder's. This week in Maths, the year 5's have been finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions, while the Year 4's have been focusing on multiplication. The children have been showing great resilience and perseverance in their learning. In English, the children have continued to read Beowulf and have been identifying how the author has developed the description of the monster. The children then went on to write a character description about a monster of their own creation. The children have been focussing on the environment in our science lessons and how different habitats have different conditions such as the type of soil, weather and environmental challenges. The children have created a poster to show their research about the local environment. In PE, the children have worked with a partner to create a sequence of balances. They really focused on holding their balances still and trying to incorporate balances at different heights and changing speed in the different methods of travelling between the balances.

Please can you ensure your child has their **P.E kits in school for Monday and Thursday**. This week a lot of children have been without their kit.

- **Outdoor PE is on a Monday and indoor PE is on Thursday.**
- **Our next Forest school session is Wednesday 6th March.**

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nolan, Miss Yates and Mrs Kelly.

Wonderful Willows



It's been another jam - packed week of learning in Willows this week. A special shout out to our very tired Year 6 'Robinwooders' who really did make us so proud at the weekend and have continued to work hard all week!

In our English lessons this week we have continued to read our novel 'Stormbreaker.' We have been analysing the text for clues and evidence and we have written a formal letter applying for a job with MI6!

In History we looked at the importance of the railways during the Victorian Times and how the expansion of the steam railway impacted the different groups in society.

In RE we have begun to study our Hinduism unit - we have learnt about the Hindu belief of Dharma and why it is important.

Keep up the great work Willows!

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

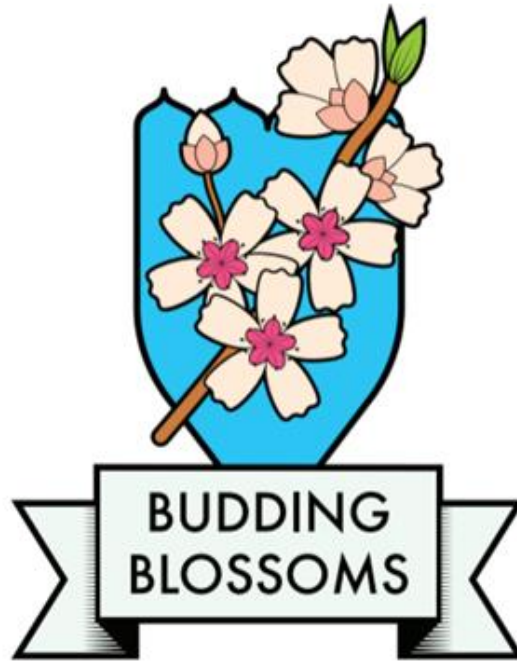
Mighty Oaks



It's been a tiring week for our Year 6 after their visit to Robinwood at the weekend but what a fabulous weekend we had! It was so wonderful to see our children taking on new challenges outside of their comfort zones and making so many amazing memories. They demonstrated so many of our school values and were an absolute pleasure from start to finish. Hopefully, they will be able to catch up on some much needed sleep at the weekend. In other news, we have started our new topic of Shakespeare in English. The children have researched his life to find information for a biography and we have begun to read the story of Macbeth. We are already hooked! In history, we have been looking at what crime and punishment was like 800 years ago and we are excited to find out more about how this has changed throughout history.

- **Our PE days remain as Tuesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school.**
- **Our next Forest School session is Thursday 29th February.**

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms have had another fantastic week, in maths we are doubling and halving numbers, some children are doing this to a decimal place but persevering to ensure they are successful. In English, we are continuing with our story 'The Barnabus Project' we have been describing the different failed projects and thinking about our own 'projects' that we can create.

As always, reading books are changed on a Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure you are reading with your child at home and signing their reading record.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.































London

Modern London

The Great Fire

of London 1666

Pudding Lane Bakery

Role-Play Area

Let's celebrate - Weekly awards



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	Thomas	Alfie
Awesome Ashes	Bear	Wilf	Autumn
Super Sycamores	Noah & Year 2 children	Chloe	Thea
Outstanding Alders	Whole class	Frasier	Rabiul
Enchanted Elms	Orla	Sienna	Lewis
Marvellous Maples	Whole class	Kane & Jack	Hannah
Dazzling Elders	Lilly	Archie	Elodie
Wonderful Willows	Ruby	Eesa	Miley
Mighty Oaks	Whole class	Joe	Finlay
Brilliant Berries	Blake		
Budding Blossoms	Joshua		

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)

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.

Holiday list 2024/25





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School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Re-open	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2024 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 28th October 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 20 th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 6th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 24th February 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 4 th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Staff Training Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open on	Monday 2nd June 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 18 th July 2025
Staff Training Days	Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025



St Paul's Church news



We are really looking forward to our Easter service at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday 27th March

- Infant service 9.30am

- Junior service 10.30am

Lancashire Family Hubs Network

SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Children & Family Wellbeing Service teams are planning special activities for relationship week in February. If you would like to find out more or get involved, please contact your district relationship champion Janet.Whittaker2@lancashire.gov.uk or michelle.Herbert@lancashire.gov.uk

Reducing Parental Conflict E Learning: 4 Modules, 30-40 minutes per module completed in your own time and at your own pace. To access register on astute:

- LCC - <https://lancashire.astute-elearning.com/>
- Schools - <https://lccschools.astute-elearning.com/>
- External/public - <https://lccexternal.astute-elearning.com/>

Healthy Parental Relationships course

For any parent or carer

Thursday 22nd February – Thursday 28th March

1.15pm-2.45pm

The Maden Family Hub Bacup

For further information call 01706 237 780

Relationship Toolkit: Reducing Parental Conflict A day's course exploring what parental conflict is, how this differs from domestic abuse, what the research tells us and exploring the pan-Lancashire evidence-based toolkit to use in practice. To sign up: **Early help training for practitioners - Lancashire County Council** (Copy and paste link into Google)



Reflective Friday



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

Mrs Charlesworth