



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter November 24

Friday 1st November 2024

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

Headteacher news

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! I hope you've all had a restful break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead. We've got a packed calendar of events lined up, promising something for everyone to enjoy.

First things first, I'd like to draw your attention to our 'Dates for your diary' section. It's a treasure trove of information that we'll be updating weekly, so please keep a close eye on it to stay in the loop with all our upcoming activities.

For those of you with little ones ready to embark on their primary school journey in September 2025, we're hosting an 'Open Evening' on Wednesday 13th November at 6pm. It's a fantastic opportunity to get a feel for our school community and ask any questions you might have. We'd be delighted to see you there!

On the other end of the spectrum, if you have a child moving up to high school in September 2025, I hope you've managed to submit your application. The closing date has now passed, but

if you've missed it, don't panic. Please reach out to Lancashire County Council via their website for guidance on how to proceed. [Starting secondary school \(Year 7\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

As we approach Remembrance Day, we're proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal once again. We'll have a variety of items available for purchase during break times, including snap bands, reflectors, wrist bands, poppies, and stickers. It's a wonderful way for our pupils to show their support for this important cause.

To mark the occasion, we'll be observing a minute's silence on Monday 11th November. Any pupils who are members of the Scouts, Beavers, or Brownies are welcome to wear their uniforms on this day, adding a special touch to our commemoration.

Lastly, we're gearing up for Children in Need with a twist this year. We're inviting everyone to join in a non-uniform or pyjama day! We're kindly asking for a charitable donation of £1, or any amount you choose, which can be paid via ParentPay. It's sure to be a fun and cosy day for a great cause.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Here's to another fantastic half-term at St. Paul's!

Starting Reception in 2025

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13th November
Event starts 6pm

St. Paul's Church
of England Primary
School Rawtenstall

Join us !!

Calder Road, Rawtenstall BB4 8HW
<https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk>
@StPaulsCESch 01706 215893

PTA

As we approach the end of another busy week, I wanted to take a moment to share some important information.

First and foremost, I'd like to bring your attention to a change in our calendar. The upcoming PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been rescheduled. Originally planned for an earlier date, it will now take place on **Friday, 22nd November at 3.20pm**. This slight adjustment allows us to ensure maximum participation and engagement from our school community.

For those of you who might be unfamiliar with our PTA, it's a vital part of our school. The PTA plays a crucial role in organising events, fundraising, and supporting various school initiatives. Their efforts contribute significantly to enhancing the educational experience of our pupils and fostering a strong sense of community within St. Paul's.

If you're interested in attending the AGM or perhaps considering joining the PTA, we'd be delighted to welcome you. The meeting will be held in school, providing an excellent opportunity to learn more about the PTA's activities and how you can get involved. Whether you're a long-standing member or simply curious about what the PTA does, your presence would be greatly appreciated.

Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to contribute to our school community. It offers a chance to work closely with other parents, teachers, and staff members, all united in the goal of supporting our pupils and enhancing their school experience. The PTA is always open to fresh ideas and new perspectives, so if you've been thinking about getting more involved in school life, this could be the perfect opportunity.

Remember, every contribution, no matter how small, can make a significant difference. Whether you can offer your time, skills, or simply your enthusiasm, there's a place for you in our PTA. It's also a wonderful way to meet other parents and become more connected with the school community. It's the collective effort that makes St. Paul's CE Primary School such a special place. Your ongoing support is invaluable, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA AGM on the 22nd.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can ensure that St. Paul's remains a nurturing and inspiring environment for all our pupils.

St Paul's Mental Health Ambassadors



[myHappymind Parent App Introduction - England & Wales](#)

myHappymind is delivered in our school by our class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappymind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 119367

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myHappymind.org



Dates for your diary...



- Bonfire lunch - Tuesday 5th November
- Individual photographs - Wednesday 13th November
- Children in Need - Friday 15th November
- Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 28th November
- Infant Nativity will be held on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm and 5.30pm. (This is a ticket only event)

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.

Influenza vaccinations

Flu Immunisation vaccinations will take place in school on THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, please follow this link to complete an online consent form.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/032f5d11>

This link will close on the 14th November 2024

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 3583 397, Option 2, Option 2.

In the meantime, if you have already taken your child to the doctors or chemist to have the Flu vaccine, please kindly inform the school office.

Thank you.

Fundraise for school that does not cost you anything.



Parentkind – the charity that supports schools and PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, 'opt in' through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

A huge thank you to all who have already added our school to their Asda Rewards Cashpot.

If you would like to support our school:

- Please open your Asda Rewards App.
- Click on the ... three dots in the bottom right corner of your screen
- Select 'Clubs' and then select 'Cashpot for schools'
- Select 'Great count me in'
- Select our school using the postcode 'BB4 8HW '
- It will ask you to select 'Rawtenstall St. Paul's Church of England Primary School'
- Select Submit

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

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- 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.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices from September 2024

Information for Parents



You may be aware that the Department for Education 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.**
- A 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^[1]. 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).
- This also includes pupils with persistent absences.
- 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



School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Re-open Wednesday 4th September 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 21st October -

Friday 25th October 2024 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 28th October 2024

Closure after school on Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

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

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Staff Training Day Friday 2nd May 2025

May Day Closure Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open on Monday 2nd June 2025

Closure after school on Friday 18th July 2025

Staff Training Days Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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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FAMILY MATTERS

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Believing in Better*

Call or text 07877 714693

4X 2hr Sessions

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.

September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD

Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS

The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term, it sounds like you have some exciting adventures. The children have quickly settled back into school life and have been working so hard!

In English, we have begun to look at the story, Oliver's vegetables. We have been deciding about which vegetables we like and don't like and are looking forward to trying some too. The children have been working really hard on their own individual targets in maths and English and the progress they are making is incredible.

Our topic this week, has been RE and we have been looking at Diwali and why Hindu's celebrate this and created a patterns using coloured rice.

We have forest school on Wednesday and if you have sent any kit, please do.

Mondays remain our PE days, please ensure children arrive in school in their PE kits.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs A Taylor and Mrs R Coleman

Amazing Acorns



We have had a lovely start to the new half term. The children have settled back into our routine and are eager to learn.

In English, we have been looking at the text: Oliver's vegetables. The children have enjoyed playing in our new fruit and vegetable shop and have been writing shopping lists, receipts and using coins to pay for items. This week, we have been having a go at writing dictated sentences using our phonics knowledge.

In maths, we have been looking at number 4. We have been thinking about all the different ways we can show this. We have also been using money to 'buy' items for 4p.

Reminders:

PE kits should now be in school as children will be getting changed in class, please send your child in their uniform. Please ensure that child also has their forest school kit in school, we will be attending forest school next Wednesday.

Dates for your diary

Individual and sibling photographs Wednesday 13th November

Children in Need- Friday 15th November

Nasal Flu vaccinations Thursday 28th November

Infant Nativity will be held on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Miss Bliss.

[Awesome Ashes](#)



It's been a really busy and exciting first week back for Ashes! We have been reading our story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, writing lists for what to take in a suitcase, freeze framing parts of the story and creating story maps to sequence and retell the story. Year 1 have been adding and solving problems using addition and Reception have continued with their mastery maths working on the number 4. In our topic, we have been finding out about the weather in our local area and finding out about the season of Autumn.

Forest School

As the days are getting wetter and colder, it is really important that the correct kit is brought into school so that Forest School sessions can be accessed fully. Parents are reminded that a change of clothes, waterproof trousers and a coat, along with wellies or old shoes should be brought into school on Forest School days (children are able to leave these kits in school if this is easier). Gloves and hats may also be needed over the coming months. If your child does not have the correct kit, it will restrict what they are able to use and where they are able to go during the session. **The next session will be Friday 15th November**

Reminders:

PE kits now need to be **brought into school each Wednesday** as children will be getting changed in class.

Individual and sibling photographs Wednesday 13th November

Nasal Flu vaccinations Thursday 28th November

Infant Nativity will be held on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



Welcome back to the new half term, it has been such a busy week again.

In English we have started finding out facts about mice. This will help the children write our information poster, all about mice. We used our learning in forest school to build burrows for mice to sleep in. The children had to make sure the burrows were warm, cosy, dark and safe from predators.

In Maths we have been working on subtraction and even been working out missing numbers using the part, part whole diagram to help us.

In our RE lessons we have been writing prayers to say thank you. The class have some very thoughtful ideas to say thank you to parents, teachers, God, and to say thanks for a home, food and to be loved.

Dates to remember

PE - every Tuesday

Bonfire lunch- Tuesday 5th November

Forest school- Thursday 14th November

Children in Need- Friday 15th November

Mrs de Boutemard





Outstanding Alders



I cannot believe that we have been back for a week already. The children have had a fantastic first week back.

Curriculum News

In Maths this week we have continued to work on addition and subtraction, we have been looking at how one number sentence can tell us a lot more information, if $17+3=20$, then $20-3=17$. In English we have continued to learn real facts about wolves and analysing when to use a . ! ? The children have also made their own posters. We have begun work about Pete Cromer and have done a colour study and a page about the author for our sketchbooks. In RE we learnt about why a diva is so important and we acted out the story of Rama and Sita.

Dates to remember

Bonfire lunch- Friday 8th November

Forest school- Thursday 7th November

Individual and sibling photographs - Wednesday 13th November

Children in Need- Friday 15th November

Nasal Flu vaccinations Thursday 28th November

Infant Nativity will be held on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Miss Cavaney.



Enchanted Elms



In English we have started our new topic – Non-fiction – Information leaflet/guide. We have been looking at London landmarks and facts about them. The children have recalled some of these facts. The children have written questions about some landmarks that they want to find out about.

In maths we have been subtracting three digits by three digits. The children have really persevered with this. I'm so proud of them.

In P.E we had a coach we are doing OAA – trust and trails. The children worked on their trust with one another. It was lovely to see the children trusting each other to guide them when they had their eyes closed.

PE

P.E is on Tuesdays we have the coach and then its outdoor slot for **6 weeks**.

Forest School

- Monday 11th November 2024
- Monday 25th November 2024
- Monday 9th December 2024

Dates for your diary

- Individual photographs - **Wednesday 13th November 2024**

- Children in Need - **Friday 15th November 2024** – Pjs or comfy clothes - £1 donation – Parent Pay
- Nasal Flu vaccinations - **Thursday 28th November 2024**

Miss Cowgill





Marvellous Maples



It has been lovely to see so many happy, well rested children. They have come back to school with a great attitude to their learning, so I hope they keep it up throughout the half term, as we have had a great week.

The children have just finished their maths work on subtraction. They have been practising using written methods and have really persevered with it. The children have also looked at all

the different methods we could use for subtraction and have decided which they would use as the most efficient.

In English, we have started our narrative unit and have read the most unusual poem anyone in class has ever read. The children had a good go at trying to read the nonsense words, using tone and intonation.

In History, the children have been very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about our new topic- Ancient Egypt. The children have been using their history heads to look at sources and see what information we can take from them and also what information may be inaccurate.

Please can I ask that you are encouraging your child to read as we have the same children each week who do not read and are not bringing their reading records to school. If there is an issue with your child reading at home or with their reading book, then please do not hesitate to speak to us at the door in the morning or after school.

Dates for your diary

Bonfire lunch- Tuesday 5th November

Forest school- Thursday 7th November

Children in Need- Friday 15th November

Please ensure your child has the correct kits for PE and forest sessions. PE hoodies are only to be worn for PE sessions (not for the whole day).

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



The first week back has been packed, the days have flown by.

In Maths, the children have been learning about subtraction using mental methods and using column subtraction for two, four-digit numbers. The children have been practicing exchanging digits and solving column subtraction problems with missing digits. In our English this week, we have been gathering content for our narratives based on The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe.

The children have looked at the authors use of language to develop the setting and create atmosphere. They have also written a setting description of a snowy , frozen landscape.

At Forest school this week the children have used their imagination and what we have learned so far to create Cair Paravel, home to the Queen of Narnia. They were very creative!

In Art, the children have been equally creative and have sketched the Weavers Cottage. They experimented with shading and cross hatching to create different tones.

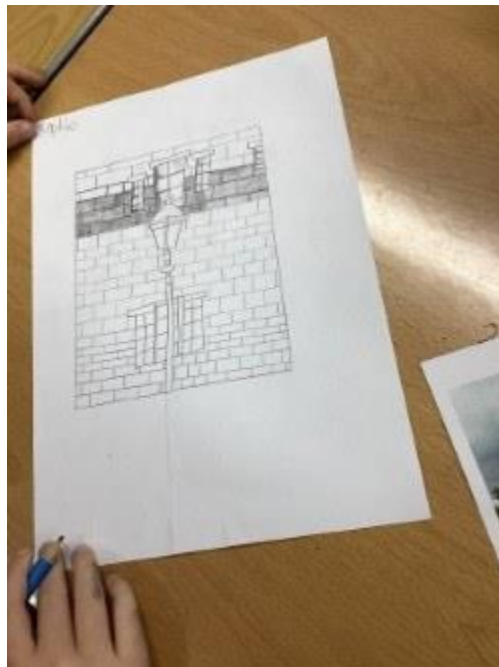
Outdoor Learning

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, it's essential for students to bring the appropriate gear to fully participate in Forest School sessions. We kindly remind parents to send a change of clothes, waterproof trousers, a coat, and either wellies or old shoes on Forest School days. With the colder months approaching, gloves and hats may also be necessary. Without the correct kit, your child may have limited access to certain areas and activities during the session. Our next session is **Wednesday 13th November**

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nolan







Wonderful Willows



We are back refreshed and filled with energy and enthusiasm!

We have had a tricky start to our Maths learning because we have been looking at factors and multiples and these are easily confused. It is apparent who is familiar with their timestables as it makes multiples and factors much easier to spot. If your child doesn't access our TT Rockstars app, I would highly recommend it as it! They should have their log in information in their reading diary.

Science has been exciting, we have been looking at surface area, water pressure and thrust to design the perfect boat. We were lucky enough to be able to test them at forest school where we had some amazing designs and also some Titanic moments.

In Spanish, we have started looking at the vocabulary for colours. Have a chat with your child over the weekend to see if they can remember any of the different words.

Dates to remember

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Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd







Mighty Oaks



It's been a busy first week back, with the days flying by. Already, we have crammed so much into these first few days.

In maths, we have been looking at using the chunking method as a written calculation for division. The children have been successfully using their times tables facts to create chunks to help them find the answers.

We are continuing our work with the novel of Goodnight Mister Tom and this week, we have started our scaffolded write. The children are writing about the events of the story using a first person perspective and have been amazing at using all the different features. Next week, we will be writing from the perspective of another character.

This half term, we will be continuing to learn about World War Two and its impact. Look out for our topic planner on the class web page with information about all the other learning we will be covering.

Forest School

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Reminders:

Swimming will continue until the end of term (please send t-shirts and shorts each week for life-saving) Indoor PE is now each Thursday

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

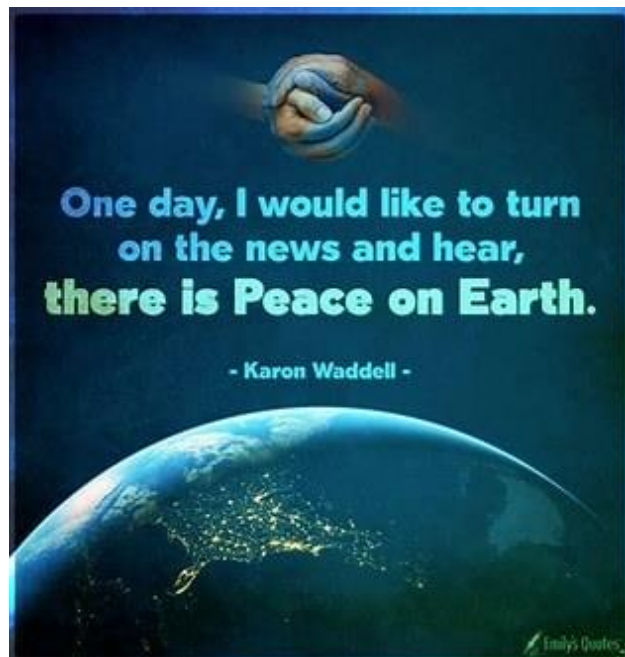
St. Paul's Church Worship



As we settle into the rhythm of another exciting half term, the focus of our collective worship: peace. This theme resonates deeply within our school community, offering us all an opportunity to reflect on its significance in our daily lives.

Peace, in its many forms, is a cornerstone of our ethos at St. Paul's. It's not just about the absence of conflict, but about fostering an environment where every pupil, staff member, and parent feels valued, heard, and respected. Through our worship sessions, we're exploring what peace means to each of us and how we can cultivate it both within ourselves and in our interactions with others.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all stay safe this weekend, and enjoy any bonfire celebrations you may be attending.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

