



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 14th June 2024

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

Headteacher news

It has been an eventful and exciting week here at St. Paul's. Our young learners have been immersed in a whirlwind of activities, showcasing their talents and embracing new experiences.

Congratulations to our wonderful Key Stage 1 children. They have courageously tackled their tests, demonstrating their knowledge and resilience. Their hard work and dedication are truly commendable.

Berries class has been a hub of joy and learning, as they welcomed parents for a delightful "Stay and Play" session. It was a precious opportunity for our little ones to share their school experiences with their loved ones.

As we prepare to bid farewell to our incredible Year 6 pupils, we had the privilege of accompanying them on a memorable journey to Manchester Cathedral. This special occasion celebrated their primary school journey and instilled within them a sense of hope, love, and inspiration as they embark on the next chapter of their academic adventures.

Our school grounds have continued to be a vibrant hive of activity, with the first of our three sports days already taking place. The air was filled with laughter, cheers, and the spirit of friendly competition as our students showcased their athletic prowess and sportsmanship.

Wednesday also brought me great joy, and I bubbled with pride as our talented gymnasts represented our school at the Rossendale Gymnast competition. Their grace, poise, and dedication left me in awe, and I couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

This week we have been truly inspired by the remarkable writing produced by our pupils. Their creativity, imagination, and command of language have left us in awe, reminding us of the boundless potential that lies within each and every one of them.





Dates for your diary...



- PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school from the hall at the end of the school day
- Tuesday 25th June - Lower KS2 Sports day 1:30pm
- Thursday 27th June - KS1 sports day 1:30pm
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- Monday 1st July- PM Career Event Year 6 1pm-3pm
- Tuesday 2nd July - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- 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 July - PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

Sign of the week...

This week we have been learning the sign 'wash'. See if you can practice this at home this weekend.



PTA



🍦🍭 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍭🍦 -

Remember, Ice lolly Fridays are here until the end of term! We will be in the hall every Friday after school, so come and get your end of week treat!

We are also starting to plan our end of year Celebration Disco. This will be held on Thursday 18th July 6pm - 8pm. We would be very grateful for volunteers to help support the event, so please do get in touch if you are able to help!

Also anyone who enters our Your School lottery before 29th June will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win a £1000 Amazon Gift card or £1000 cash prize'. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support.

Bonnie Smith

PTA Co-Chair

THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024
6PM -8PM

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NEON **CELEBRATION** **DISCO**

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TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT
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Celebration Disco Thursday 18th July 2024

Dear parents / carers,

The 2024 Celebration Disco is held at school on **Thursday 18th July 2024**. The doors open at **6.00pm** and all children need to be collected from school by **8pm** by a responsible adult.

Please note that only children that currently attend St. Paul's are allowed in the Disco. We realise this may cause inconvenience for some parents with younger children, however it is a rule for the safety of our children.

As this is a Celebration Disco, a special room has been set aside for Year 6 Children to enjoy their last school Disco at St. Pauls.

The theme for the disco has been chosen by the Year 6 children and it is:-

"NEON"

All children are welcome to come in themed outfits or fancy dress, but this is optional.

The price is £2 per child. If you wish to stay with your child at the Disco then the cost per adult is £2.00. Adults who stay cannot use their mobile phones during the disco. This is a strict rule for safeguarding reasons. We will have to ask you to leave if this rule is ignored.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the night then entrance is free. Please leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the facebook page. A list of volunteers will be made prior to the disco and volunteers should arrive at 5.45pm. We will not be accepting volunteers on the night.

There'll be a DJ in the Hall, games, crafts and refreshments including hot dogs, drinks, crisps and sweets to purchase.

Face painting and temporary tattoos are available on the night. Please let a member of the PTA know, prior to the disco, if there are any concerns about this for your child for example a previous allergic reaction. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil and face paints with soap and water.

Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.

The children have a wonderful time and grow in confidence with each school Disco. The children enjoy the independence of buying items and working out if they have enough money left for something else at the end of the night, which is a valuable life skill!

There are no mobile phones or any electronic recording devices allowed at the disco (children or adults) and several St. Paul's class teachers are at the event for safeguarding reasons to protect our children.

Let's celebrate together. Any questions please ask via the PTA Facebook and twitter pages or via email.

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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:

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

Berries have had another super week. We have been continuing with the story Dogger and been acting out key scenes from the text. We have washed and dried teddies on a washing line and tried some ice-cream like Dave and his family. The year 1 children have enjoyed completing their road safety. And the reception children enjoyed starting their bike ability. We have also been learning about Hinduism and liked looking at the different forms of Brahman.







Amazing Acorns



This week has been another busy one...

In English this week we have been acting out our story, planning an alternate ending and we even went to the moon.

In Maths we have continued exploring 3d shapes, specifically their properties. Can your child tell you about faces and vertices?

We have continued our sessions with Courtney, the dance coach. Just a friendly reminder that PE is on a Tuesday.

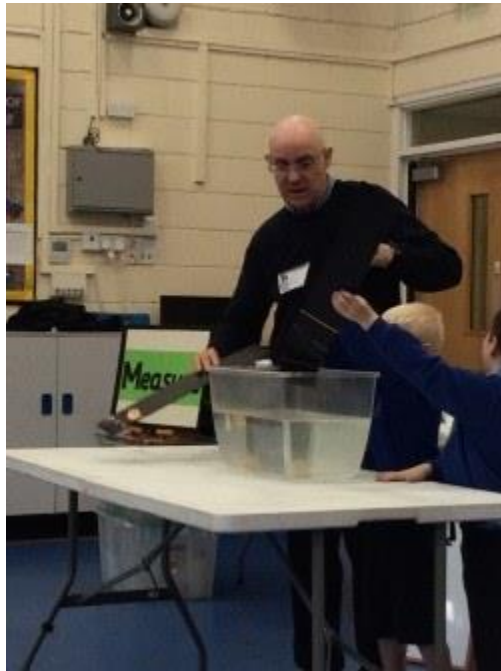
Enjoy some photographs from the last couple of weeks.

Key Information:

- **PE is now on Tuesday.**
- **Forest School - Monday 24th (please return kits and wellies)**
- **Learn to ride, starting wb 24th June.**
- **Sports Day, 27th June 1:30pm.**
- **Road Safety, starting wb 8th July.**











Awesome Ashes



Year 1 Road Safety

This week our Year 1 children have taken part in the Lancashire County Council's Stage 2 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. We learnt about think- about the safest place to cross the road, stop with their feet back from the curb, look for any vehicles that might be coming on the road and listen for vehicles (but remembering that electric cars now make very little noise). We also had our school crossing patrol to help us find a safer place to cross. Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.

Through the decades concert - As you are already aware, we are putting on a through the decades concert towards the end of term. Please can you start to gather white and red clothes that maybe suitable for the performance. Please see the image below for ideas.



Forest School

We have just two sessions left in our Forest this year! Our session next week has moved from WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY 28th June. If you have not already brought your child's kit into school please bring this in next week. Our final session will be on Wednesday 10th July.

Sports day

KS1 Sports Day will be held on the field on Thursday 27th June 1:30pm. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day and their water bottle.











Super Sycamores



Y2 Mosque and Weavers Cottage

On Monday 24th June our Y2 children will be walking to Peter Street Mosque in Rawtenstall and the Weavers Cottage. Please refer to your text sent on Wednesday which details that children are able to wear trainers to walk safely and comfortably on this day.

Y2 Road Safety Will begin on Tuesday 25th June for our Y2 children.

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Dance through the Decades

If your child has their 'groovy glasses', please bring them into school, so we can practice dancing and wearing them at the same time!! Anything sparkly can be worn on the day (Elton John 'I'm Still Standing').

Sports Day

Our KS1 Sports Day will be held on the field on **Thursday 27th June 1.30pm**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day and their water bottle.

Change to Forest School - We have just two sessions left in our Forest this year! Please bring Forest School kits on **Wednesday 26th June** (long sleeve tops and long sleeve trousers/leggings are needed to avoid brambles and nettles please) and Friday 12th July.





Outstanding Alders



What an amazing week we have had this week. We are so proud of all the year 2 children; they have shown resilience and determination all week. They deserved their day off timetable on Friday and thoroughly enjoyed the party.

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Sports Day This will be held (weather permitting) on Thursday 27th June in the afternoon at 1:30pm.

PE days :

- Thursdays (outdoor)
- Fridays (indoor)

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.

Forest school after half term:

- Monday 1st July





Enchanted Elms



I am immensely proud in our Elms class. This week, they led their class worship, focusing on Anna Atkins, our scientist and artist of the half term. The children's presentation was nothing short of amazing, showcasing their hard work, creativity, and understanding of this remarkable historical figure. This week the children's determination and focus in mathematics has been particularly impressive. This week the children have been working on the grid method, they have really grasped this concept now and I'm so pleased with their determination. In English we have been drawing and writing about two characters for their playscript and wrote setting descriptions for where these characters live.

Sports Day

Our sports day, weather permitting will be held on **Tuesday 25th June 2024** – 1:30pm – Please make sure your child or children have their P.E kits in school. Weather permitting!

Forest School – Please ensure your kit is in school on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

Through the decades concert - As you will already be aware, we are putting on a through the decades concert towards the end of term. Please can you start to gather glittery and bright clothes (Abba style) that maybe suitable for the performance.





Marvellous Maples



We have had another busy week in Maples class. On Thursday, the weather was beautiful for our outdoor learning session. We went to Forest school and practiced our orienteering skills by learning more about mapping and symbols. In our English lessons, we have been learning all about playscripts. We have now developed our own character to be part of our own playscript and written a character description using lots of noun phrases and fronted adverbials. On Friday we have begun to write our playscript based on our story Sniff and Snatch. In indoor PE, we have been creating and practicing dance moves for our through the decades songs. Outdoor PE was with our cricket coach, and we learnt lots of new skills to improve our throwing, blowing and catching.

Sports Day Tuesday 25th June 2024 – 1:30pm – Please make sure your child or children have their P.E kits in school.

Ukulele Concert - Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is possible that the Ukulele concert on the 5th July will have to be cancelled. We are currently liaising with the music services and will confirm as soon as possible.

Through the Decades - Maples are dressing up as 90s popstars – lots of white and glitter please. Tickets are on sale via ParentPay will be £2 each and are limited to two per family, on a first come first served basis. Please note younger siblings cannot sit on laps and will need their own ticket.

Next Forest school Thursday 4th July

[Dazzling Elders](#)





Elders have had a busy and active week. The Elders have continued to improve their technique in their swimming sessions and more certificates have been handed out this week. Please continue to send shorts and t-shirts as well as swimming kits, each Monday until the end of term.

Sports day was a great afternoon. The children displayed great sportsmanship and all put fantastic effort into their events.

On Wednesday, we have an exciting Greek day. The children will be taking part in different activities, all about Ancient Greece. The children do have the option to dress up, if they wish. **Please can you check that you have signed and contributed if possible on Parent pay - thank you.**

The children have been practising their songs for our 'Through the decades' concert and are really showing their inner superstar. The children could practise at home, as I'm sure you'll all appreciate the nostalgia. Children can dress up and we have discussed what kinds of outfits the bands (S Club, Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls and Oasis) would wear. They can dress up as any of the bands or members.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend.

Miss Yates & Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



We have had a lovely week in Willows this week. It has been as busy as ever!

We are enjoying working with the cricket coach each Wednesday. The children are really developing their skills and confidence.

It has been assessment week in Maths and English for our Year 5 children this week and they have really impressed us with their efforts - showing fantastic progress from the start of the year. Well done!

A reminder please to ensure your child has their 'rockstar' costume ready for our 'Through the Decades' concert and that they are learning the lines for the song 'Livin' On A Prayer'. They should have brought these home with them but there are karaoke versions on You Tube which they can also use to practise.

For Year 6 children only - Please ensure you have signed the parent pay consent forms for the Tubing Day should you wish your child to attend.

Kind Regards Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



It's been another busy week in Oaks, with the start of our many end of term activities. Yesterday saw glorious weather for the Upper Junior Unit Sports Day and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers supporting our fabulous children. Well done to Cribden House - this years winners!

On Thursday, the Year 6 children visited Manchester Cathedral to take part in the Diocese Leavers Service. This was led by Bishop Mark and highlighted the values of faith, love and hope. Some wonderful memories were created for the children to take with them when they move into high school.

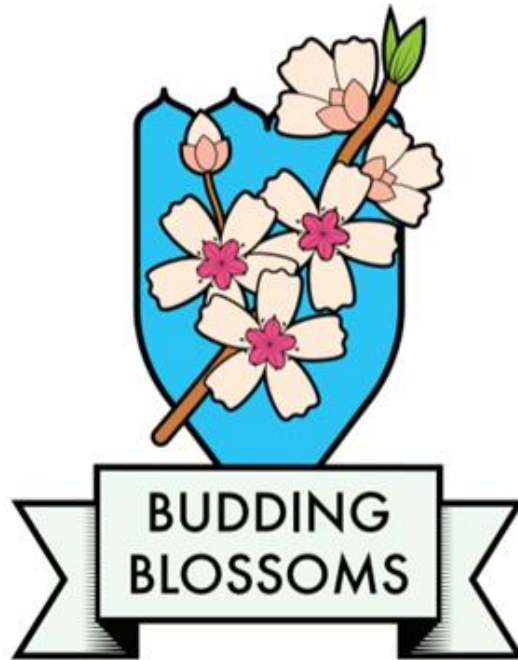
Next Friday (28th June) is the Mini Olympics event at Marl Pits. If you wish for your child to attend, please give consent on ParentPay. A packed lunch will be needed and you may wish to send your child with some money as the ice-cream van will also be making an appearance. If your child is on free school meals, please let school know if a packed lunch is needed from the school kitchen. Arrangements will be made in school for those children who do not wish to attend.

Through the decades concert - Oaks class will be performing a song from today's era so normal everyday clothes will be needed. Tickets can be purchased through ParentPay Forest School –

Thursday 27th June 2024

Mrs Lee

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms' have had a fantastic week! In maths, we have been improving our addition and subtraction skills; the children are now experts at column addition and subtraction! In English, we are continuing to develop our independence skills and including all the different features. I am so pleased with everyone's progress. The Year 6 Blossoms' have been so busy this week, they have enjoyed Sports Day, visited the Cathedral in Manchester for a celebration and been practising their play! I cannot believe we only have a few weeks left together.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend together in the SUNSHINE!

Mrs Taylor!

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	Kaira		
Awesome Ashes	Sabahat	Bear	Jack
Super Sycamores	Year 2	Emmie	Freddie
Outstanding Alders	The whole class	Amelie	Ethan R
Enchanted Elms	Hugo	Oliver	Orlando
Marvellous Maples	Ruby	Monroe	Freddie
Dazzling Elders	Ava	Brennie	Thomas
Wonderful Willows	Cora	Adam	Christopher
Mighty Oaks	Eliana	Isobelle	Sebastian
Budding Blossoms	Joshua		



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Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill.

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](#)
(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^[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).
- 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

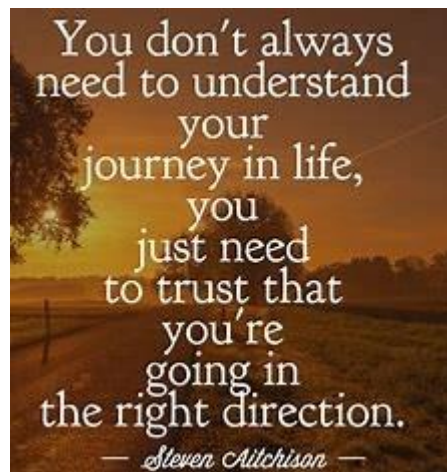
Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

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

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

