



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

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

Headteacher news

A huge thank you to all of you who have helped this week to try to reduce the spread of the viruses that have been sweeping through school this last two weeks. Thank you also for your patience as we have had to postpone events to ensure that we keep all of our school family safe and well.

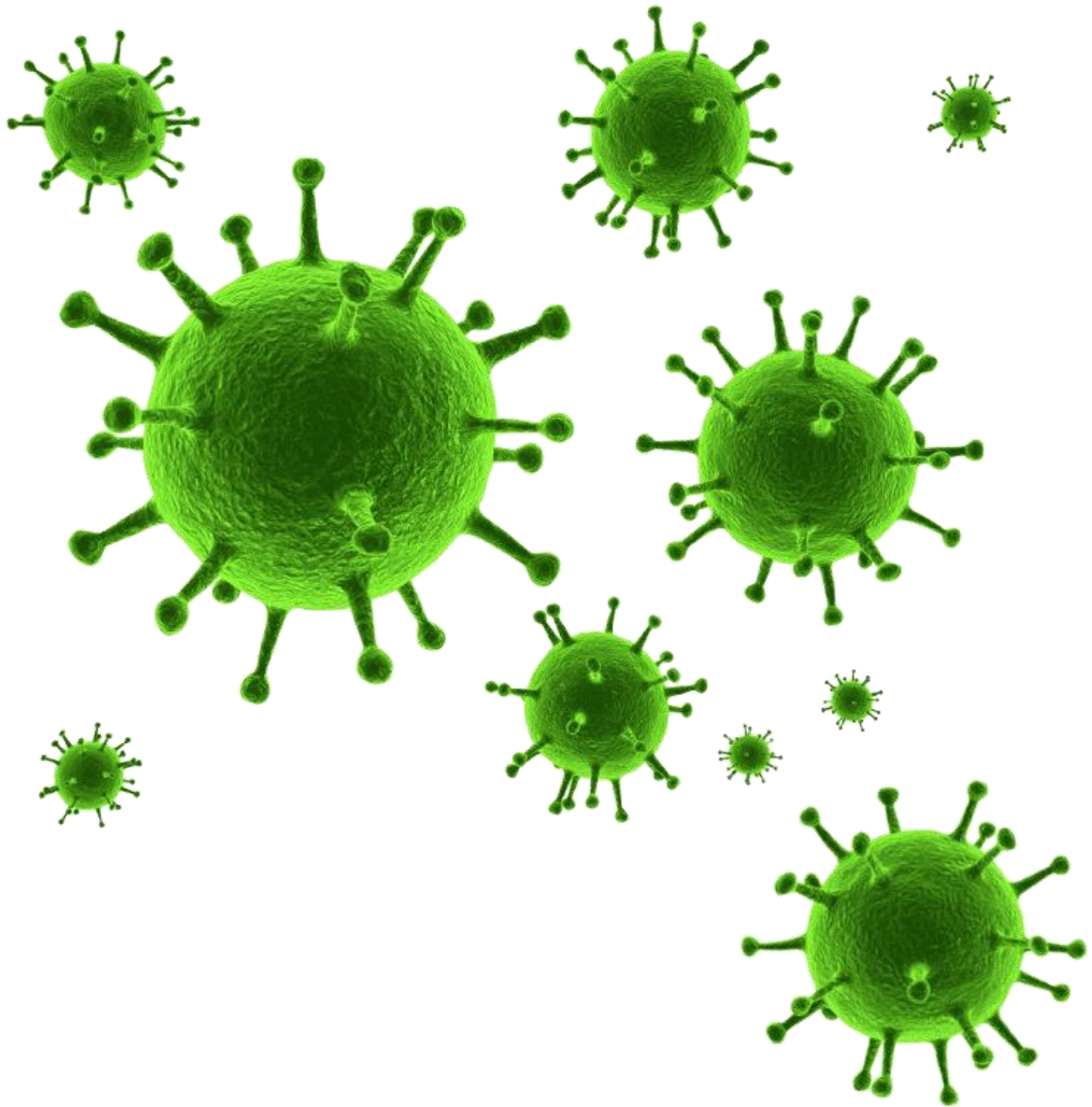
Unfortunately, we are having to postpone or cancel the following events. Further information will follow within this newsletter.

- Parents evening
- Maples trip
- Easter Church service
- PTA Eggstravaganza.

From Monday our Infant gates will be locked at 3.15pm to enable staff to set up learning and provision for the following day. Please can we remind all parents that all activities that are out on the playground have been set up specifically for a learning task. Please can you encourage your children not to play with these when at drop and collection. We understand that for our children it is exciting to find and play

with something they have not seen before so we would be very grateful for your support with this would be very much appreciated.

Important virus information



We currently have a high number of pupils and staff who have been off sick with suspected flu-like symptoms. Symptoms of influenza (flu) can include fever, an aching body, dry cough, headache, sore throat, diarrhoea, or tummy pain, feeling sick and being sick. 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 and many schools and people across the valley are suffering with many viruses.

- Due to the high number of children and staff that are currently unwell with viruses and whooping cough. Please can you ensure that your child does not attend school for 48 hours after they have last vomited or had diarrhoea.
- If your child is diagnosed with Whooping cough, please ensure that they do not attend until 48 hours after they have started treatment with antibiotics. Anyone diagnosed with Whooping cough or Pertussis as it is medically known as, will be excluded from school for 21 days should they not be treated with antibiotics. This is a public health requirement to ensure the safety of everyone due to the rapid spread of the disease.
- Symptoms include severe headache, temperature, aching, lethargic, sickness/diarrhoea. Children will need to rest and drink plenty of fluids. Always seek advice from your doctor.
- The NHS have a helpful guide should you wish to use this. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

Parents evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for our Spring term Parents' Evening which will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April**. 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.

PTA

PTA News

EVENT CANCELLED - Unfortunately due to the high levels of illness in school at the moment it has been decided that the Easter Eggstravaganza can no longer go ahead.

🙌🙌 However, the Easter hamper raffle will still be drawn as planned. Don't forget to get your tickets on parentpay before 9am Monday 25th March to be in with a chance of winning one of our fantastic hampers 🙌🙌

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

Kath McArragher - PTA Co-Chair

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.

Dates for your diary...



- Each Thursday - Couch 25k starts at 3.45pm from the school office.
- Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April. - Parents evening
- POSTPONED - Maples class trip

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



1 - Have your circumstances changed?

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...



Amazing Acorns



Firstly, I would like to start by saying how amazing the Acorns have been this week. They have managed to adapt to any changes and they have been amazing for the staff. I have awarded this weeks 'Compassion Award' to the whole class.

We have been focusing on understanding our teen numbers this week. We have been making them using bundles of straws, 10 and ones. We have also been making them with the base ten.

We have also continued to learn about our caterpillars, the children have been amazed with how quickly they have grown. Ask your child if they can tell you anything about them. Check out the photographs. We think they might be in their chrysalis' by Monday.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Cavaney.

[Awesome Ashes](#)



Ashes really have been awesome! We are very proud of how amazing the Ashes have been this week. They have managed to adapt to any changes and they have been amazing for the staff. Our learning will be updated next week when Miss Pounder returns.

- 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 Sycamores have innovated their poems about Buckingham Palace. We have written, rehearsed and performed them to another class! Super ideas Sycamores!

In Maths we have learnt more about time- making o'clock and half past times.

In our topic, we have finished our Science- finding out about animal habitats and food chains.

We enjoyed Kids Rock where we practiced rhythms and loved our sports coach on Tuesday where we practiced more of our athletic skills of target throwing and jumping.

Outstanding Alders



Alders really have been outstanding! We are very proud of how amazing the Alders have been this week. They have managed to adapt to any changes and they have been amazing for the staff. Our learning will be updated next week when Miss Gribben returns.

This week Alders have been super busy in all area of learning. In English we have planned a prequel of Bob and the moon tree mystery and look forward to writing those next week. In maths we finished our unit on adding and subtracting with exchange and started our new topic of 2D and 3D shapes. In art we painted pictures of the halo, we painted in the style of our artist Georges Seurat.

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

Enchanted Elms



This week in English the children have been discussing reasons for and against, why we should wear a school uniform. We have also been learning about and using the features of a discussion text. The children worked collaboratively in their groups discussing reasons for and against homework. We will be using this work, next week to write their own discussion text. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and angles. we have been investigating which shapes have right angles.

In Art ,we have been learning about an artist called Venessa Scott and created our own art work in the style that Vanessa Scott uses

Next week we have Forest School on Monday 25th March 2024 - Please can ensure that your child or children have their kits in school.

P.E a will be back to Mondays and Thursday afternoons after the Easter holidays.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Thank you for your understanding regarding Maples trip postponement and I will let you know the new date as soon as possible.

In Science, we have continued to learn about electric circuits and made predictions about what materials would be good conductors or if they would be insulators. We have tested these items and discovered that most metals are good conductors. We also found out that lead in a pencil is a conductor, but it does not work as well as metals.

In English, we have started our setting descriptions and I am amazed at the vocabulary the children are using to describe the Place Between. These words include amethyst, luminous, indigo and twinkling.

- **PE remains on Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)**

Mrs De Boutemard

Dazzling Elders



The Elders have worked really hard this week. In English, the children have enjoyed writing a story based on Beowulf. They incorporated lots of ambitious vocabulary and the grammar features we have focused on this week. In Science the children have been learning about classification keys and have been identifying animals using yes or no questions. this was tricky but the children have done really well with it. As part of our DT lesson, the children have been investigating a range of purses and wallets to see their functions, features and construction to inform how they design their own money container.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to come to the Ukulele concert, the children really enjoyed having a chance to showcase their new skills to an audience.

Art this week, the children have been completing their Anglo Saxon crosses. To see our class artwork go to our Padlet, which is on our class page on the school website or scan the QR code above.

Swimming After the Easter holidays, Elders class will be swimming on Mondays. Please ensure the children bring in their **swimming kit on the first Monday back.**

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

Wonderful Willows



Willow's class have been so helpful this week. They offered to spend some of their forest school time completing a litter pick. What a fantastic job they have done around our school and the surrounding area. Well done!

In Science we have been testing the conductivity of a variety of materials. Many children were shocked to find that some types of playdough can pass electricity through it. We have enjoyed creating circuits to replicate diagrams. Willow's class worked very maturely with the equipment.

ICT has been a fantastic learning experience for children and adults alike this week. Our school have been lucky enough to purchase a class set of micro:bits, for those who don't know, it is a pocket sized computer. We have been programming the micro:bits to do many functions using led lights and sensors. The children have worked amazingly hard, remaining focussed throughout the complex tasks.

Kind regards

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks

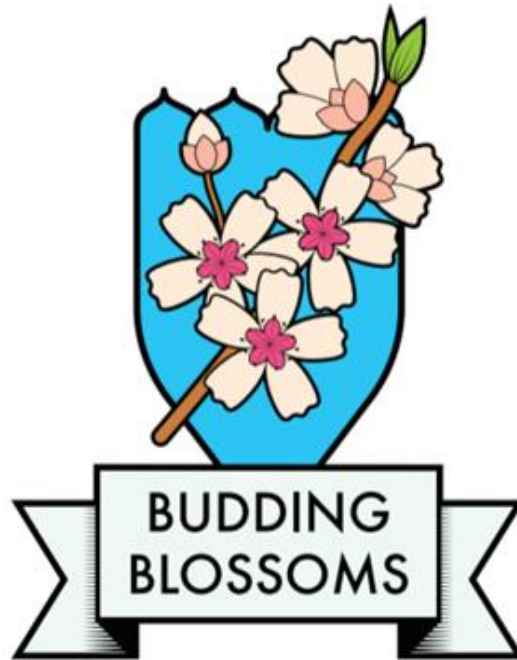


This week, as we edge ever closer to the end of term, the children have been working hard in all subject areas.

In English, the class have been writing their final discussion piece on whether Macbeth was a tragic hero or a dastardly villain. Some excellent ideas for both sides have been put forward. Well done everyone for your great contributions! Crime and punishment has been our topic focus in history and the children have been enjoying finding out about the types of punishments through the ages. During our lesson this week, we have been looking at why Highwaymen were popular and the consequences of their actions.

- **Next half term, we will be working with the PE coach each Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure kits are in school on that day.**
- **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



The children have had a fantastic week in Blossoms', they have all worked so hard in English and Maths. In English, we have been writing our adventure stories for Barnabus and his friends, some have taken him to the beach, others to a forest! I cannot wait to read the final piece.

In maths, we have been learning to tell the time, some children are reading to the hour and others are reading timetables and convert time from digital to analogue.

Please ensure your child is reading frequently at home, I have noticed a decline in reading records signed. Books will be changed twice a week on a Tuesday and Friday.

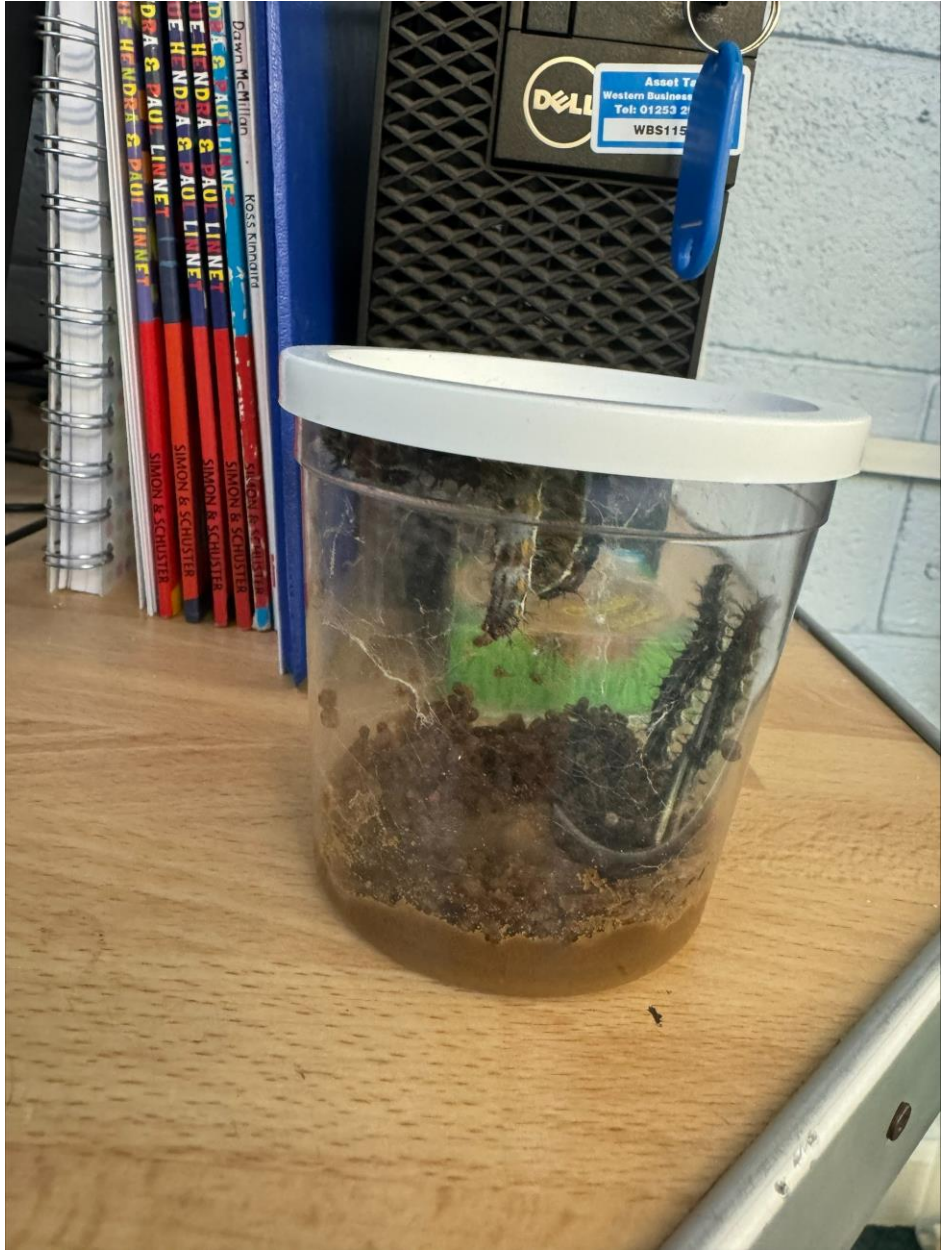
I look forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening after the holidays.

Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.







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	Usmaan	Rory	Acorn Class
Awesome Ashes	Jack	Ben	Louie
Super Sycamores	Declan	Martha	Henry
Outstanding Alders	Santi	Rupert	Mylo
Enchanted Elms	Luca	James	Oscar
Marvellous Maples	Rowan	Sonny	Harry
Dazzling Elders	James	Beth	Willow
Wonderful Willows	Charlie	Cooper	Isabella
Mighty Oaks	Jess	Noah & Rowan	Eliana
Budding Blossoms	Luca		

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)

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



Half Term Fun



HAF
Rossendale
Holiday Activities & Food

In Rossendale, we are running a **free holiday club programme** for children and young people who receive free school meals.

Come and enjoy fun activities, healthy meals, meet new people and learn new skills.

Sessions run from **Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th April** and **Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th April**

Limited spaces available on each activity.

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For more information & to register visit www.rtrtrust.co.uk/haf

Parents/guardians are not required to stay for sessions unless requested to do so. All attendees to any primary school aged sessions (Reception - Yr 6), must be signed in and signed out each day.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

rossendale leisure trust Lancashire County Council Department for Education

St Paul's Church news



We are really looking forward to our Easter services however they are now in school and just for the pupils. This is to ensure we keep you, the church wardens and the congregation safe and free from the virus in school.

St Paul's Church is hosting an Easter celebration in church. More information can be found on the link below.

Please click on the following link to find out about St. Paul's Church [Easter Celebration - Events - St Paul's - A Church Near You](#)

Lancashire Family Hubs Network & Rossendale Works

SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Healthy Parental Relationships course

For any parent or carer

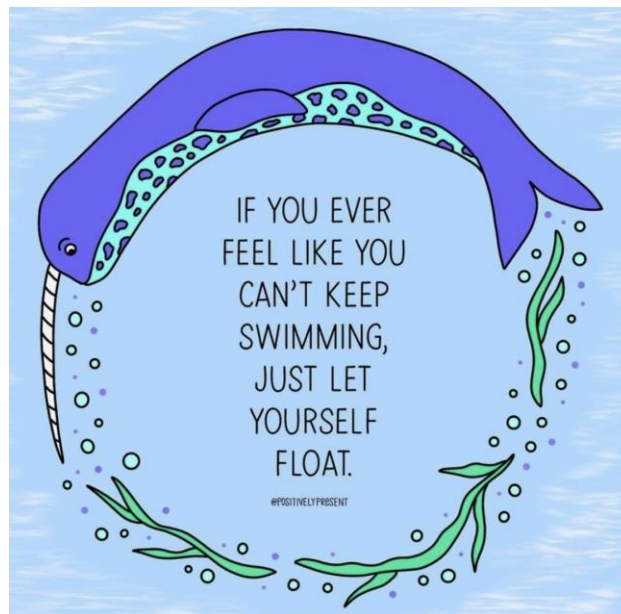
Thursday 22nd February – Thursday 28th March

1.15pm-2.45pm

The Maden Family Hub Bacup

For further information call 01706 237 780

Reflective Friday



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

Mrs Charlesworth