



# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

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

## Headteacher news

Our school family is growing quickly but not just by the number of families who are joining our school. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mrs Begum has given birth to a beautiful baby boy. They are now both at home sharing this very special time with their family.

We also have three new babies which are on their way to join our school family. Huge congratulations to Miss Gribben, Miss Pounder and their families who are expecting their own bundles of joy later in the year. We cannot wait to meet your new family members.

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 'Sorry.'



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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 29th February - PTA disco 6-8pm
- Friday 15th March Sing up Concert at King Georges Hall
- Tuesday 19th March & Thursday 21st March - Parents evening
- 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.



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.**

## PTA

 Our Disco is fast approaching and will be held in school on Thursday 29th February 2024. The doors open at 6pm and all children need to be collected from school by 8.00pm by a responsible adult.

 Please note that NO mobile phones or any electronic recording devices are allowed at the disco (children and parents) for the safety and safeguarding of all children any phones will be removed from children. 

Please refer to the previous letter emailed to parents.

 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](mailto: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>



## February Disco Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear parents / carers

The 2024 February Disco is held at school on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.

The doors open for all children at **6.00pm** and **ALL** children need to be collected from school **by 8.00pm** 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.

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. Please note that adults do not need to stay as the children will be supervised by staff and PTA volunteers. 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.

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

As well as the Disco, where the children can boogie in their best dresses or party pants, there are other activities such as lucky dip, crafts and games. Refreshments in the form of hot dogs are available to buy plus juice, water, crisps and sweets. Face painting and temporary tattoos are also available on the night. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil. 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, however if you have any concerns please seek out a member of the PTA or ask at reception.

No mobile phones or any electronic recording devices are allowed at the disco (children or adults) for the safety of all the children.

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

Thank you for your continued support.  
**St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA).**

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This week we have been learning...



Amazing Acorns



What a great start to this half term, the children have come back full of energy and ready to learn.

In English this week we have started looking at our new story 'Supertato'. The children have been exploring a crime scene and writing all about Supertato.

In Maths we have been exploring capacity, exploring full, empty, half-full, nearly empty and nearly full. We have also been investigating how many it takes to fill different containers.

In PE, we have continued travelling in different ways and practising our balancing and climbing on apparatus.

Our PE day is still Wednesday and our next Forest School session is next week: **Tuesday 27th February.**

Miss Cavaney.

### Brilliant Berries

What a lovely week back. In English, we have introduced our new story: 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have made predictions with a feely bag, explored a sensory tray and even experienced a sensory walk. The children have been using lots of new vocabulary and adjectives. In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and money. We particularly enjoyed a maths shape hunt. We loved our first session of kids rock and enjoyed singing along to the songs.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

### Awesome Ashes



It has been lovely to welcome you all back into school this week and hear about what you got up to in the holidays. We have started our new English topic on the classic story 'We are going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. We have made predictions about what we think might happen in the story and the we wrote/ asked questions to the author. In Maths Year 1 have been looking at place value and adding/ taking away 10 and the reception children have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Finally we have started our new science topic on animals. We had to classify animals into lots of different categories based on what they look like and what we knew about the animals already.

- Reminders: PE has returned to Mondays, please come dressed in your PE kit.
- Forest school sessions for this half term Wednesday 28th Feb, Wednesday 13th March, Wednesday 27th March.

## Super Sycamores



This week, Sycamores have learnt about the history of New Hall Hey Mill and Whittaker Park in our History topic- a very interesting story to ask your child about! In Maths, we have learnt about halving shapes and numbers. We developed our fluency on even numbers and counting in groups of 2. In English, we have started to look at non chronological reports- this will lead up to writing a report about the mills in Rawtenstall later next week.

We loved Kids Rock coming in to teach music and our Sports Coach teaching our athletics this week.

Forest School- next week Friday 1st March.

## Outstanding Alders



A super first week back for Outstanding Alders! In English we have started our new book Man on the Moon. We are really enjoying learning more about Bob's daily life. We have explored the start of Bob's day and are looking forward to finding out more about Bob and the moon. At forest school we enjoyed playing on the mud slide and also making a start on our display for our English working wall. In RE we discuss the importance of the Easter story and the reason we have Easter eggs and hot cross buns and what they represent in the Easter story. On Tuesday we also had a kid's rock session, we loved getting to sing and dance and use different instruments to make music.

**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 started a new book called 'Anansi the spider' - an African folk-style tale. We have predicted what the folk tale might be about. We have read a few pages and used the blurb to predict what might happen next in the story. The children are super excited to find out what happens to Anansi.

In maths we have continued with grid method using problems to embed their understanding of the multiplication. Just a gentle reminder in year 3 the children should be learning there 3, 4, 8. They can do this by going on TTRS or the game we use within class called hit the button.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

In Geography we have started looking at the earth and what's inside and looking at volcanoes and the structure of them. They have really enjoyed watching videos of erupting volcanoes.

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

Also due to us having the P.E coach our Forest School slot has been changed to a Monday.

Monday 26th February 2024

Monday 11th March 2024

Monday 25th March 2024

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

[Marvellous Maples](#)



Maples have had a lovely first week back after the half term break.

In Maths, Year 4 have been developing their understanding of place value and hundredths and we had a very tricky lesson working out the missing numbers on the number line. Year 3s have been learning about volume, mass and capacity with lots of practical lessons linked to this topic.

In English, we have been writing Kenning poems and started our new topic of discussion texts by learning about arguments for and against. In Science we have started our topic about Electricity and in Geography we have been comparing maps of Rawtenstall now and in 1890.

- **Forest school - Friday 8th March**
- **PE remains on Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor) after the half term.**

## Dazzling Elders



In English this week we have been reading Beowulf by Michael Murpurgo. The children have enjoyed learning about the monster Grendel and the hero Beowulf and gathering descriptive language from the text. This week in Maths, the year 4's have been using the grid method to multiply and the year 5's have been using an appropriate strategy for division.

The focus this half term in Science is living things and their habitats this week the children have been learning about different ecosystems.

- **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 a great start to Spring 2 for Willows Class! We have been looking at symmetry and translation in our Maths lessons. The class initially found the concept quite tricky but have grown in confidence as the week has progressed.

In English we have started our new novel 'Stormbreaker.' We are already hooked and have used our inference skills to try to work out the 'four mysteries' from the early chapters.

In History, we enjoyed being History detectives - using the census to find out more about life in the Victorian Times. Our Year 6 children have been counting down to the Robinwood trip and we are looking forward to them making some amazing memories with their year group. Please look out on our social media platforms for the updates of the weekend and keep your fingers crossed for some fine weather! Parents are reminded that the children should be collected from the designated pick up point on Sunday 25th February at 2pm.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

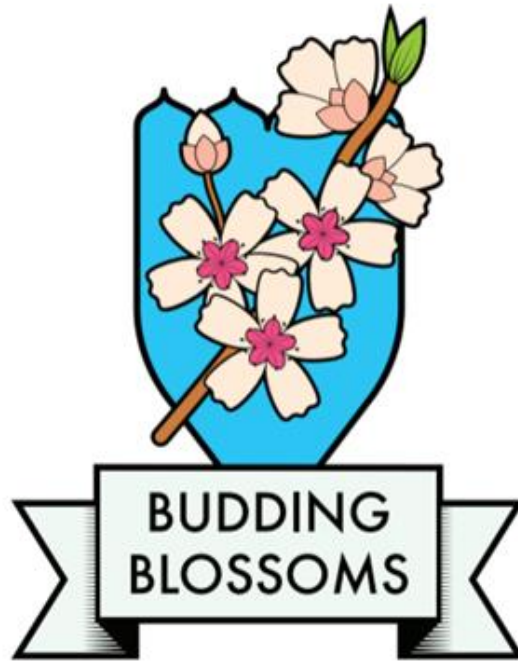
## Mighty Oaks



It's been a very exciting start to the half term with our residential visit to Robinwood underway. The children have been counting down to the trip and we are looking forward to them making some amazing memories with their year group. Please look out on our social media platforms for the updates of the weekend and keep your fingers crossed for some fine weather! Parents are reminded that the children should be collected from the designated pick up point on Sunday 25th February at 2pm.

- **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 a lovely first week back at school. They have all settled in well and got stuck into their work. In maths, we are recapping some addition and subtraction strategies and I am so pleased at how much they have remembered.

In English, we have started our new book, 'The Barnabus Project'. We have made prediction and decided we think the story is going to be about a 'mouselephant' who is stuck and needs to get out of his jar. The children were very excited to read the story and find out what it is all about.

Reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday, I have noticed a decline in children reading at home. Please read with your child frequently and sign their reading records, it is important to help them develop their reading skills.

If you have any questions, please do come and see me at the door each morning.

Have a lovely weekend.

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	Nahidul	Hunter	Alfie
Awesome Ashes	Matilda	Daisy	Joseph
Super Sycamores	Rupert	Lily	Sophia
Outstanding Alders	Jonny	Ethan R	Mylo
Enchanted Elms	Ollie	Jake	Oliver
Marvellous Maples	Isabel	Charlie	Maples Class
Dazzling Elders	Ivy	Harry	Jonah
Wonderful Willows	Ben H	Sam	Isabella
Mighty Oaks	Chloe	Lennon	Bella B
Brilliant Berries	Myla-Rose		
Budding Blossoms	Dean		

## 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](#)  
([stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk](http://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 Office: 01706 215893

## School Holidays 2024/2025

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

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

### SPRING TERM 2025

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

### SUMMER TERM 2025

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

### FOCUS ON 2 YEAR FUNDING

Join the thousands of parents across Lancashire who already use **funded childcare for their 2-year-olds**.

Check eligibility: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-educationfamilies/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/payingfor-childcare/play-learn-and-grow-with-a-funded-place-for-2-year-olds>

If any further support is needed come and join us at our –

**One Stop Shop** every Thursday morning 10am-12pm at the Maden Family Hub Bacup.



### 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](mailto:Janet.Whittaker2@lancashire.gov.uk) or [michelle.Herbert@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto: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)

## **Year 6 Residential**

The children have arrived, have unpacked and have already started on their adventure weekend. We will update you over the weekend on X and share their adventures with you. [!\[\]\(a30b5314efefb0416f322d92d9011828\_img.jpg\) \*\*St Paul's School\*\*](#)  
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Reflective Friday



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

Mrs Charlesworth