



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

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

Dates for your diary...



- Life Education Van in school on the 28th and 29th January
- PTA disco - Thursday 13th February
- 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

Harold is back

As part of our whole school approach to health and well - being and in order to enrich our PSHE curriculum even further, we once again look forward to welcoming the Life Education Van into school on the 28th and 29th January 2025.

Our Infant and Lower Key Stage 2 children will participate in the 'Harold and Friends' sessions, learning about various health - related topics through the use of play and puppets.

Our older children will participate in sessions looking at preparing them for their next steps on their journey to Secondary Education and how to deal with the challenges this can bring.

The Life Education Van is a charity and is not funded by the local authority therefore we do ask for a contribution of £4.50 to cover the cost of the sessions and resources. Please could all payments be paid on Parent Pay by the end of today **Friday 24th January**. Should the contribution cause any financial difficulties at all please do not hesitate to discuss this with the office.

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



Earlier this week, I sent out our new holiday dates for the 2025-26 school year. These dates are crucial for planning purposes, and I kindly ask that you keep them in mind when considering any future family holidays or trips.

It's worth reiterating our school's policy on attendance during term time. As you're all aware, we place a high value on consistent attendance and its impact on our pupils' educational progress. With this in mind, I must remind you that leave during term time will not be authorised. This policy is in place to ensure that our pupils receive the full benefit of their education and don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time, it's important to note that this will result in a penalty notice. This measure is not one we take lightly, but it's necessary to maintain the high standards of attendance that contribute to our pupils' success.

I understand that planning family time is important, and I hope that by providing these dates well in advance, we can work together to ensure that holidays and family commitments align with the school calendar wherever possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Here are the quick links to -

- [2024-25 Holiday list](#)
- [2025-26 holiday list](#)

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/>

Rossendale
Primary Care Network

FREE HEALTH EVENT
FOR FAMILIES
BRUNCH INCLUDED

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
CHILD'S HEALTH?

WANT TO START 2025 IN
A POSITIVE WAY?

LOOKING FOR SOME ADVICE
FROM EXPERTS?

PLEASE COME TO OUR FREE
EVENT

DATE

18.01.2025



EVENT TIME 9-12

HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK
BURY ROAD
HASLINGDEN

- WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF BABIES, TODDLERS, OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS
- TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED MENTAL HEALTH, IMMUNISATIONS, FOOD & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parent courses

new era enterprises



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Believing in Better*

4X 2hr Sessions

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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.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 9.30am - 11.30am
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 12.45pm - 2.45pm & online
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ASD
Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD
Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS
The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 6.30pm - 8.30pm & online
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Fundraise for school in a way that does not cost you anything.

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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

What a fabulous week the Berries have had! All the children have worked so hard on lots of different activities.

In English, we have been reading Owl Babies and have spent lots of time retelling the story and, in our writing, we have been describing how the owl babies look and feel. The children have produced some fabulous pieces of work, we are very impressed.

In maths, we have continued to work on counting backwards from a given number and also looking at what one more and one less is of that number, very tricky but has not phased us at all.

Our topic this week has been RE and looking at different bible stories and retelling them. I am sure you have heard lots about the creation of the world.

On Monday, we have PE, children can come to school in their PE kits please. On Wednesday, we have forest school, please ensure that children have suitable clothing and not just a waterproof, as it is still really cold.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Coleman

[Amazing Acorns](#)



In English we have been writing a wanted poster for the owl mummy from our current text “Owl Babies”. The children wrote “mummy” and then they wrote words describing mummy owl on their poster.

In Maths we have been partitioning numbers and modelling the language “one part is”, “one part is” and “the whole is”.

The children have been learning about Florence Nightingale this week. We have found out lots of interesting facts about her and the children have also practised their cutting skills and followed instructions to make lanterns because Florence was known as “The Lady of the Lamp”. Acorns have also talked about different ways to keep ourselves healthy in circle time and we have written these as slogans too!

Have a lovely weekend

The EYFS team

[Awesome Ashes](#)



What a busy week! We have worked so hard, reading and writing our own setting descriptions (after writing descriptions of Africa from our text *Handa's Surprise*)

in English. In our topic we have been learning about The Great Fire of London- we are very interested about life long ago. We have enjoyed role playing in our baker's shop.

PE

A reminder that our outdoor PE day is now each Tuesday for both indoor and outdoor sessions. This is due to a Sports Coach being in on a Tuesday for our lesson.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries/books - Each day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor/Outdoor PE - Tuesday - Please bring your child's PE kit to school each Tuesday.
- Forest School session - Next Friday (24th January) Please ensure that your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding



Super Sycamores



In Forest school this week we have been focussing our Science and Geography learning about seasons. We have been using the iPads to take photos of signs of winter including bare trees, leaves rotting on the ground, the temperature and also made links to the cold weather including the snow and ice last week. As we got wet and dirty Forest Kits were sent home, please return to school before our next sessions on Tuesday 4th February.

In English we have started our new book - Where the Wild Things Are. We have read about the mischief the main character Max has been getting up to, and how he has used his imagination to grow a forest in his bedroom. We have written questions for Max and role-played being Max.

Class reminders -

- PE - every Thursday (bring PE kit on the day)
- Forest School - Next Forest school Tuesday 4th February
- Spellings - every Friday
- Reading - please read with your child each day and bring their book into school each day too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs De Boutemard



Outstanding Alders

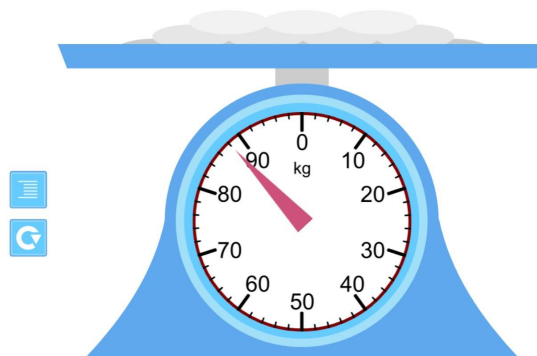


Another week done, as always it has been busy but the children have been amazing.

Curriculum News

In English this week we have continued our work on 'The Highway Rat'. We have been learning facts about rats and even pretended that we were on Junior Mastermind. Ask your child to be a quiz master at home and ask you some questions. They are experts. We have been focussing on using the conjunction because in our grammar work.

In Maths we have been identifying two-digit numbers on different scales. We have also started our measurement unit. Practise at home reading the scales. Press the turning arrow button for a different weight. <https://www.teacherled.com/iresources/scales/mass/>



In Art we have continued our work on Pointillism, we made our own tree in this style. In PE we have been practising using a bat and ball. Yesterday we went to Forest School, we have been learning about what animals and humans need to survive. The children were challenged to make their own shelter.

Class reminders

- Life Education Van - Tuesday 28th January
- PE - Tuesday
- Forest School/Outdoor Learning - Thursday 6th February

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.

[Enchanted Elms](#)



What a great week for Elms! We have worked very hard with our Maths learning this week as have been working on solving multiplication problems. Don't forget to keep practising your times tables to help with these.

In English we have continued reading 'The Stig of the Dump' and we are really enjoying it as the story develops. We have been identifying speech within extracts of text and have been exploring when and where we would use inverted commas. We will hopefully apply this new knowledge in our writing over the next few weeks. During our afternoon learning, we have continued with our Stone Age topic where we have looked at what life might have been like in the Mesolithic period. Another fabulous week, well done Elms.

Forest School

Our next Forest School session is Monday 3rd February. Please ensure that your child has a coat and a change of footwear for the session. Hats and gloves are also a must during these colder weeks.

PE

A reminder that our outdoor PE day is each Tuesday (weather permitting) and our indoor PE is on a Wednesday. Kits must be in school on these days.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – Every day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Tuesday
- Indoor PE - Wednesday
- Forest School sessions – Monday 20th January 2025, Monday 10th February 2025

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



Maples have worked incredibly hard this week especially in English where we have been delving further into the book 'Tin Forest'. We have written a diary entry, discussed the emotions and feelings of characters, collected amazing examples of descriptive vocabulary and descriptive phrases and using all this information, we have written independent pieces which have been outstanding. We cannot wait to find out what happens next.

In Maths, the year 4's have been working hard on place value and the year 3's have been working on solving multiplication problems. Don't forget to keep practising your times tables to help. We have also been using the 'Tin Forest' as our art inspiration and in RE we have continued with our Hinduism learning.

Forest School

Our next Forest School session is Thursday 30th January. Please ensure that your child has a coat and a change of footwear for the session. Hats and gloves are also a must during these colder weeks.

PE

A reminder that our outdoor PE day is each Tuesday (weather permitting) and our indoor PE is on a Friday. Kits must be in school on these days.

Class reminders

- Outdoor PE- Tuesday (weather permitting)
- Indoor PE- Friday
- Forest school- Every other Thursday PM

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



This week in English the children have been planning and writing a discussion text. The children have worked particularly hard to include facts from their notetaking, use subordinating conjunctions and organise their writing into paragraphs. It was National Handwriting Day on Thursday, so we had an extra focus on and practice of our handwriting and presentation skills.

In Maths this week, the year four pupils have been working on Place Value including rounding to the nearest 1,000 and the year five pupils have been dividing by chunking.

Our RE lesson this week focused on the question: What is the importance of the Sermon on the mount to Christians? The children produced artwork including important words and phrases that the children felt represented the themes of the Sermon.

A polite reminder about the homework expectations in Elder's class. Every child should be accessing Timetables Rockstars for a minimum of ten minutes a week and they should complete the work set on Spelling shed or the paper copy of spellings. It is expected that each child reads a minimum of three times a week. It is really important that these tasks are carried out to support their learning. If you have any difficulties with these tasks, please speak to Mrs Nolan.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries/books - Each day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday

- Indoor/Outdoor PE - Monday and Friday
- Forest School session - Wednesday 5th February - Please ensure that your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



What a lovely, busy week we have had in Willow's class! On Thursday we had a huge focus on the presentation of our books with it being National Handwriting Day. We are amazed at how much effort every child put into their work.

Bike Ability

Well done to our Year 6's who braved the rain to complete their bike ability course this week. We received fantastic feedback from the coaches about how well our children listened and they all completed the tasks to a high standard, even in VERY wet conditions.

Forest School

During our last Forest School session we enjoyed exploring nature, the children were challenged with a number of missions to complete in an allotted time spot. We had a fantastic afternoon and worked together collaboratively, especially when it involved climbing and collecting water. Our next forest school lesson will be on Friday 31st January 2025.

Homework

A polite reminder about the homework expectations in Willow's class. Every child should be accessing Timetables Rockstars for a minimum of 10 minutes a week and they should also be completing at least 10 spelling shed games. It is expected that each child reads at least 3 times a week for 20 minutes or more each time. It is really important that these tasks are carried out to support their learning. If you have any difficulties with these tasks, please let Mrs Todd or Mrs Cooper know and paper copies can be provided.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – at least three reads a week
- Spelling Test - Every Wednesday
- Swimming - Monday (Bring kit)
- Indoor PE - Wednesday
- Forest School sessions – Friday 31st January

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd







Mighty Oaks



It has been another busy week in Oaks class and despite the week being organised slightly differently, the children have been amazing.

This week, there have been 38 Year 6 participants in the Bikeability scheme, a free Government funded initiative, which teaches children to ride their bikes safely on the roads. All of our Year 6 riders have been absolutely fantastic and the instructors have been so impressed with their riding abilities. They have listened well, followed instructions but more importantly, are now able to ride their bike safely. Well done to you all - we are very proud of you!

As we have a secure bike shelter in school, children are very welcome, (with your permission) to ride their bike to and from school each day.

In other curriculum news, we have been using our vocab skills to create a persuasive leaflet about Camp Green Lake, the setting of our class novel, Holes. The children have been using the power of three to enhance their writing to capture the audience's attention. In science, we have been looking at the skeletal system and the children have replicated the bones and muscles by making a moving hand. Some great measuring and resilience skills used to get it just right!

Forest School

Our next Forest School session is Tuesday 28th January. Please ensure that your child has a coat and a change of footwear for the session. Hats and gloves are also a must during these colder weeks.

PE

A reminder that our outdoor PE day is now each Monday (weather permitting) Our Thursday indoor PE session remains the same. Kits must be in school on these days.

Class reminders

- Reading diaries - Each Friday
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor PE - Thursday
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Monday
- Forest School session - Tuesday 28th January (please ensure that your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

[St. Paul's PTA](#)



Save the date!

Our next event is the February Disco which will be on Thursday 13th February! More details to follow..

Have a lovely weekend,

Bonnie

PTA Chair

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.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

