



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

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

Headteacher news

Thank you to the year two parents who attended our information sharing session this week. Miss Gribben and Miss Fielding said it was lovely to see so many of you.

We are excited to announce the first ever 'Through the Decades' music week at St Paul's Primary starting on Monday 8th July. The aim of music week is to learn more about music genres, history of decades from the 60s to modern day music and fashion of the time. The week will end with infant and junior music concerts, with the children dressed up as pop stars from the decade their class has chosen to cover. The information included in the email about clothing is for guidance only and you are not required to buy a costume for your child to wear on concert day, as homemade/using clothes at home is ideal.

The concerts will take place on Friday 12th July - There are two concerts for the juniors as we have more junior children and we cannot fit everyone in the hall due to fire regulations.

Junior morning concert 10am

Infant afternoon concert 1.15pm Junior afternoon concert 2.00pm approx.

Tickets will be £2 and are limited to two per family, on a first come first served basis.

Many thanks for your support in this exciting experience for everyone at St Paul's

Mrs de Boutemard



Slip, slop slap



As we are starting to come into warmer sunnier weather you may start to think about additional items for your child.

- Please label any sunhats you send in with your child's name on.
- Please avoid bringing sun glasses as these can cause an immense amount of distraction and distress when they are broken or lost.
- Please try to apply suncream before you bring your child to school, if you wish to send additional suncream with your child this can remain in their tray.

We cannot apply this for them but if we see fit that children need to reapply those that have suncream in class we can talk them through how to reapply this themselves.

- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle each day to stay hydrated.
- Please label your bottles of suncream and ask your child to put it in their tray for ease of access.

Dates for your diary...



- Friday 17th May - PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school on the Infant playground
- Thursday 6th June - New EYFS welcome meeting 6pm
- Week 10th June - Phonics screening week
 - Science week
 - Multiplication test week
- Thursday 13th June - Synagogue trip
- Wednesday 19th June - Upper KS2 Sports day
- Tuesday 25th June - Lower KS2 Sports day
- Thursday 27th June - KS1 sports day
- Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- 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 June PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

Sign of the week

This week we have two new signs to is 'jump'. Can you use this sign over the weekend?



PTA

🍦🍷 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍷🍦 -

Ice lolly Fridays are back! We will be in the hall every Friday after school until the end of the summer term. 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, more details to follow.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Co-Chair



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School dinners

We would like to give you advance notice that from September 2024 the cost of a school meals is rising from £2.50 to £2.70 per meal. £13.50 per week.

Children moving from year 2 into year 3 will no longer receive the Universal free school meals and will need to pay for school lunches from September should you wish for school to continue to provide lunch.

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.

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

A lovely week to end the half term. This week we have finished exploring The Tiger Who Came to Tea and began looking at poems. We wrote our poem in the style of 'Two Little Dicky Birds' and performed them to Blossoms class. In maths, the year 1 children have been exploring addition and subtraction and finding the missing the part. The Reception children have been exploring 3D and 2D shapes. We have also begun our geography topic maps. The children enjoyed using a map to go on a treasure hunt.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.





Amazing Acorns



I cannot believe that we are at the end of another half term. It has been another busy week. We have been learning all about Hinduism this week. The children have learnt about the different Gods and written a recipe for a God. They have learnt all about Mandir and took part in Puja worship. The children have also written their own prayers.

In Maths we have been exploring time, we have been ordering events and talking about how long different activities take.

We have been down to Forest School this week. We learnt about an artist called Rosie Hurley and looked at some of her animal sculptures, we looked at her frog sculptures. We then made our own.

Class trip - Please make sure you have given permission on Parent Pay for your child to attend our class trip.

PE - PE will be on Tuesday next half term as we have the Sports Coach.

Forest school - Forest school kits have been sent home to be washed and brought back the first week after half term. Because PE is now on a Tuesday we are changing our Forest School day, it will now be on a Monday. Please include long pants and a long sleeve t shirt as the weather is warmer.

Miss Cavaney.







Awesome Ashes



This week we have had so much fun in Ashes. We wrote a letter back to Auntie Jane pretending we were Sophie telling her about what happened when the tiger came for tea. We then had a surprise visitor in the classroom on Wednesday as a dinosaur had stolen all of our fruit! We then had to write a letter to Mrs Charlesworth telling her what had happened in Ashes and if she knew any dinosaur help shelters.

We unfortunately couldn't go down to forest school due to the wind but that did not stop us from exploring the rainy spring weather and enjoying the muddy puddles just like Peppa! We started our DT unit on Friday which is all about food. We started to practice our hygiene skills by washing our hands and equipment and used our chopping skills to chop the tomatoes! We got to try it on tasty bruschetta. Items from home - Please can I remind you that stickers, toys and books should not be brought in from home as we cannot guarantee the children will not lose or damage these and become upset.

PE -

PE kits have been sent home to be washed, if you have not already done so please can you return this on the first Monday back ready for our afternoon sessions. We will be completing two sessions of PE on Monday afternoon ball skills outdoors and Gymnastics indoors. Ball skills will be taught by Miss Pounder however Gymnastics will be taught by Miss Fielding so the children can experience an appropriate level of demonstration and support that Miss Pounder cannot unfortunately give in gymnastics due to her pregnancy. Forest school - Forest school kits have been sent home to be washed and brought back the first week after half term.

Next half terms forest school dates:

Wednesday 12th June,

Wednesday 26th June,

Wednesday **10th July.**







Super Sycamores



This week the children have been working hard on grammar activities- learning more about exclamation marks and question marks, which we can add to our sentences.

In maths, we have finished our work on position and shape- describing properties of 2D and 3D shapes and sorting shapes using different criteria. We enjoyed our Forest School session on Friday, where we found out more about summer and wrote some super sentences.

After half term, **PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday**. 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.

Please note that on Monday I will be teaching Ashes gymnastics PE session due to Miss Pounder's pregnancy and Miss Pounder will be teaching in Sycamores for this session.

Forest School days will be:

- Friday 14th June,
- Friday 28th June
- Friday 12th July.

Parents of our Year 2 children were invited to an information event on Wednesday, a copy of the PowerPoint has been emailed to you for your reference. Our Year 2 visit to the Mosque and Weavers Cottage will take place on Monday 24th June. Please complete the consent form on Parent Pay if you have not already done so.

Please see our class page for our new topic web 'I do like to be beside the Seaside!'

Have a wonderful half term, hopefully the sun will shine

Outstanding Alders



We have had a really busy week in Alders this week. In English we have been writing our non-chronological report about the Accrington Pals. The children have created some fabulous reports and have enjoyed writing about the facts they have learnt. In maths we have been finding different fractions of shapes, objects and quantities. In history we carried on our investigation work on the Weavers' cottage and we are really excited about our visit there next half term.

Our Year 2 visit to the Mosque and Weavers Cottage will take place on Monday 24th June. Please complete the consent form on Parent Pay if you have not already done so.

In science we continued our work on living things and their environments. We designed our own microhabitat and explained how living things could survive there.

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PE days :

- Thursdays (outdoor)
- Fridays (indoor)

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Forest school after half term:

- Monday 3rd June
- Monday 17th June
- Monday 1st July

Have a wonderful half term.

Enchanted Elms



We have finished reading 'Enchanted Woods' this week. The children have wrote their own chapter for the Enchanted Woods. I'm so proud of them all their chapters, they are amazing to read and just so imaginative. This half term the children have been cooking for DT - They have made Vegetable Soup and Rhubarb Crumble Cake. Some children have never tried rhubarb before so it was great to see the children trying the cake. In art the children have been sketching the Ilex mill and really focusing on the details e.g. brick work, windows and the shape of the building.

PE days : Monday (outdoor)Thursday (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:

- Tuesday 4th June 2024
- Tuesday 18th June 2024
- Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Have a wonderful half term.

Miss Cowgill





Marvellous Maples



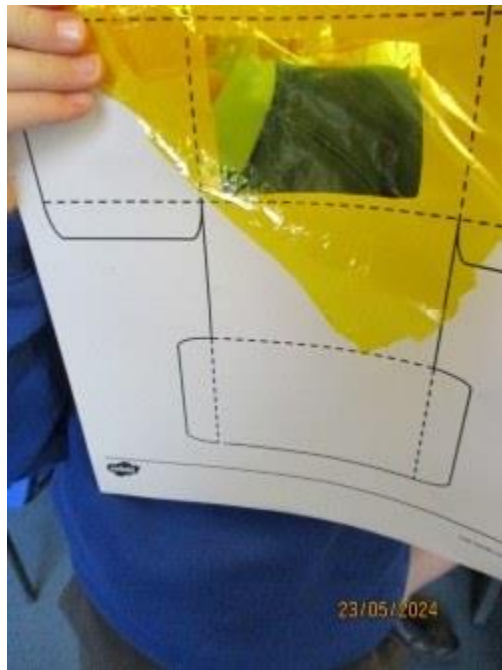
We have had another busy week in Maples. In English we have finished our book *The Raven Boy*, the children have enjoyed the main characters adventures and that after everything that happened the story had a happy ending.

In Science we have continued to learn about Rocks and have carried out detailed observations. We also carried out an experiment to find out which would be the best rock/stone to build an imaginary patio area on the school field. We tested how hard the rocks were using nails, sandpaper and water.

In DT we have started making our lights ensuring that the electric wires and battery pack would be hidden and the switch was easily accessible. The photos are of the ongoing project as the children problem solve to make sure their ideas will work.

- Next half term PE will change to Tuesday and Wednesday. Forest School will remain on Thursdays.
- **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.**
- **Multiplication Tables Check** - The National Multiplication Check for Year 4's will take place in school between the 21/05/2024 – 14/06/2024. Please can your child continue to practice the sound check on Timetables Rockstars website, which is a very similar format of 25 randomised times table questions. Further information about the test can be found at

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multiplication-tables-check-2024)





Dazzling Elders



We have had a great week in Elders class. The children have shown great perseverance in their swimming session and are now familiar with the routine. Please can we ask that the additional shorts and t-shirt are brought to swimming EVERY week. This is part of their safer swimming award and they need to have used shorts and t-shirt in the water to be able to achieve the award and we don't want any of them missing out on this. In English, the children have produced some amazing non-chronological reports. We will display these to show off their fantastic work. In history, the children have been

learning about some key events in the Ancient Greek period. They have a better understanding of the term BC and AD and now know a little more about Alexander the Great and his Empire.

Reminder- Please consent and contribute towards our Greek visitor. Thank you.

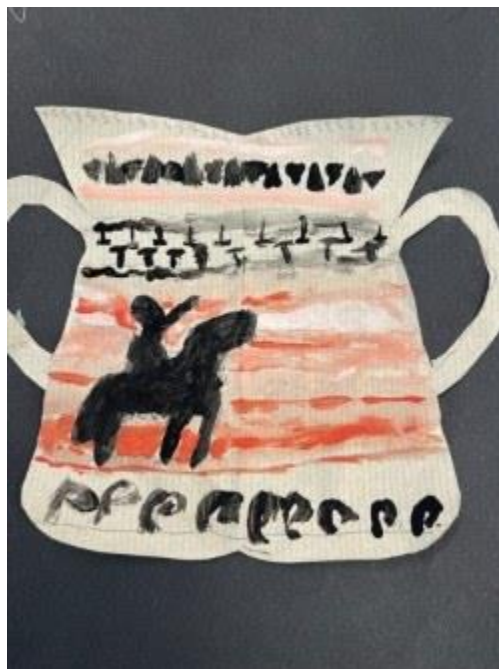
PE day has changed. It will now be on **Wednesdays**. Please can you ensure your child has a kit with them each Wednesday. This should include black/blue shorts (non branded) and a PLAIN white t-shirt. These are available to buy at the supermarkets usually costing only a few pounds (much less than the price of a football shirt).

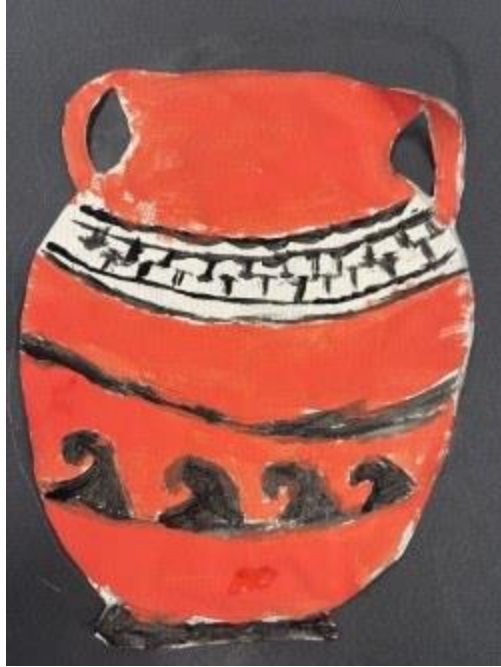
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Have a wonderful half term.

Miss Yates & Mrs Nolan





Wonderful Willows



We have had a lovely week in Willows this week despite the terrible weather!

We have finished 'The Explorer' this week. This has been a fantastic novel that the children thoroughly enjoyed studying. We have finished off our unit of work by creating the most wonderful information texts in Geography and in English we have written to the Brazilian Ambassador to ask for his help and support in protecting the Amazon Rainforest.

Next half term we will be studying 'Kasper, Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo. Your child will need their own copy of the novel for English and Guided Reading Sessions please.

After half term, PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Both of these sessions will be outdoors if the weather permits so please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable.

- **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.**

On Thursday 20th June, all Year 6 will be visiting Manchester Cathedral for the Diocese Leavers Service. This is a lovely event and it gives the children an opportunity to reflect on their time in primary school but also embrace the new upcoming changes. Parents should have received a letter via email about this visit. If you wish for your child to attend, please ensure that consent is given before Friday 7th June.

Wishing you all a relaxing half term.

Kind regards Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



It's been a very busy half term and I know that the children are ready for a well deserved break. This week, we have been looking at The Vedic Square in maths, which is the basis for Islamic art. The children have been using their knowledge of digital roots to create the pattern of each of the single digits. Some great perseverance skills were demonstrated as they worked through the many different steps. In English, we have been researching diving techniques and using the technicalities to write an explanation text about diving giraffes.

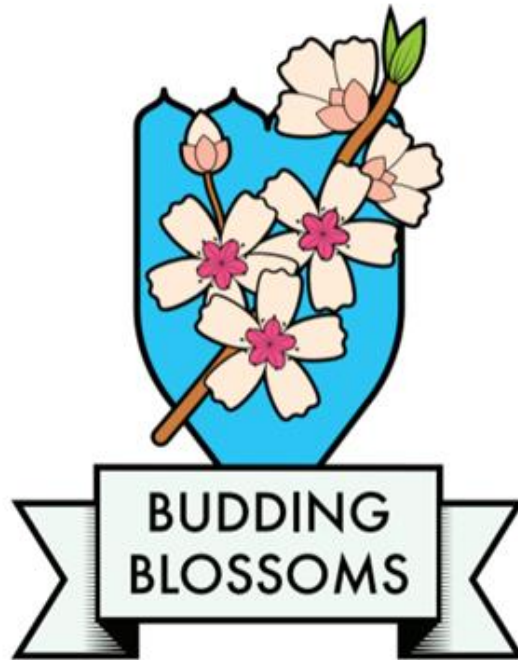
Next half term, we are using *Wonder* by R J Palacio as our class reader - a fantastic story about embracing differences and not judging a book by its cover. PE days are going to change for the last half term to Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school and that earrings are removed.

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Have a lovely half term holiday

Mrs Lee

Budding Blossoms



We have had a lovely week in Blossoms', we have been working hard on developing our independence skills in both English and maths.

We have been completing lots of independent work such as addition and subtraction and writing our own sentences for different pictures. I have been very impressed with their efforts.

Well Done Blossoms', you are superstars!

Have a lovely half term, 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	Jayden	Ava	Robin
Awesome Ashes	Sebastian	Maria	Benjamin
Super Sycamores	Jacob	Hannah	Albie
Outstanding Alders	Ayan	Jacob	Henry
Enchanted Elms	Lucy	Logan	Ollie
Marvellous Maples	Charlie	Max	Rina
Dazzling Elders	Ivy	Archie	Zayaan
Wonderful Willows	Elijah & Sam	Charlie	Mac
Mighty Oaks	Rosie	Harper	Joe B
Brilliant Berries	Theo		
Budding Blossoms	Sama		



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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

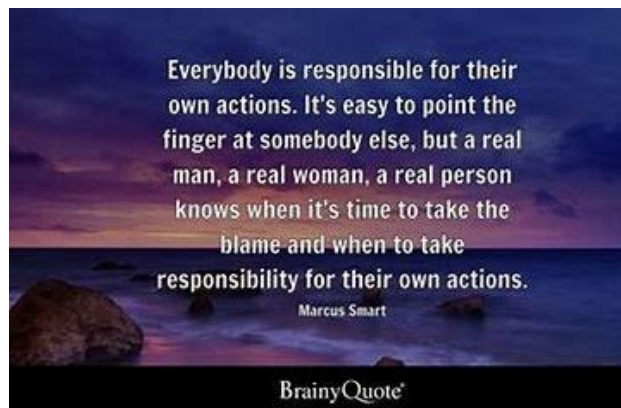
Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

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 half term break filled with fun and laughter.

Mrs Charlesworth

