

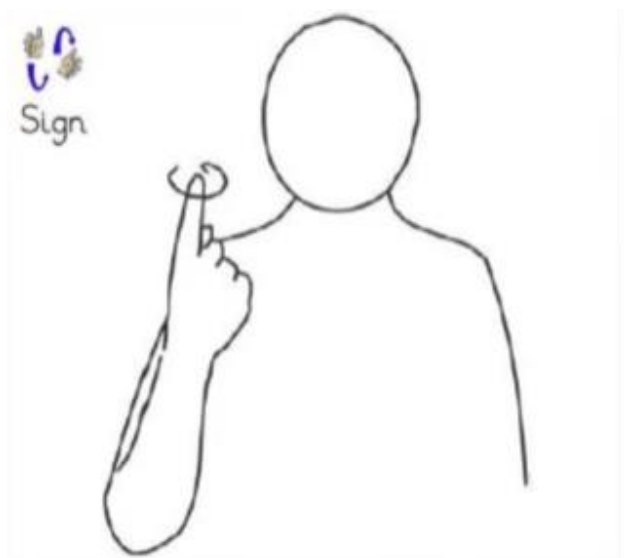


St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

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

Word of the week



Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 have been learning 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 'who.'

Dates for your diary...

- ***Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November Parents Evening – Please complete the form for an appointment***
- **Parents evening for Willows class only - *Wednesday 29th November* and Thursday 30th November**
- **Tuesday 28th November- 1:45pm Year 2 & year 6 Fire safety talk**
- **Friday 8th December- 3/4 Athletics competition**
- **Tuesday 12th December Infant Nativity 1:30pm & 6pm for parents - Ticketed event only**
- **Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Just Imagine performance and Christmas dinner**
- **Wednesday 13th December - Berries Nativity 2pm**
- **Wednesday 13th December - KS2 Panto**
- **Wednesday 13th December - PTA Hamper raffle drawn live on PTA Facebook**
- **Thursday 14th December- Junior Christmas dinner**
- ***Tuesday 19th December Junior Carol Service at St Paul's Church 2pm***
- **Wednesday 20th December - End of term closure at 1.35pm**

Forest School timetable - Autumn 2

Week starting 27/11/2023

- **Monday - Alders**
- **Tuesday - Elms**
- **Wednesday - Elders**
- **Thursday - Willows**
- **Friday – Maples**

Week starting 4/12/2023

- **Monday -**
- **Tuesday - Acorns**

- **Wednesday - Ashes**
- **Thursday - Oaks**
- **Friday – Sycamores**

PE Timetable - Autumn 2

St. Paul's PE.					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Amazing Acorus			Indoor PE		
Awesome Ashes	Indoor PE				
Super Sycamores			Indoor PE & Outdoor PE		
Outstanding Alders				Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
Enchanted Elms	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Marvellous Maples	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Dazzling Elders	Outdoor PE				Indoor PE
Wonderful Willows		Indoor PE with sports coach			Outdoor PE
Mighty Oaks	Swimming	Indoor PE with sports coach			

If your child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependant) sunscreen, water bottle, PE hoodie.

All classes other than Acorus and Ashes will need to bring their PE kit and leave it in school. Acorus and ashes can come to school for the day in their PE kit which consists of navy blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie/school jumper and pumps.

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](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.

Do you want to raise funds for school in a way that does not cost you anything?

Just letting you know that St Paul's CE Primary, Rawtenstall are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can even book your next holiday through them. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-ce-primary-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1 Thank you so much!

PTA

PTA News

Thank you so much for all the donations for non-uniform day. We've made 13 beautiful large hampers for the raffle.

For a chance to win simply visit parent pay and buy raffle tickets before 9am on Monday 11th December. We'll then be drawing the winners on Facebook Live on Wednesday 13th December.

Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

This week we have been learning...

Amazing Acorns



In Acorns this week we have been exploring the number 8, we are now experts. We have been writing it and making number pairs using the Numicon.

In English we have continued thinking about the farmer and we have been writing sentences to describe him.

We have been thinking about where we live and exploring our school grounds. We have been using a map for our school playground and marking where we have found coloured cones.

We also went to forest school and made some fabulous self-portraits.

Brilliant Berries

In Berries this week, we have been continuing to explore Lost and found and enjoyed dressing up as the characters. In maths, the reception children have been exploring number 8 and year 1s have been finding quarters. In DT we have been making structures. We particularly enjoyed using marshmallows to make an igloo for our penguin.

Awesome Ashes



This week Ashes went to forest school to test out our teddy zipline. We used different materials to predict and investigate which would be the best material to carry the teddy down the zipline. We reviewed each of the materials and rated if it was good to use or not. Some of us even managed to say why we thought it was a good zipline material or why it wasn't.

Super Sycamores



This week, we have been reading and responding to our new story- Prince Cinders. We have predicted, created story maps and matched adjectives to characters. In Maths we've been learning about money.

Why not encourage your child to play 'guess the coin' or order the coins in value? We are busy getting ready for our Nativity. This week we had our first practice on the stage. We really enjoyed seeing the other classes doing their parts and enjoyed singing and dancing.

Outstanding Alders



In Alders this week, we have been busy writing our own alternative versions of Red Riding Hood. We have really enjoyed exploring the characters different point of view. In maths we have moved on to learning about capacity and how we measure this.

We are busy getting ready for our Nativity. This week we had our first practice on the stage. We really enjoyed seeing the other classes doing their parts and how that fits within the play.

Please continue to practice scripts at home. Thank you. 😊

Enchanted Elms



This week in English this week the children have authored their own non-chronological reports about the Stone Age. They have all done a fabulous job and I am so proud of them.

In Maths we have started looking at multiplication - drawing arrays for the calculations and solving problems relating to arrays. The children have also been learning about the human skeleton and the skeletons of other animals - finding similarities and differences.

Just a reminder Forest School next week: Tuesday 28th November 2023. Please can you ensure you child has a forest school kit.

Marvellous Maples



On Monday, as part of our learning in Geography, Maples class went on a fieldtrip to support our learning about Rivers. The children were amazing on the walk and learnt about the distinctive features of rivers and how rivers join which makes the water flow change. We were extremely excited to see a Heron when it took off, the children watched as the heron followed the river upstream.

Dazzling Elders



In Elders this week, we have been writing non chronological style using formal language and third person. The year four children have been working on division in maths using chunking. The year fives have been mastering column subtraction involving exchanging. All the children have worked really hard.

In PSHE, the children have been discussing how to manage conflict and make compromises.

Lost reading books: Lost reading books can be paid for via parent pay please inform staff that you have paid and we can then issue a new reading book. Thank you.

Wonderful Willows



Willows have done some amazing English work this week investigating the character of Scrooge in 'A Christmas Carol'. We have thought of questions we would like to ask him, used role play to develop an understanding of his character and analysed the figurative language that Dickens uses to describe him. We have written our own character descriptions of him using what we have learnt.

In Art, we have continued our work on Hundertwasser, looking at his love of 'the phenomenal spiral' and how it influenced his artwork. We have had a go at creating our own spiral based art and have investigated spirals within the natural world.

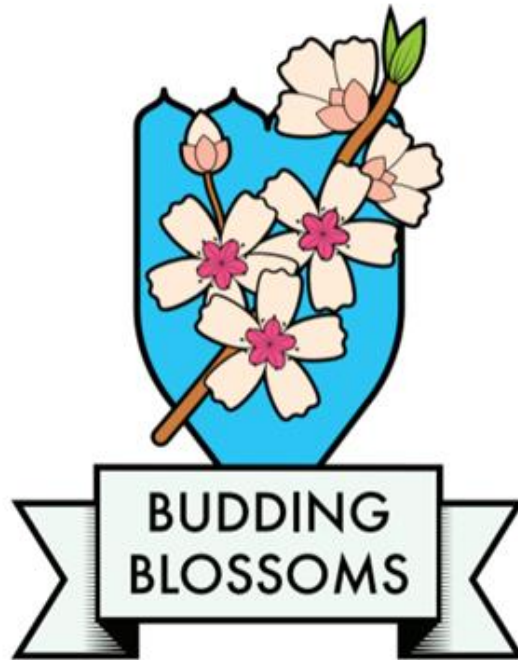
Well done Willows!

Mighty Oaks



1 - In Oaks this week, we have been extending our learning of World War Two and have been finding out about the life of Anne Frank. The children have demonstrated great empathy and asked many thought provoking questions about her. We are now using all this information to write her biography.

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms' have had a wonderful week this week, we are continuing our division unit and getting really stuck in. We love using the equipment to solve our problems, some children have been using cupcakes and gems to solve the questions. We have been using the chunking method for bigger questions too. In English, we are continuing with our story, 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs' and we have started to look at following instructions. The children were very frustrated when I gave them terrible instructions to make a paper aeroplane but were happy when we used a video that showed and make excellent examples.

Books are changed every Tuesday and Friday, and we encourage you to read daily to develop the children's fluency skills.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Taylor

Let's celebrate weekly awards

St. Paul's Awards			
	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week	Value winner
Amazing Acorns	Robin	Alfie	Jayden
Awesome Ashes	Isaac	Benjamin	Logan
Super Sycamores	Noah	Thea	Archie
Outstanding Alders	Mylo	Noah	Annabel
Enchanted Elms	Sophie	Oscar	Jake
Marvellous Maples	Whole Class	Drew	Freddie T
Dazzling Elders	Ava	Lily	Brennie
Wonderful Willows	James T	Lexie	Mysa
Mighty Oaks	Brooke	Joe B & Chloe	Leah & Ellesia
Brilliant Berries	Christopher		
Budding Blossoms	Lucy		

Every little helps...

Lancashire libraries are helping tackle digital poverty as part of the National Databank scheme.

The National Databank provides free SIM cards from Virgin Media O2, Vodafone and Three.

The SIM cards have mobile data, minutes and text. This scheme works with Good Things Foundation's network of local community partners including our libraries.

You can qualify for data from your local library if you are over 18, are from a low-income household, and:

- have no access or insufficient access to the internet at home
- have no or insufficient access to the internet when away from home
- cannot afford your existing monthly contract or top up

To benefit from the scheme, a recipient's device must either be unlocked or, if locked, be locked to O2, Vodafone or Three.

Ask about the scheme at your [local library](#).

You will need to make an appointment at the library to collect the SIM card.

[National Databank - Lancashire County Council](#)

<https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/databank/>

Can You Help Keep East Lancashire in the Picture?



Would you like to learn new skills and find out about your local heritage?

Keeping East Lancashire in the Picture is a new two-year Lancashire Archives and Local History project that will make the wonderful collections of historic photographs in East Lancashire Libraries more accessible.



Can you help?

We need volunteers to digitise old photographs so that people can enjoy them online, and at exhibitions and events. We also need help researching the images. Could you help identify people, places, and events?

Volunteer session times and locations

Colne Library Tues: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm Fri: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm	Burnley Library Thurs: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm Fri: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm
Nelson Library Mon: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm Wed: 1-4pm, 4-7pm	Accrington Library Mon: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm Tues: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm

- Full training provided



- Ongoing support from project staff
- A friendly and relaxed approach
- A chance to meet new people

Interested?

For more information, including how to sign-up.



Email: archives@lancashire.gov.uk

Tel: 01772 533819

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KEEPING EAST LANCASHIRE IN THE PICTURE

**Volunteer sessions are
held at various times
and locations:**

Accrington Library:

**- Monday & Tuesday
9.30 am -12.30 pm / 1pm -4pm**

Burnley Library:

**- Thursday & Friday
9.30 am -12.30 pm / 1pm -4pm**

Colne Library:

**- Tuesday & Friday
9.30 am -12.30 pm / 1pm -4pm**

Nelson Library:

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9.30 am -12.30 pm / 1pm -4pm**

Wednesday

1pm -4pm / 4pm -7pm



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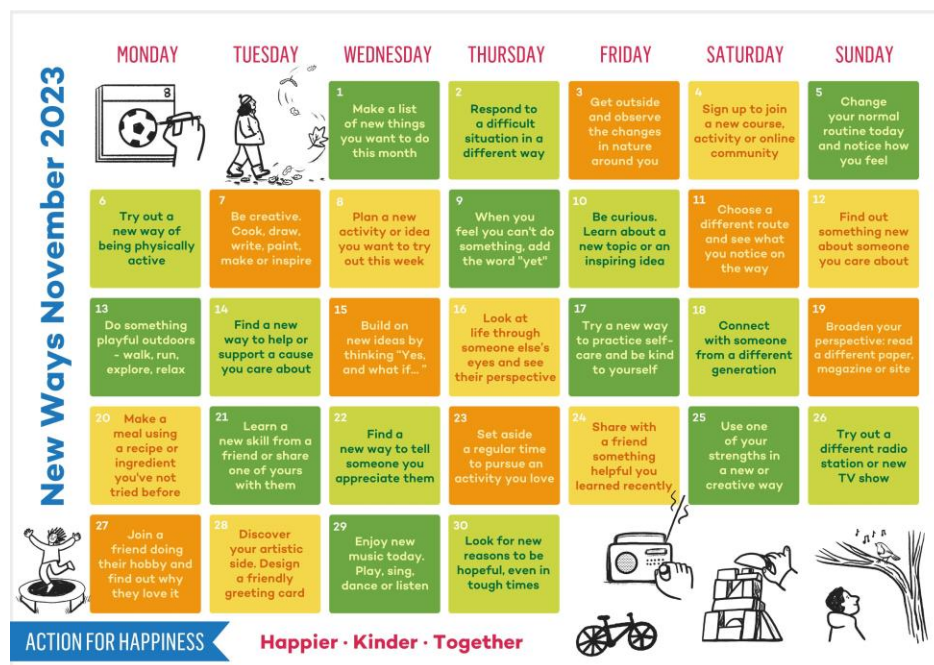
Working in partnership for an informal chat at

New ways November.

Each month, as part of our work based on our school values and to inspire practical actions for a happier and more caring society; our classes work through the action for happiness calendars.

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new each day!

Trying a new activity can be a great source of happiness. In challenging times, it also helps to take a new perspective or find new ways forward.



Starting school in 2024...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. **Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.** You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at 11.59pm on:

Primary applications – 15th January 2024

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Charlesworth