



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2025

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

Headteacher news

Welcome back, everyone! It's wonderful to see all your smiling faces as we embark on our summer term adventure.

As always, this term promises to be a whirlwind of excitement and learning.

We've got a packed term ahead of us, brimming with activities that will engage, challenge, and inspire our pupils. From the solemn remembrance of VE Day to the joyous melodies of our musical concerts, there's something for everyone to look forward to. These experiences are invaluable in nurturing well-rounded, curious learners.

Of course, we mustn't forget the statutory assessments that form an important part of our educational journey. While these may seem daunting, I have every confidence in our pupils' abilities and the dedication of our staff in preparing them.

As we dive into this bustling term, I'm filled with excitement for the growth, achievements, and memories we'll create together.

Let's make this summer term one to remember!

A huge thank you to Miss Cavaney for hosting the Year 2 Maths session for parents on Wednesday. We hope you found this useful and have a deeper understanding of how you can best support your child.

Congratulations



It was a very busy Easter break for two of our members of staff.

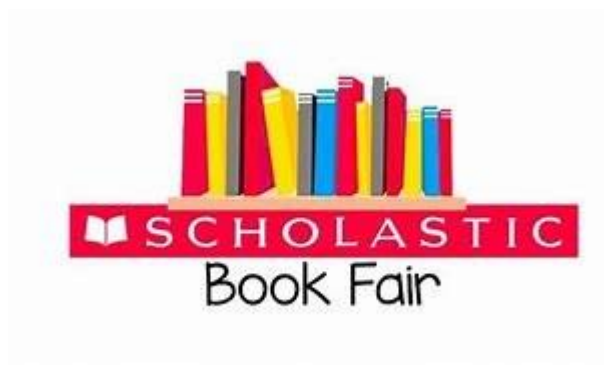
We are thrilled to share with you that Mrs Taylor gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Welcome to the world Poppy. We cannot wait to meet you. On behalf of everyone at St Paul's, we hope you have a lovely maternity leave with your two little ladies and enjoy the baby bubble!



Last Saturday as the sun shone brightly, Miss Bliss said 'I do' and became Mrs Bliss.
Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Bliss and we wish you many happy years together.



Scholastic Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving on Wednesday 30th April with lots of new and exciting books to purchase. The fair will be available, weather permitting, on the infant yard on

Wednesday 30th at 3:10pm, Thursday 1st May at 3:10pm and Tuesday 6th May at 3:10pm. We look forward to seeing you there. As always, there will also be the option to purchase stationary. Cash or card payments are accepted. Any purchases of books from the fair will contribute towards free books for our school.

We are also running a competition with the chance of winning a £5 voucher which can be used towards a new book from the sale. We would like you to take a photograph of your child reading in the most unusual place/situation (ensuring this is safe!) and email them to school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk

Winners will be chosen on Tuesday 29th April and the winning vouchers will be given out prior to the book fair opening. Good luck all and happy reading!



Year 6 End of Key Stage assessment information

Please find the timetable for the Year 6 SATs that will begin in school on the week commencing **Monday 12th May**.

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Dates for your diary...



- Scholastic Book Fair Arriving- Wednesday 30th April (please see the information above)
- Inset Day Friday 2nd May- school closed
- Bank holiday 5th May- school closed
- Thursday 8th May - VE 80 celebrations. Families will be invited to join us from 2:15pm. More details to follow shortly
- SAT's week beginning 12th May
- 16th May- PTA to start selling ice lollies after school every Friday
- End of summer 1 - school closes at 3:10pm Friday 23rd May
- Multiplication Times Tables Check week beginning 2nd June- 13th June
- Phonics Screening Checks- week beginning 9th June
- Reports out to parents- Monday 14th July
- End of Year parents' evening- Wednesday 16th July
- End of Year PTA disco- Thursday 17th July
- End of summer term at 1:35pm - Friday 18th July

- INSET days- Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July- school closed

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)
- 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



Please find links to our school holiday dates. 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](#)

Additional information

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)

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<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

Welcome back to our wonderful Berries!

This week in Berries we have had a very busy time getting to know each other and our routines. We have started our new English text which is Superworm. The children have worked hard practising saying what they want to write and remembering to use their capital letters and full stops. In Maths our focus has been mass where we have been learning key mathematical vocabulary such as heavy, light, equal and weighing scales. In the afternoons we have been learning all about materials and their properties. The children conducted an experiment to find out which material would keep teddy dry.

It has been wonderful making friends and building relationships and we look forward to a wonderful summer term.

Dates for Diary

P.E - Monday

Forest school - Wednesday afternoon

Have a great weekend

Miss Rigby & Mrs Coleman

[Amazing Acorns](#)



What a lovely week to come back to. We have been making most of the lovely weather and enjoyed spending lots of time in the sun.

This week, we started our new text: Superworm. The children made their own worms using old socks and tights. We then used some adjectives to describe them.

In History, we have been thinking about what our school playground looked like in the past. We played lots of playground games, such as hopscotch, marbles and skipping etc. We even designed our own game and then played them with our year 6 buddies.

Please ensure your child has their PE and forest school kit in school ready for our sessions next week.

Dates for the diary

Friday 2nd May 2025 - School closed (INSET day)

Monday 5th 2025 - May School closed (Bank holiday)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bliss and the EYFS team.

[Awesome Ashes](#)



Welcome back! The weather over Easter was lovely and I hope you had a great time over the break. The children have come back to school full of beans and ready to start the Summer term



The children have loved starting their science topic about plants and have planted sunflower seeds which we will enjoy watching grow. We have worked hard to predict the story of The Tiger who came to Tea in English and the Y1 children have been placing numbers on a number line in Maths.

Eureka

The children had a fabulous day on Thursday at Eureka (please see the photographs!) and were a credit to school with their curiosity, enthusiasm and manners. Well done everyone!

PE changes

Please note the changes in our PE days this half term.

Indoor PE session will be each Monday afternoon.

Outdoor PE session will now be on Wednesday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days.

Forest School

We had a great time finding plants growing in the local area and locating the roots, stem, leaves and flower of the plants.

Dates for the diary

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

Forest School - Friday 9th May

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding











Super Sycamores



Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. The class have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

In English we have started our new writing topic around non-chronological reports and we are learning about facts, information and what a report is. We are working hard on our spelling and handwriting this week.

In Forest School we enjoyed the warm weather and continued learning using our Geography skills by creating a route map. On the way from school, we looked at all the human and physical features to ensure that we included all of them in our route map.

After PE on Tuesday there has been a mix up with jumpers/cardigans. Please check at home for a named jumper and a cardigan as your child may have mistakenly gone home in the incorrect one. Many thanks

Dates -

Tuesday 29th April - PE

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

Thursday 8th May Forest School





Outstanding Alders



What an amazing first week back and the children have been working so hard.

Curriculum News

In English we have continued with our story 'The Little Hen and the Great War'. The children are so engaged with this text and we are reading a few pages at a time, so again, please do not share the text with the children.

The children have been writing about the character of Arthur and making predictions about what might happen next. We have also pretended to be Arthur and wrote a postcard home to our family.

In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction. A big thank you to all of the parents who attended my maths workshop, I hope you found it useful.

We have been down to Forest School this week and continued our work on life cycles. We have been learning about the caterpillar and how it changes, we are hoping to have our own very soon.

School Trip

Our school trip has been booked and we will be visiting Brockholes Nature Reserve to support our learning around animals and habitats and fieldwork. A letter will soon be sent out with further details.

Dates for the diary

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

Forest School - Tuesday 6th May

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Class Trip - Monday 2nd June.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.

Enchanted Elms



Welcome back! The weather over Easter was lovely and I hope you had a great time over the break.

The children have started a new novel which is a folk tale called 'Anansi the Spider'. Anansi is an Akan folktale character associated with stories, wisdom, knowledge, and trickery, most commonly depicted as a spider, in Akan folklore. Taking the role of a trickster, he is also one of the most important characters of West African, African American and West Indian folklore. Originating in Ghana.

In maths we have been adding and subtracting using the column method with missing digits.

In R.E our new unit is Christianity (People of God). We have looked at the story Noah and the Ark. We discussed why God did what he did to the earth and saved only Noah's family and the two of every animal.

Our new history unit is the Romans – the children are excited to learn about this period of time.

PE changes

Outdoor PE session will now be on Tuesday afternoon.

Indoor PE session will be each Wednesday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days.

Forest School

Monday 28th April 2025

Monday 12th May 2025

Monday 19th May 2025

Dates for the diary

Friday 2nd May 2025 - School closed (INSET day)

Monday 5th 2025 - May School closed (Bank holiday)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term

[Marvellous Maples](#)



Welcome back to our last term of this year. I hope you all had a lovely break over Easter and enjoyed some of the lovely weather.

This week Maples have dived straight into their new topics in science and history. In Science, the children will be learning about rocks. We thought about what we already know about rocks and what we wanted to find out throughout our unit.

In History, the children have started looking at what London was like before the Great fire of London. The children noted that it was cramped, dingy, smelly, looked dirty and a range of other things. The children looked at how the landscape and the structure of London has changed over time.

In English, we have started our new novel and we think we are going to thoroughly enjoy it. The children have looked at how language has been used to help describe the historical setting, making it clear for the audience that the story is set in the past.

The children enjoyed their first ukelele lesson this year and really showed some great skills, considering it has been a year since they last had any lessons. I look forward to seeing how they progress this term.

PE

Outdoor PE session- Tuesday afternoon.

Indoor PE session- Friday afternoon.

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Forest School

Our next session is Thursday 1st May.

Dates for the diary

Friday 2nd May 2025 - School closed (INSET day)

Monday 5th 2025 - May School closed (Bank holiday)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates.

Dazzling Elders



We hope you have enjoyed some family time and enjoyed the lovely weather over the easter holidays. What an amazing first week back, the children have been working so hard.

Curriculum News

In English we have started reading 'Who let the Gods out' and the children have been making predictions about the text and making inferences using clues from the text about the characters'. The children are so engaged with this text, if possible it would be fantastic if they could have their own copy in school, it can be ordered from the local library. In Maths we have been working on place value, ordering numbers and rounding. In Art, the children have been drawing self portraits in pencil.

Dates for the diary

- School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May School closed (Bank holiday)
- Monday 5th May Forest School
- Wednesday 7th May School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Have a lovely weekend,

.Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



Welcome Back!

We hope you have enjoyed some family time and the children are ready and raring for this half term.

In PE this week we have been focussing on our athletics; mainly improving our running and stamina. We have covered short runs (sprints), some endurance runs and also how to pass the baton at speed for relays. So many children listened to the coaching tips and put their skills into action. It was great to see so many determined faces when their legs started to tire.

In Science, we have started our new topic looking at Space. This seems to be a topic that the class are very interested in, with lots of fantastic questions. If you child has a space book at home that they would like to share with us, they're very welcome to bring it into school.

Year 6 - Hoodies

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Swimming - We will have our last swimming session on Monday 28th April 2025. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit to school and dressed appropriately to walk to Marl Pitts.

Forest School

Our next session will be on Friday 16th May.

Dates for the diary

Swimming - Monday 28th April

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

Hoodies deadline to purchase - Sunday 4th May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

SATs week - week beginning Monday 12th

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Year 6 visit to Manchester Cathedral (further information to follow) - Tuesday 17th June









Mighty Oaks



Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and managed to enjoy some of the lovely weather we had.

It has been a great start to the new term and lovely to see so many of the class engaged and motivated to learn. We have already started work within our new topics and we are looking forward to building on this as the term progresses. Our new half termly topic web outlines all the learning taking place. This can be found on our class webpage.

Summer term for our Year 6 pupils always proves to be a busy term so please do check dates regularly for any important events.

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Forest School

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Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



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.

