



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 23rd May 2025

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

Headteacher news



This half term has passed by in a blink of the eye!

This week has been filled with sporting successes and we couldn't be prouder. A huge well done to our Year 3/4 cricket team who are now titled 'Rossendale Champions'. As well as this, last night our Year 5 and 6 runners took part in the cross-country event which was again an enormous success. A special thank you to Mr Rush and all the team for dedicating your time to ensure these events can happen.

It has been a busy half term, as we prepare for the final half term of the year. I hope that the sunshine stays with us over the half term break and hope that you all have a wonderful half term break filled with memories to treasure, fun and laughter. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 2nd June.





On Thursday 12th June we will be having a special 'Stop Food Waste Day' Lunch in school. The menu is attached.

If your child already has school dinners there is no need to do anything as they will automatically receive the lunch. If, however, your child is currently on packed lunches, but would like a special lunch, please reply to byt@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk with your child's name and class.

All orders must be in by the end of school on **Tuesday 3rd June**, so the kitchen can place its orders. The cost is £2.70 and is payable via ParentPay.

Infant children will not have to pay for this meal as they are entitled to universal free school meals.

Slip, slop, slap, and slide



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.

St. Paul's PTA



Ice lolly Fridays are back!

It was lovely to see so many of you - and the sunshine! - at the first ice lolly Friday of the summer.

We'll be selling a selection of ice lollies every Friday in the Hall after school, from now until the end of the school year. Prices range from 50p to 80p.

Children attending BYT will have the opportunity to come and buy lollies as well, if they wish.

Thank you all for your continued support at our events. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Have a lovely weekend.

St Paul's PTA

Dates for your diary...



- **PTA to start selling ice lollies after school every Friday**
- End of summer 1 - school closes at 3:10pm Friday 23rd May
- Re open for the final half of our summer term - Monday 2nd June
- Multiplication Times Tables Check week beginning 2nd June- 13th June
- Phonics Screening Checks- week beginning 9th June
- Choir concert- 2nd July
- A Night at the Movie Concert (parents invited) 11th July- more details to follow
- 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)

For more information, scan the QR code or visit
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>

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FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parent courses



*Believing in you
Believing in Better*

Call 01282 435302 or 07877 714693

4 X 2hr Sessions

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
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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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries



Another fantastic week in Berries!

As we approach half term it has been great to have everybody back in and well again. We have now come to the end of our English text which finished with us writing a fact file about worms. The children have loved looking at real worms and learning lots of facts about them. Hopefully on our next visit to forest school we may see more and be able to recall what we have learnt. Maths has been tricky this week creating fact families using part whole models. All the children

have worked so hard over this term, and it is lovely to see the progress they are making in lots of different areas.

Have a lovely half term and if you have any pictures of your adventures, please share them with us so we can talk about them in class.

Miss Rigby & Mrs Coleman

[Amazing Acorns](#)



Can you believe that we are at the end of another half term? The children have worked so hard these last few weeks and it has been a joy to watch them grow. This week we have been finishing our book on Superworm and even written a fact file about where worms live.

In maths we have been comparing and ordering widths and measures. The children have been excellent at using the vocab 'narrow' and 'wide'.

In our understanding the world topic, we have been exploring plants. The children have enjoyed making predictions, planting potatoes and wildflowers, painting with leaves and making pressed artwork. Ask your child if they can tell you what plants need to grow.

PE kit reminder

As PE is a requirement of the National Curriculum, it is important that your child has the correct kit and footwear in school so they are able to take part in the lesson.

Our PE days next half term will be Tuesday with our Dance coach.

Dates for your diary

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June

Infant Sports Day @ 1.30pm - Thursday 26th June

Acorns class trip to Smithills farm- Wednesday 2nd July

Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July (more details to follow)

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Bliss

[Awesome Ashes](#)



As we finish another half term it's great to reflect on all that has been achieved in Summer 1. This includes lots of hard work, a great school trip to Eureka, plenty of sunshine and outdoor learning. Well done each and every one of you! I'm looking forward to learning with you in Summer 2, our very last half term!

Forest School

Our next Forest School session is on **Friday 13th June**. Please bring kits into school on this day.

PE kit reminder

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PE days next half term will stay the same.

Indoor PE - Monday

Outdoor PE - Wednesday

Dates for your diary

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School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June

Infant Sports Day @ 1.30pm - Thursday 26th June

Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July (more details to follow)

Have a lovely half term break

Miss Fielding

Super Sycamores



We have had a busy week in Sycamores and have finished our last PE session with the coach. This was the children's favourite session as we got the climbing equipment out to practice our climbing, balancing and jumping skills.

In Science we have been observing our sunflower seeds germinate and begin to grow. These have been sent home this week, please use a stake to help these grow and become strong. Before we finish for the summer, please email photos to show how much growing these sunflowers have done and so we can see who has the tallest sunflower. We are also learning how to look after plants and you may have noticed all the pots outside the classroom. We are growing potatoes, tomatoes and sweet pea. In Forest school we have also been identifying trees and spring flowers by looking at their leaves and matching them to photos to learn their names.

In English we have finished reading our book - The Tunnel by Anthony Browne to discover how Rose rescued her brother from the other side of the tunnel. The children have written amazing independent setting descriptions of the eerie woods by using great adjectives and noun phrases (Year 2).

After half term it is Sycamores class assembly. I have sent words home for your child to learn. Please assist them learning these words for the return to school.

Dates for you diary

Monday 2nd June 2025 - School reopens for Summer 2 term

Thursday 26th June - infant sports day

Friday 11th July 2025 - Night at the Movies music concert - infants 1.15pm

Thursday 10th July - class trip to Bring Yer Wellies

Thursday 17th July 2025 – School Disco - 6:00pm

New PE day - Monday for indoor and outdoor.

Forest school Thursday 12th June

[Outstanding Alders](#)



I cannot believe that we have completed another half term. The children have worked so hard and it has been a pleasure watching the fantastic progress they are making.

Curriculum News

In English we are going to be writing a non-chronological report. We have been gathering facts all about WW1 and the Accrington PALs ready to write our own. We have also been looking at example reports and identifying what features are used, we made our own checklist.

In Maths we have now finished our unit on time. We have been learning how to tell the time to 5-minute intervals.

In RE we have continued our work on Islam and we have finally finished weaving our baskets in art. These will soon be making their way home to you.

Class Trip

Just a reminder that our class trip is on Monday 2nd June. Children need to be in school uniform and they will need to bring their water bottle. We will be taking packed lunches from school. Please make sure your child has suncream and a sunhat if needed.

PE kit reminder

PE days next half term will stay the same.

Indoor PE - Thursday

Outdoor PE - Wednesday

Dates for your diary

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June

Class Trip - Monday 2nd June

Infant Sports Day @ 1.30pm - Thursday 26th June

Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July (more details to follow)

[Enchanted Elms](#)



This week the children have written their own folks' tales and they have done a super job. I'm proud of them all. In maths we looked at 3-D shapes and we have started looking at fractions

and turning them in to decimals this will be continued after the half term break. In History the children have been looking at a super warrior called Boudica, we created a human timeline about her life and have written a diary entry about that happened to her during the battle of Watling Street.

English

Next half term our new novel will be 'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton. Your child will need their own copy of the novel for English and Guided Reading sessions. Local libraries will happily order in a copy free of charge for you providing you are a member.

Roman Experience

Just a gentle reminder for returning forms for the Roman workshop on Monday 16th June 2025. This is a super learning opportunity for your child. Please make a voluntary contribution on Parent Pay as soon as possible.

PE

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

The outdoor PE session Tuesday afternoon.

The indoor PE session Wednesday afternoon.

Forest School Dates for after half term

Monday 9th June 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd June 2025 - School reopens for Summer 2 term

Monday 16th June 2025 – Roman Experience – Children can come dressed as Romans

Monday 30th June 2025 – Lower Junior Unit Sports Day – 1:30pm

Friday 11th July 2025 - Night at the Movies music concert - 10am and 2.10pm

Thursday 17th July 2025 – School Disco - 6:00pm

Marvellous Maples



Maples have been super writers this week. We have read some more of Raven Boy and found out if our predictions were correct. The children were surprised at what happened next in the story. We will be continuing to read Raven Boy next half term.

In history, we have looked at what people in 1665 thought spread the plague, how it actually spread and why it would not spread so quickly today. The children have retained lots of information about this. The children then had to write a letter as a plague doctor advising someone how they could keep the plague away. Some children really focussed on this task and produced some great work.

Dates for you diary

Monday 2nd June 2025 - School reopens for Summer 2 term

Thursday 26th June 2025 – Plague workshop.

Monday 30th June 2025 – Lower Junior Unit Sports Day – 1:30pm

Friday 11th July 2025 - Night at the Movies music concert - 10am and 2.10pm

Thursday 17th July 2025 – School Disco - 6:00pm

Next forest session- Thursday 5th June

Please ensure PE kits are in school.

Outdoor PE- Tuesday

Indoor PE- Friday

Have a wonderful half term.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



As we come to the end of another busy half term, Elders Class have continued to impress us with their hard work and enthusiasm.

In English and Guided Reading, the children are thoroughly enjoying our class novel "Who Let the Gods Out". This week, they have been busy writing their independent Greek myth. They've shown a clear understanding of the structure and language features, producing some wonderfully creative work.

In Maths, the focus has been on using the grid method. Their determination and effort have been fantastic, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

This week in our Science lessons, the children have been exploring pulleys and made their own pulley system to lift a water bottle off the floor. The children investigated if it was easier with or without their pulley system and measured it using a force meter in newtons.

Reading books

While the number of children reading their book three times a week has increased, there are still a number of children not reading and returning their reading diary signed. Please encourage your child to read regularly it is essential not only to their learning but also to their emotional development.

PE kit reminder

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Indoor PE - Swimming continues after half term - Monday.

Outdoor PE - Friday

Dates for your diary

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School reopens for Summer 2 term - Monday 2nd June

Greek Visitor and Workshop (Dressing up as an Ancient Greek optional) - Wednesday 11th June

Upper Junior Unit Sports Day @ 1.30pm - Friday 20th June

Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July at 10am and 2.10pm

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



So another half term draws to a close...

Willows have continued to work super hard this week. The children are loving reading 'The Explorer' in our English and Guided Reading sessions. This week, they have been researching and designing information leaflets about Brazil. The children have really thought about the aim and purpose of a leaflet and some excellent creative work has taken place.

In our Maths lessons this week the children have continued their work on place value, investigating numbers to 4 decimal places. They have worked very hard and we are very proud of their efforts.

Year 6 Leavers service at Manchester Cathedral

On Tuesday 17th June, Year 6 have been invited to take part in the Manchester Diocese Leavers service at Manchester Cathedral. This is one of the first events for our Year 6 children in preparation for their transition to high school and it always proves to be an inspiring and memorable occasion.

The event is due to start at 1.30pm and pupils will be transported to and from the venue by coach. Our departure time from school will be approx. 12.15pm so the children will have an early lunch on that day.

We are anticipating our arrival back at school to be around 3.30pm (traffic dependent) so if your child is due to be collected from school on that day, please make arrangements for a slightly later pick up. Parents will be informed through text message if the arrival time back at school is later than the specified time.

Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform on this day and that they also have a waterproof coat in case of wet weather.

A letter has been sent out by email and if you wish for your child to attend, please complete the permission response via ParentPay before 6th June.

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Indoor PE - Tuesday

Outdoor PE - Thursday

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Willows School Trip - Please remember Victorian Dress is needed - Wednesday 11th June

Year 6 Leavers service at Manchester Cathedral - Tuesday 17th June

Upper Junior Unit Sports Day @ 1.30pm - Friday 20th June

Year 6 Mini Olympics event at Marl Pits (all day) - Friday 27th June

Night at the Movies music concert - Friday 11th July at 10am and 2.10pm

Year 6 performance - Tuesday 15th July at 1.30pm and 6pm

Year 6 Leavers service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 17th July at 9.30am

Have a lovely half term break

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



As we come to the end of another half term, Oaks class should be praised for their hard work and resilience. They continue to work hard in maths lessons, where this week they have redesigned our Junior playground. The children were given a budget and were asked to think about how they could incorporate different elements within their design. We have had some fantastic ideas! Hopefully, the Sports Crew will be able to take some of these ideas forward in improving our playground in the future.

In English, we saw Macbeth come to a gruesome end in the story and the children have been looking at different arguments for and against whether he was a tragic hero or a dastardly villain. These ideas have formed the basis of their writing outcome of a balanced discussion.

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Mrs Lee

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



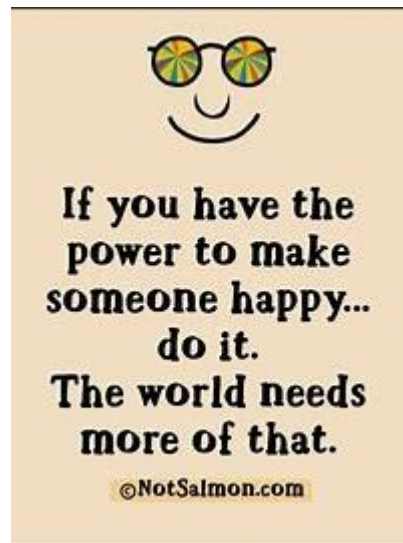
For any parents/carers, **whose circumstances have changed** and think their child(ren) may be entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below:

<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.

