



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

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

Headteacher news

Wow what a busy week we have had with class photographs, Scholastic book fair, two parent evenings and three trips. We have lots more in store for the summer term and we are really looking forward to creating some wonderful experiences for our children.

A huge Thank you to all the parents who have attended our parents' evenings this week. It was lovely to see each of you and share your child's learning journey.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Harris who has been one of our student TA's this year and Macey-Jane who has been on her high school placement this week. It has been an absolute pleasure to have you in school. We wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to hearing about your next adventures.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you our dates for the diary for the summer term. Please keep checking back on the newsletter for these dates as some events are weather dependent and may change. We will keep you informed through our text service if there are any changes to any of the dates.

Dates for your diary...



- **Friday 3rd May - School CLOSED for INSET**
- **Monday 6th May - School CLOSED - Bank holiday Monday**
- Thursday 9th May - Alders Trip
- Week 13th May - KS2 Sat's week
- 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
- Monday 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 the sign we are learning is 'want'. Can you use this sign over the weekend?

want



PTA

🍦🍭 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍭🍦 - We will be starting these again on Friday 17th May. They will then run every Friday until the end of term. As usual we will be selling ice lollies/ice creams from the junior yard/hall after school every Friday from 17th May.

We have also other events that are currently being planned for this term, details are to follow.

Just a quick reminder that our 'Recycle 4 School' drop box is still being collected regularly, so if you are having a clear out don't forget our clothing recycling bag drop for any unwanted clothing 😊. It's an easy and safe way for us to raise some funds for the school.

Also, anyone who enters our Your School lottery before 27th April will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win an iPhone 15 Pro Titanium or £1000 cash prize'. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

Enter our
Super Draw

**Win an iPhone 15 Pro
Titanium**

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



ST. PAUL'S
PTA
ROSSDALE

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SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

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- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
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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.

Polite request for infant parents and children.

The infant staff are working hard to create new and exciting learning areas in the outdoor environment, but we need your help. Please can we ask that areas that are set up for learning or tidied away by the children are not played with before or after school. We are also looking for any spare items you may no longer need that we can recycle to help us enhance these areas. We are looking for metal teapots, metal or plastic plates, bowls, cutlery and utensils, plastic buckets and jugs or containers.

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

What a lovely, busy week Berries have had. We had a wonderful trip to the Sealife centre on Monday. We loved seeing all the amazing sea life, our favourite was the colourful jellyfish.

In English, we have been continuing with our story 'The Tiger Who came to Tea'. We have been exploring it as a sensory story and dressing up as the characters in our role play area.

In DT we have been making our own pizza shop. We have come up with a name and designed a logo, tried different toppings, and even made pizza dough from scratch. On Friday we invited our gardeners to come to the pizza shop and try what we have made.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

Amazing Acorns



We have finished another busy week. The children as always have worked really hard.

In English we have been exploring the main character in our text: Bernard. We have created our own words banks to describe and then written sentences.

In Maths we have been working on subtraction. We have done it practically and had a go at completing number sentences. If you fancy having a go at home then you can play this game. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/subtraction/subtraction-to-10>



In topic we have started learning about plants. We have been exploring our seed potatoes and learning what they need to grow.

You should have received a letter all about our class trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve. Please can you complete the permission part on Parent Pay.

- PE: Wednesday
- Forest School: Tuesday.

Miss Cavaney.

Awesome Ashes



What a lovely week it has been getting to share your progress and learning with your parents at parents evening. Thank you to all those who attended and your patience when time over ran.

On Monday we had a lovely joint trip with Berries to the Sealife centre Manchester. All the children should be so proud of themselves for how brilliantly they represented St Pauls with their manners, behaviour and attitude. The children loved bringing our knowledge of habitats and animals together as well as learning about new sea creatures we had never heard off.

This week we have been looking at innovating the two little dicky birds rhyme to create our own. In maths the reception children have been learning how to partition numbers and we have been starting to write our own number sentences using numbers and pictorial representations. The Year 1 children have been looking at halving amounts beyond 20 using practical resources, we will continue this into next week.

In science we started our new topic on Seasonal Changes. We have created seasonal artwork and been observing scientists down in forest school looking for new signs of spring.

We are still missing some PE kits. Please can you ensure you have sent a full PE clearly labelled with your child's name on into school on Monday.

PE: Our PE is now on a Tuesday for this half term with the sports coach. We are still missing some PE kits. Please can you ensure you have sent a full PE clearly labelled with your child's name on into school on Monday. This can be left in school as we are now learning to get dressed for PE on our own ready for moving up to our new classes in September.

Forest school dates: Wednesday 24th April, Wednesday 8th May, Wednesday 22nd May.

Super Sycamores



The children in Sycamores had a wonderful visit to Eureka on Wednesday! The museum staff said our children were 'a credit to the school' as he said they had good manners and were enthusiastic and so well behaved! We loved watching the children engage in the activities in the museum, finding out about their amazing bodies and the world around them. The loved the science show 'The gross lab' and the children are now 'fully qualified grossologists!!' Well done Sycamores!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the door.

- PE will be on a Wednesday for both sessions.
- Forest School days will be: Friday 26th April, Friday 10th May, Friday 24th May, Friday 14th June, Friday 28th June and Friday 12th July.

Outstanding Alders



I would just like to say how proud we are of Alders class this week. They represented the school so well during our cricket festival and we received comments about how well they behaved and how enthusiastic they were about the activities.

In English we have continued to read and watch Aladdin and are excited to find out if Aladdin gets out of the cave. In maths we finished our topic on time and have moved onto partitioning and greater and less than. In RE we looked at our own routines and rituals we have and what happens if these are broken. In history we looked in more detail about the Weavers' cottage and are hopeful to get to visit inside.

Forest school dates

- **Monday 29th April.**
- 13th May

PE days

- Thursday - Outdoor
- Friday - Indoors

Enchanted Elms



This week in English we have been looking at a variety of different characters from our text 'The magic Faraway tree' and written a postcard about being taken from the Faraway tree into a strange land.

In maths we have been looking at graphs, bar and pictograms to answer problem solving questions relating to them.

In Science we are investigating what will happen to our cress seeds. We have put cress seeds in a variety of different environments to see how they grow. We can't wait for the results.

In topic we have written predictions about our observations within old photographs of a local landmark (Ilex mill) to see if any of us could recognise the building. We have looked at a variety of maps and found mills and workers' houses plus reservoirs in our local area.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Parent's Evening this week. It was lovely to see you all and share the children's achievements with you.

- **Just a reminder that children need their P.E kits in school. We are back to Mondays and Thursday afternoons.**
- **Forest school sessions are back to Tuesday afternoons.**

Dates are:

- **Tuesday 30th April 2024**
- **Tuesday 14th May 2024**

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



I would just like to say a huge well done to all of Maples class for their behaviour and learning on our trip on Thursday to the Whitaker. Whilst at the museum we learnt lots about the history of Rawtenstall as well as handling artifacts linked to the cotton mills and then we played detectives whilst in the room of curiosities. After lunch, we managed a quick play of the grass before heading to Ilex Mill and the Weavers Cottage where we made links with our class learning. We completed our Geography Fieldwork skills by sketching Ilex Mill and the Weavers Cottage.

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/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents)

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening, it was lovely to see you and talk about your child's progress in Maples.

We are also studying the artist Holli Conger and will be recreating our own portraits in her style of art. To assist in this please can you collect items over the next couple of weeks. For example, bottle tops, old tickets, plastic spoons, wool, string etc. We will need this in school the week beginning 29th April.



Dazzling Elders





Elders, it was lovely to meet up with so many parents this week at Parent's Evening to share your children's achievements with you all.

We've had another busy and productive week. In English the children have been gathering ideas and examining the structure of myths to begin to plan their own.

In Maths the Year 5's have been continuing with place value up to three decimal places and have been ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest whole number or integer and exploring negative numbers. The Year 4's have been looking at the properties of shapes including triangles and quadrilaterals.

The children enjoyed their swimming lesson at Marl Pits. They are now organised into groups. These groups were organised by the swimming teachers based on their initial observations but as they get to know the children there will be movement between the groups and as the children progress.

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Kind Regards,

Mrs Nolan and Miss Yates.

Wonderful Willows



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Parent's Evening this week. It was lovely to see you all and share the children's achievements with you.

We have certainly been working hard in Willows this week! Our Year 6 children have been working hard in Maths on their SATS revision sessions and in Year 5 we have been learning about Mean, Mode, Median and Range. Some tricky concepts but the children have done really well.

In our English sessions we have begun our research on the Amazon in preparation to write our information leaflets next week. We have found out lots of weird and wonderful facts about the rainforest!

In Geography we have been learning about the earth's biomes and constructing our own biome maps.

Please remember that PE is now on a Monday and Thursday.

For our Year 6 children:

Please note: End of key stage assessment week takes place on the week beginning 13th May.

The timetable of the week is as follows:

- Monday 13th May - Spelling, punctuation and grammar test
- Tuesday 14th May - Reading test
- Wednesday 15th May - Maths Arithmetic (paper 1) and Maths Reasoning (paper 2)
- Thursday 16th May - Maths Reasoning (paper 3)

As we move ever closer to SATs week, please continue to support your child with learning times tables and daily reading.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



It has been lovely to see and talk to so many parents this week at Parents Evening and to share the amazing progress that the children have made. The comments made are testament to each individual child who works so hard each day - Well done Oaks!

This week, we have written a narrative about a boy with supernatural powers in our English lessons. The children have worked hard to advance the action, using dialogue and description. Our focus in maths has been on using our knowledge of shape properties to find missing angles in regular polygons and finding the volume of cuboids. We are also continuing to work daily on securing our arithmetic skills.

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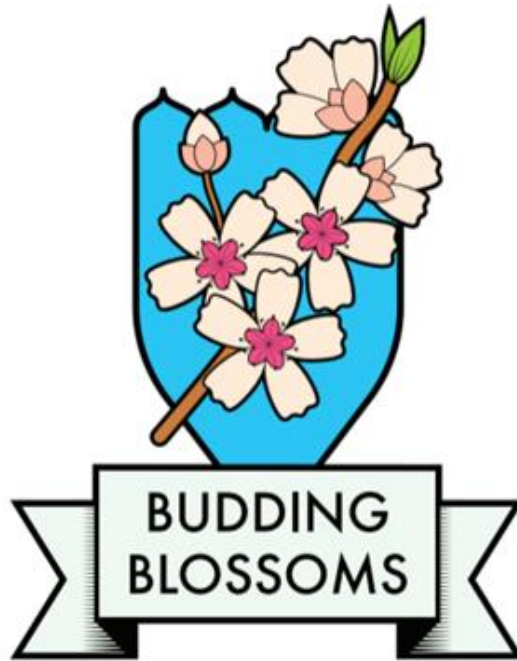
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- **This half term we have the PE coach each Tuesday afternoon.**
- **Our PE days remain as Tuesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school.**
- **Forest School session on Thursday 9th May**

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms have had a fantastic week in school, it seems to have flown by. The children have all worked really hard and I am so proud of their determination to be independent learners.

In English, we have been reading 'Hello Lighthouse', we have read a letter from Alice, the lighthouse keepers' wife and we are replying to him in our own letters. The children have come up with some fantastic responses and I am so impressed.

In maths we have been looking at shape, we have been organising them into groups and we have had to guess what the rule is and also looking at the properties of different 2D shapes. The children have really enjoyed looking at shapes this week.

It was lovely to see some parents at parent evenings and discuss the children's progress with you all, if you didn't get chance to attend, I am happy to speak to you when it is convenient.

Please ensure that you are regularly reading with your children, as this helps develop their fluency and comprehension skills.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.































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	Eilidh & Ivy	Alexander	Jack
Awesome Ashes	Daisy	Joseph	Finlay
Super Sycamores	The whole class	Thea	Daisy
Outstanding Alders	Honey	Olivia	Tobiah
Enchanted Elms	Annie	Hugo	Stanley
Marvellous Maples	The whole class	Drew	Harry
Dazzling Elders	Sebastian	Liam	Ava
Wonderful Willows	Cooper	Zain	Nile
Mighty Oaks	Alfie	Reeyan	Penny
Brilliant Berries	Blake		
Budding Blossoms	Charlie		

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid, Whooping Cough or Measels.

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.

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





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School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Re-open	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2024 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 28th October 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 20 th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 6th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 24th February 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 4 th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Staff Training Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open on	Monday 2nd June 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 18 th July 2025
Staff Training Days	Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025



Car seat check

Lancashire County Council Road Safety
Event

Child Car Seat Check



Lancashire County Council Road Safety Team and Child Seat Safety are conducting a community child car seat checking event on 8th May

The team will demonstrate how to correctly install the child car seat or inform the driver if a car seat is unsuitable for some reason. In addition, drivers will be offered a range of both car seat and general road safety literature to take away with them.

Event in Rossendale

37% of all children are in the incorrect seat for their height, weight and age.

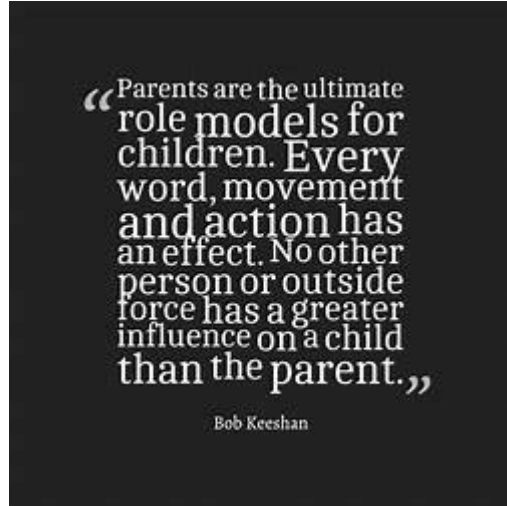
96% of all faults can be rectified easily.

Pop along for free advice and an independent check.

Morrisons, Bacup
Tuesday 30th April and
Wednesday 1st May
10am-3pm

Child Seat Safety Ltd

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend filled with fun and laughter.

Mrs Charlesworth