



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter September 24

Friday 27th September 2024

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

Headteacher news

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and in good spirits. As we settle into the new school year, I'm delighted to share some exciting updates and express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support.

First and foremost, I want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Macmillan Coffee afternoon. Your generosity in donating cakes and participating in this wonderful event was truly heartwarming. The outpouring of support from our school community never fails to amaze me. We're still tallying up the final figures, but I'm excited to announce the total amount raised in our next newsletter. Your kindness will make a real difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

As we move forward, our focus shifts to supporting our youngest learners and their families. We're thrilled to announce that we're in the midst of preparing for our Infant parent workshops. These sessions are designed to empower you, as parents and carers, with the tools and knowledge to support your child's learning journey at home.

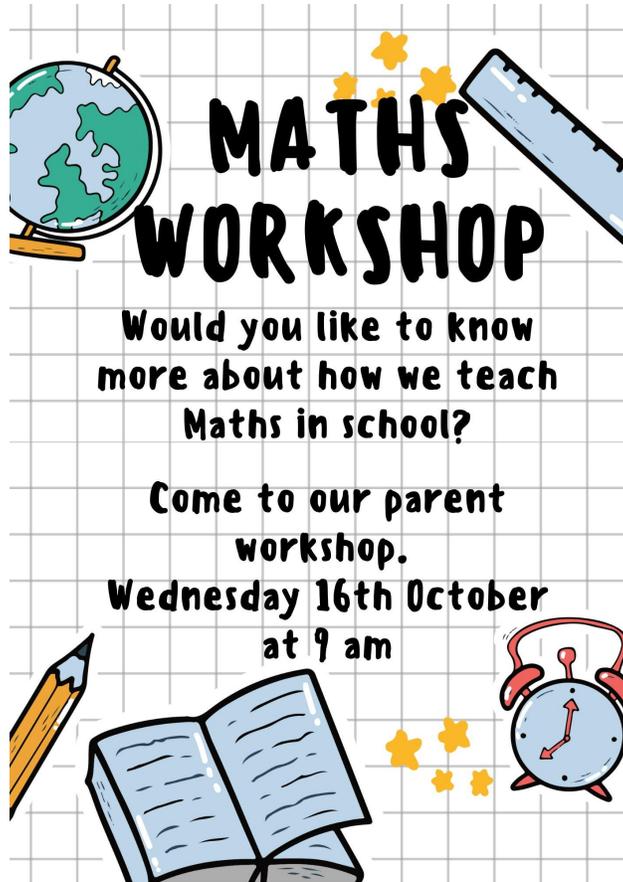
If you're keen to discover more about how we teach phonics, reading, or maths – and how you can reinforce these skills at home – I warmly invite you to join us for these workshops. They promise to be informative, engaging, and tailored to help you make a real impact on your child's educational development.

These workshops reflect our commitment to fostering a strong partnership between home and school. We believe that when we work together, we can create the best possible learning environment for our pupils, both in the classroom and beyond.

As always, I'm immensely proud of the dedication shown by our staff in preparing these workshops, and I'm equally grateful for the enthusiasm and engagement of our parent community. It's this collaborative spirit that makes St. Paul's such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we're nurturing the next generation of curious, confident, and capable learners.





Dates for your diary...



- Couch25k - Every week starting from Thursday 12th September - Meet at the office at the front of school
- Scholastic book fair - Arriving 25th September
- EYFS - Phonics and reading workshop - Friday 4th October 9 am
- Hello Yellow day - Thursday 10th October - wear something Yellow - Donations to Mind can be paid on ParentPay
- Harvest Service - St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October - Infants 9.30am, Juniors 10.30am
- EYFS Early number workshop - Wednesday 16th October 9 am
- Half Term break - Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October
- Return to school for the 2nd part of our Autumn term - Monday 28th October
- Individual photographs - Wednesday 13th November
- Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 28th November

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.

Influenza vaccinations

Flu Immunisation vaccinations will take place in school on THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, please follow this link to complete an online consent form.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/032f5d11>

This link will close on the 14th November 2024

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 3583 397, Option 2, Option 2.

In the meantime, if you have already taken your child to the doctors or chemist to have the Flu vaccine, please kindly inform the school office.

Thank you.

PTA

We hope that you have all settled back into the new school year!

 With the festive season growing nearer, your children will soon be getting letters sent home with their Christmas artwork attached, to give you the chance to order cards, labels or mugs. Along with these, there will be instructions on how to order.

****Artwork for any orders placed will need to be returned to school by 9am on Monday 14th October 2024 as orders cannot be printed without the returned artwork.****

If anybody has any questions or problems, please message us, or speak to one of the PTA Committee 

 **Save the date!** Our next event is the autumn disco on Thursday 17th October 2024. Letters will be going out soon with all the details but please note it is NOT Halloween themed. We need lots of volunteers on the night to make the event possible so if you'd like to help please contact us via our Facebook page, email address stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com or leave your name and contact details at the school office and we will get back to you 

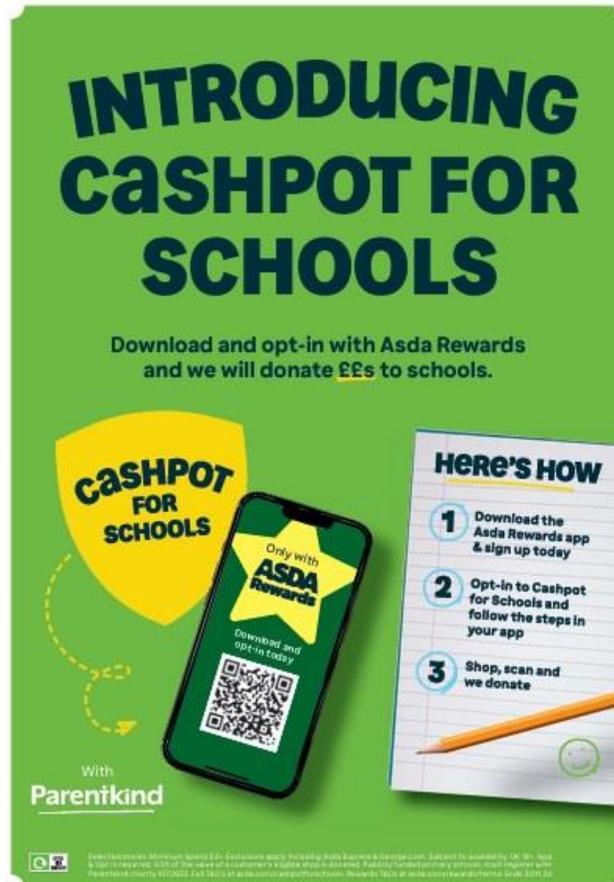
 On Friday 1st November 2024 at 3:20pm we will be holding our AGM. This is a chance for you to see what and how the PTA run and for you to get involved. We always need new volunteers! If you would

like to attend please email us at stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there 📄📄

Many thanks for all your continued support!

Bonnie Smith(PTA Chair)

Fundraise for school that does not cost you anything.



Parentkind – the charity that supports schools and PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, 'opt in' through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

A huge thank you to all who have already added our school to their Asda Rewards Cashpot.

If you would like to support our school:

- Please open your Asda Rewards App.
- Click on the ... three dots in the bottom right corner of your screen
- Select 'Clubs' and then select 'Cashpot for schools'
- Select 'Great count me in'
- Select our school using the postcode 'BB4 8HW '
- It will ask you to select 'Rawtenstall St. Paul's Church of England Primary School'
- Select Submit

Easyfunding



We're now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use Easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE!

These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

Starting Reception in 2025 or moving onto high school ...

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 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 2025 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31st October 2024

Primary applications - 15th January 2025



Alder Grange Open Day

Alder Grange are holding their open day on **Thursday 3rd October**. This is a great opportunity for your child to experience what high school is all about. Pupils will get the chance to experience a range of different subjects and find out information they need to know about high schools. School uniform and a packed lunch is required on this day. If you wish for your child to attend, please complete the google form which can be accessed through their school website or this link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MNGJu2Jlg9g8rF8T_1t_O97lbbQQip4CyTrCLJQC-Q/edit If your child attends BYT and still wishes to attend the open day, arrangements can be made to escort your child to/from the event. Please let the school office know or your child's class teacher.

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)
- 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.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices from September 2024

Information for Parents



You may be aware that the Department for Education 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.**
- A 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).
- This also includes pupils with persistent absences.
- 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

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

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Time out for parent courses

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*Believing in you
Believing in Better*

Call or text 07877 714693

4X 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.

September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD

Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS

The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm



'UNPAVE THE WAY' GARDEN

*INSPIRING HOUSEHOLDERS TO INCORPORATE PLANTING,
SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE (SUDS) AND RAINWATER
HARVESTING INTO THEIR GARDENS*

AS SEEN ON BBC'S GARDENERS WORLD!

- **Two GREEN Front Garden Designs!**
- **Slow the Flow of Rainwater**
- **Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) Features**
- **Creative Rainwater Harvesting Components**
- **Climate Resilient Planting Ideas**
- **A Variety of Permeable Paving for Driveways**



WHITAKER PARK,
HASLINGDEN ROAD,
ROSSENDALE,
ENGLAND BB4 6RE

SATURDAY 5TH
OCTOBER
11AM - 1PM

LIVE MUSIC FROM
THE RAMSHACKLE
WAILERS

TALK ON HOW TO
DESIGN A
SUSTAINABLE FRONT
GARDEN AND
DRIVEWAY WITH RHS
GOLD MEDAL
AWARD WINNING
GARDEN DESIGNER
LEON DAVIS

RHS Garden, 'Unpave the Way'
coming soon to Whitaker Park.

Event will take place outdoors
and refreshments will be
provided.

Everyone welcome.

Follow us on social media:
@unpavetheway

[Unpave the Way | The Flood Hub](#)
for more info!

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

The children are well and truly settled into a lovely routine now. They are working so hard, and we are so proud of everything they are achieving. We have been working so hard with our independent targets in maths and using a wide range of resources to ensure our learning is embedded. You would be very proud of how hard they have worked this week.

In English, we have continuing to enjoy Goldilocks and the three Bears, this week we have enjoyed retelling the story in our small world area and we have sequenced the story using pictures to help us and some children even wrote their own story.

In our topic this week, we have enjoyed making the Three Bears for our display. We used lots of different materials to create our Three Bears and we loved exploring all the different materials.

PE is on **Mondays**, please can children come into school in their PE kits. This **Wednesday**, we have Forest School, please ensure your child has waterproofs in school so that they can experience everything that forest school has to offer.

As always, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Taylor and Mrs R Coleman

Amazing Acorns



What a wonderful week Acorns have had. This week we started our new text, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. On Monday, we found that our home corner had been destroyed. There were footprints on the floor, oats on the table and a chair had been broken. Later in the week, we even had a visit from Goldilocks who apologised for making a mess.

In maths, we started our number of the week: Number 1. We have talked about what it looks like and how it is always on its own. On Thursday, the children had a lovely visit to St Paul's church. Claire read us a story all about the Lost Sheep. We then explored the church and asked some amazing questions. Each child received a cross from Church, which was sent home with them on Thursday.

Reading

Please read with your child each night- 5 minutes each day will really help! We encourage your child to read their book twice to develop 'smooth' reading, fluency and enjoyment of the text and will change their books when their reading record has been signed 😊

Cauliflower cards

The children are busy preparing the artwork for the Cauliflower card project, which will be making its way home to you within the next week. If you wish to order any products for Christmas gifts, cards etc, the closing date for artwork to be returned to school is Monday 14th October. Any artwork returned after this date may not be accepted.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Bliss.





Awesome Ashes



What a busy week in Awesome Ashes! The children in Year 1 have been working hard on place value in maths. Play the game 'I'm thinking of a number' (i.e. it has 1 ten and 4 units) with your child and see if they can write down and tell you the answer! Start with teen numbers and progress as your child is able. Our Reception children have begun exploring the number 1.

In English, we have been writing sorry letters from the wolf, postcards from the wolf and planning a piggy party!

EYFS Welcome Service

Our EYFS children enjoyed visiting St Paul's church yesterday as part of their welcome. They explored the building, learnt about the story associated with the stained glass window, asked questions and received a cross to take home (if you don't want to keep your child's cross, feel free to return this to school). The children were beautifully behaved and loved their visit!

Reading

Please read with your child each night- 5 minutes each day will really help and is a great chance for a snuggle too! We encourage children to read their book twice to develop 'smooth' reading, fluency and enjoyment of the text. Please bring their books into school each day. When their reading record has been signed, we will then change the book ready for a new story adventure. 😊

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Dates for your diary

Forest School session - Friday 11th October

Phonics and reading workshop in school Friday 4th October at 9am

Infant Harvest Festival service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October at 9.30am (all welcome to attend)

Maths workshop in school Wednesday 16th October at 9am

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



Curriculum news

It has been another busy week in Sycamores. On Thursday it was a very wet session, but this did not stop our learning. We collected different materials from around the outdoor area and made predictions to see if they would sink or float. We were very surprised that moss sunk and apples floated. As it was a wet and muddy session Forest kits have been sent home. Please make sure they are returned for our next session on Thursday 10th October. Wellies remain in school.

In English we have started reading Harry the Happy Mouse and we are learning the story as well as new vocab - delighted, thrilled and pleased.

Reading - Please read with your child each night- 5 minutes each day will really help! We encourage your child to read their book twice to develop 'smooth' reading, fluency and enjoyment of the text and will change their books when their reading record has been signed. Please also ask your child simple who, what, were, when and why questions to help develop their understanding of the text. Next Friday

4th October Mrs Ormerod is running a reading talk to pass on lots of tips and advice for parents to support their child's reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs de Boutemard







Outstanding Alders



Curriculum News

In Maths this week we have been adding ten, to two-digit numbers and rounding to the nearest ten.

In English we have continued work on our story 'The Way Home for Wolf'. The children have been writing predictions, identifying the key events and writing about the different animals in the story.

We have also been to Forest School this week. We combined our learning in Science with Art. The children had to find as many different materials that they could and create some transient art. The portraits were fantastic.

Homework

You should have received your Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars password. They are in your child's reading record. Homework will be set each week on Spelling Shed on a Friday. Please can you encourage your child to access TT Rockstars and practise their times tables. Any questions please ask.

Key Dates

PE on Wednesday - P.E kits can be kept in school.

Forest School - kits to be brought in on the day - 8th October, and 29th October.

Phonics and reading workshop in school Friday 4th October at 9am.

Infant Harvest Festival service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October at 9.30am (all welcome to attend).

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.





Enchanted Elms



Curriculum news

We have been working hard in maths converting metres into centimetres, ordering measures, writing lengths and solving word problems. In English we responded to Paddington's letter as if we were Aunt Lucy replying back. In R.E we wrote how we could take care of something like God told us to take care of the world. In Science we have learnt some names of our skeleton and why we need our skeleton.

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Junior Harvest Festival service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October at 10.30am (all welcome to attend)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a great week. In maths, they have been using different methods to add and subtract numbers and are now moving on to measuring. In English, Maples have been exploring different magazine articles and have created a toolkit to help us identify the different features. This will help us as we start to plan and prepare to write our own magazine article, based on the Loch Ness monster. The children have been learning about Sikh beliefs and have created some artwork to portray one of the main beliefs. The children have produced some beautiful and creative pieces.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on Tuesday and Thursday (unless it is forest school). Next forest session- Thursday 3rd October.

Please can children bring in their reading record daily.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



Curriculum news

It has been a lovely week in Elders' class. The children have been working hard in Maths converting centimetres into millimetres, using mental methods for addition and finding the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. In English, the children have continued reading *The Lion, The witch and The Wardrobe* and have been using the dictionary to discover the meaning of unfamiliar words. They have created a "Top Trumps" card for Mr Tumnus the faun and discussed whether he is trustworthy and

supported their answers with evidence from the text. This week in Science, the children have been finding out about the different types of human teeth and their functions and looking at photos of animal's skulls to work out what type of animal they might belong to such as a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore according to the types of teeth they had.

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Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



We have had another lovely week in Willows.

Curriculum news

In English we have been writing our diaries in role as Daniel from the Nowhere Emporium. We have had some fantastic 'role on the wall' reflections and the children have worked very hard.

In Maths we have been looking at mental partitioning and compensation which has been tricky at times, especially working with decimals, but the children have done very well.

In History, we became History detectives and tried to uncover clues about the Vikings by looking at images of the Oseberg wreck.

Our Year 6 children have begun their long-awaited residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden. We are looking forward to a weekend of fun activities and making memories to treasure for many years to come. There have been many excited conversations this week in class and I am sure that Year 6 will be excellent ambassadors of our school. Do keep a look out on @StPaulsCESch (social media platform X) where regular updates will be posted throughout the weekend.

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Kind Regards

Mrs Todd and Mrs Cooper

[Mighty Oaks](#)



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Swimming

Please can groups 2, 3 and 4 continue to bring a set of shorts and T shirt to the session each Monday until the half term break. As the weather gets wetter and colder, please also ensure that your child has a coat for the walk to and from Marl Pits.

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

45th Rossendale Scout group

😊 We've got places available

🏠 Cubs - ages 8 - 10

🌍 The Hut on Hill Street, Crawshawbooth

🕒 Wednesday 6.30pm - 8pm

★ Please message us on Facebook if you are interested 😊 or email us at gsl@45throssendale.org.uk

St. Paul's Worship



The children in EYFS enjoyed their welcome service at St Paul's Church on Thursday. They learnt about the story of the Lost Sheep from the stained glass window, hunted for 'lost' sheep and explored the church, asking lots of super questions. They each received a cross from Church.





This term we will be focussing in school on the value TRUST. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Trusting** someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"

Anon



FASCINATING FACTS

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)

When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can **trust** the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.

- There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland
- Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moments notice to go out on their lifeboat



READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples:

"Why are you so afraid? Do you not **trust** me?"

© Bible story based on Mark 4:35-41



QUIZ Crack the code

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a board game

1	2	3	4
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Jam is stored in this

5	6	7
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Opposite of dark

8	9	10	11
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Used to carry money

12	13	14	15
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Break the code to discover the message in the story:

16	17	18
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1	2	14	2	2	12	10	4	14
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1	7	13	4	1	4	1
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8	4	14	13	12
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FAMILY FOCUS

Get Knotting

Knot tying is an important skill for every crew member on board a sailing ship. For the various parts of the sails and rigging different knots are used and the crew have to **trust** that the knots are tied properly and will hold.

We all use knots occasionally to hold something securely in place.

See if you can master these knots:

A Clove Hitch knot, to secure a rope to a post.



A Reef knot to join 2 ropes together.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail.

Create a draught (eg by blowing or using a lilo pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water.



HALL OF FAME

Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three lifeboats. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was their only hope! Putting their complete **trust** in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the **trust** he inspired in his men live on in legend.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

