



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

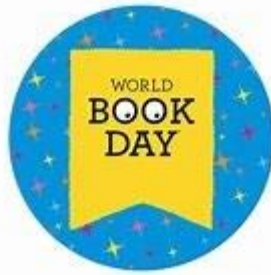
Friday 28th February 2025

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

Headteacher news

Thank you to you all for taking part in our 'Blue for Refugee' day. The school was a sea of blue and every classroom learnt about the valuable work of the Refugee Crisis Foundation and how they make a huge difference to so many lives. Thank you also for your kind donations. We will share with you our total raised shortly but your contributions are hugely appreciated and work towards changing people's lives for the better.

You should now have received information regarding World Book Day which will take place on **Thursday 6th March**. We have so many exciting events planned such as our annual 'Drop Everything and Read', exciting reading-based activities and some special visitors (shh, it is a surprise!) We are also inviting children to come dressed as a word of their choice as part of our 'Vocabulary Parade!' There will be special prizes for the most inventive and unusual words. Google has lots of ideas.









Random Acts of Kindness

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS BiNGO



KS1 February Challenge

 <p>SHARE TOYS WITH A FRIEND OR SIBLING</p>	 <p>DRAW A PICTURE FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL</p>	 <p>SAY 'PLEASE' AND 'THANK YOU' WITHOUT REMINDERS</p>
 <p>SMILE AT PEOPLE YOU SEE</p>	 <p>HELP A FRIEND</p>	 <p>WATER PLANTS/FEED THE BIRDS</p>
 <p>HELP WITH TIDYING UP</p>	 <p>GIVE A COMPLIMENT TO A FRIEND</p>	 <p>OFFER YOUR HELP TO YOUR TEACHER</p>

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS BINGO

KS2 February Challenge



How will you demonstrate random acts of kindness?



The sight of those glorious sunsets brought an enormous smile to my face. They whispered promises of spring just around the corner, of longer days, and of the cheerful blooms of snowdrops and daffodils that will soon grace our school grounds. It's these little glimpses of beauty that can make all the difference in our day-to-day lives.

Inspired by Mrs Arthur's keen eye, I'd like to propose a challenge to our entire school family. Let's chase away the winter blues and embrace the changing seasons with our very own photography competition! The theme? 'Our beautiful world around us'. This is an opportunity for all of us - pupils, parents, family members, and staff alike - to get outside, explore our wonderful landscape, and capture those magical springtime moments.

We're putting a fun twist on this competition: it's children versus adults! So, whether you're 7 or 70, grab your camera or phone and start snapping. We want to see the world through your eyes - perhaps it's a budding flower, a scenic view, or a moment of everyday beauty that catches your attention.

To enter, simply email your photograph to school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk. Don't forget to include the name and age of the photographer, along with a brief note about what inspired your shot. We can't wait to see the world through your lenses and celebrate the beauty that surrounds us every day.

Let's make the most of these lengthening days and the promise of spring.

Who knows? Your photograph might just be the one to brighten someone else's day and remind us all of the wonders waiting just outside our doors.

Happy photographing, everyone!

Dates for your diary...



- World Book Day- Thursday 6th March- more details to follow
- Parents' Evening- Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March 2025
- Easter Service at St Paul's Church- Thursday 3rd April- Infants 9:30am Juniors 10:30am
- Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025

Mindfulness Group

We have had a fantastic 6 weeks of Mindfulness club with the Oak's and Willow's classes, covering many different activities that can help us with our mindfulness. Our Mindfulness ambassadors have been absolutely phenomenal at delivering the sessions, volunteering at a lunchtime to help other children.

We completed our sessions today by making our own cloud dough, the children worked well together to create it and then enjoyed its therapeutic quantities.

Thanks

Mrs Todd and The Mindfulness Team







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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



You should now have received our new holiday dates for the 2025-26 school year. 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](#)

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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4X 2hr Sessions

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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
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 12.45pm - 2.45pm

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

Fundraise for school in a way that does not cost you anything.

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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

Wow! What a fantastic week we have had in Berries! The children have come back refreshed and raring to go, we have been so busy.

In English, we have started our new text, 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children are really enjoying it and have already written some fantastic descriptions for the ladybird! We are super proud of their writing!

In phonics, we have been recapping all the different digraphs that we have learnt so far and improving our segmenting and blending skills with these sounds. It's been fabulous to see the children use them in their writing too.

In maths, we have been looking at money and being able to make amounts using coins. We've enjoyed having a toy shop and buying different toys with what coins we have. We have picked this up really quickly and the children are money wizards already. I'm sure they can help you out when shopping now.

In our topic lessons this week, we have been completing our science lessons. We have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog! We have enjoyed creating the butterflies life cycle with play dough and then we have written sentences about each stage. We have been blown away by their efforts and how hard the children have worked on these tasks. Well done Berries!

Next week, we have forest school. Please ensure they have their kits in school and as always on Monday we have PE with Dan, our sports coach, children can attend school in their PE kits.

We also have World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, I am sure the children are excited to be part of our vocabulary parade, I can't wait to see what you all come up with. Please ensure they are still wearing appropriate footwear.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Taylor, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Alvarez

Dates for your diary

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

[Amazing Acorns](#)



What a lovely start to the next half term. Acorns have settled well back into our school routine.

This week, we have started our new text: Dear Zoo. We have been very lucky to find that our role play area has turned into a jungle. The children enjoyed thinking about the different animals that live in there. In groups, we then made our own map of a zoo and also enjoyed creating some animal prints in our painting area.

In phonics we have been recapping the digraphs: qu, ch, sh, th and ng. Ask your child to write some words with these sounds.

This week, we had a special visit from Mrs Gul, who spoke to us all about Islam and why the Quran is special. We then thought about things that are special to us.

Polite request:

We have been having some children bringing toys in from home. Can we please ask that this does not happen, we do not want personal things to get lost or broken. Please also ensure that PE and forest school kits are labelled with names. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Bliss and the EYFS team.

PE days- Monday

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

Awesome Ashes



Welcome back to the new half term. The children have returned with a real focus and it has been lovely to see their hard work and attitude to learning this week.

On Wednesday, we recognised the work of The Refugee Crisis Foundation and dressed in blue to raise money and awareness of the plight of refugees. Linked to this, the children read the story 'Lubna and the pebble' which was a powerful story for children about living in a 'tent city' as a refugee. The children thought of questions that Lubna might ask as she arrived and created their own pebble, Lubna's only possession which gave them time to reflect on the crisis faced by many children.

Over the next few weeks in English, we will be reading and writing our poems based on 'Changing the Guard at Buckingham palace' by AA Milne. The children this week in topic learnt about London in Geography and made some wonderful junk model London landmarks.

PE

PE is now back to Tuesdays! Sorry for any confusion.

Forest School

Our next session is on Friday 14th March. Please ensure full kits are in school on this date.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

[Super Sycamores](#)



Welcome back to the second Spring term. As you can see from the photos from Forest school, the flowers have started to bloom. During our outdoor learning we looked for signs of Spring. We also used maps to help us find our way around and we then used our maps to help with a game. The children were given a photo of something in Forest and they had to go and match the photo to the item. Finally they had to mark on the map where they had found the item.

On Wednesday, we read the book Lubna and the Pebble to support our understanding of refugees. We wrote thank you letters to Pebble and designed our own pebble. It has been great to see some children making their own pebble friends at home.

In English, our book this term is Lila and the Secret of the Rain. We have been making predictions and thinking carefully about the characteristics of the main character - Lila.

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March (please see letter sent out)

Next Forest session Tuesday 11th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

PE is unchanged for the next half term and remains on **Thursday**.

Class reminders -

- Spellings - every Friday (the children are not tested on the spellings. They link to the spellings we have been learning and practising in class).
- Reading - please read with your child each day and bring their book into school each day too
- PE - every Thursday - please send your child's kit on the day.







Outstanding Alders



It has been fabulous to have you all back in school. The children have settled straight back in and they have been working hard.

Curriculum News

We have continued working on our story 'The Highway Rat'. The children have been stepping into the magic mirror and transforming into the characters. We have been writing diary entries as characters from the story.

In maths we have been working on money, we have had to exchange coins, give change and work out exactly how much two items would cost together. Should you like to have a go at home, here is a great game that you can play:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=PriceListsv5>

In science, we conducted an experiment all about germs, we have been learning about our needs as humans and how to keep healthy. The children had to predict what would happen if they put their finger in water with pepper and then would happen with soap. We recorded our results.

World Book Day

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Key Dates

Indoor PE - Tuesday

Outdoor PE - Wednesday

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Forest School - Thursday 13th March

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

Have a lovely break,

Miss Cavaney.

Enchanted Elms



What a super start to the new half term!

In English, we have started our new novel 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. The novel is about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 which meant death for most of the Roman citizens living in Pompeii. But some people must have survived, and Christina Balit has used this as the starting point for her story.

It tells of Tranio, an actor's son, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, who witness the destruction of their beloved city. This text will engage the children of historical fiction and links with topics of ancient Rome and natural disasters. Set against the backdrop of the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79, it helps bring the topic to life and provides children with a rich background knowledge of a significant historical period.

In maths, we have been learning about shapes – this week the children learnt two new words 'perpendicular and parallel'. They are extremely tricky concepts to learn the children tried very hard with these. On Wednesday, we recognised the work of The Refugee Crisis Foundation and dressed in blue to raise money and awareness of the plight of refugees. We read a book called 'Tomorrow' by Nadine Kaadan. Linked to this, we did a PSHE lesson on feelings about the book. We looked back at Yazan's expressions on different pages of the story and talked together about how he is feeling. Yazan's experience living in a war zone has some similarities to life during the 2020 Pandemic. We discussed what is the same and what is different. We also watched at Nadine Kaadan drawing Yazan and we followed her video to draw the character Yazan. The children created two pieces of art which were linked to the book.

PE Kits

A reminder that our PE days this half term are **Tuesday** (outdoor) and **Wednesday** (indoor).

Forest School Dates for after half term

Our next Forest School session is **Monday 10th March 2025 and Monday 24th March 2025**

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025 (Refer to the letter sent out)

Junior Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 10.30am

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – Every day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Tuesday
- Indoor PE - Wednesday

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cowgill





Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a great week. The children have started reading our new class novel 'The boy who grew dragons'. We are really enjoying it so far and are looking forward to reading more next week.

The children have written a diary entry as the main character 'Tomas'. The children have included some fronted adverbials and some key vocabulary we have identified.

In History, we are focusing on our local area, specifically the mills in Rawtenstall. The children found some key features on OS maps.

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Key dates

PE kits need to be in school on Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).

Our next forest session is **Thursday 6th March**.

World book day- Thursday 6th March

Have a lovely weekend.

Dazzling Elders



It's been wonderful having everyone back at school. The children have quickly settled in and have been working diligently.

Curriculum News

In English, we've begun our new book, Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. The children are really enjoying it and have already written some amazing descriptions of the King Hrothgar using expanded nouns phrases and descriptive language. We're incredibly proud of their writing!

In our music lessons the children are continuing to learn the ukulele and are progressing extremely well. There will be a concert towards the end of term so that you will be able to share in their success. (The date to follow soon)

On Wednesday, we honored the work of The Refugee Crisis Foundation by wearing blue to raise both money and awareness for refugees. We read a book called Tomorrow by Nadine Kaadan, and in connection with this, we had a PSHE lesson where we explored the feelings evoked by the story.

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and Read' - this will give children the opportunity at various points in the day to read a book of their choice. Sponsor forms were sent home yesterday and any sponsors will be much appreciated. Further information has been sent home via email.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nolan

Indoor **PE** will be on **Monday** and Outdoor PE will be on **Friday**.

Mrs Nolan

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Forest School - Wednesday 12th March

Junior Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am

[Wonderful Willows](#)



Welcome back to the new half term. It has already proved to be a really busy start to the term and the children have tackled their learning with gusto!

On Wednesday, we recognised the work of The Refugee Crisis Foundation and dressed in blue to raise money and awareness of the plight of refugees. Linked to this, the children looked at

Shamsia Hassani, a graffiti artist who campaigns on behalf of refugees and promotes positive messages.

In English, we have begun our non - fiction unit linked to Street Child. We have looked at the features of a non - chronological reports and the difference between formal and informal language.

In two weeks, we will be beginning our new novel 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. Your child will need a copy of the book for accessing English and Guided Reading sessions. Local libraries will happily order copies in for you free of charge and second hand copies are available on Amazon.

In maths, our focus has been on translation and angles as we continue our geometry unit.

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Forest School

Our next session is on Friday 7th March. Please ensure your child has full waterproofs and suitable footwear.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

PE is unchanged for the next half term and remains on a **Wednesday (Indoor)** with **Swimming** continuing on a **Monday**.

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

Junior Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – at least three reads a week Checked each Friday
- New weekly spellings given - Each Wednesday
- Indoor PE - Wednesday - Please ensure kits are in school.
- Swimming - Monday - Please ensure all girls and pupils with longer hair have swimming hats.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



Welcome back to the new half term.

It has already proved to be a really busy start to the term and the children have undertaken their learning with enthusiasm and positivity. On Wednesday, we recognised the work of The Refugee Crisis Foundation and dressed in blue to raise money and awareness of the plight of refugees. Linked to this, the children wrote some amazing poems linked to themes of being safe, comfort and protection. We also looked at Shamsia Hassani, a graffiti artist who campaigns on behalf of refugees and promotes positive messages through her artwork.

Over the next few weeks in English, we will be using *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan, a graphic novel which tells the story of an immigrant who arrives in a strange new land. The book will give us

lots of opportunities to develop our inference skills, along with building our writing skills in producing a narrative using a flashback.

In maths, our focus will be consolidating our calculation strategies, fractions and place value. We will also be looking at ratio and proportion and how numbers are scaled up and down.

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Forest School

Our next session is on Tuesday 4th March. Please ensure full kits are in school on this date

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

Our **PE days** for next half term will remain as **Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)**.

Our next **Forest School** session is **Tuesday 4th March**

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

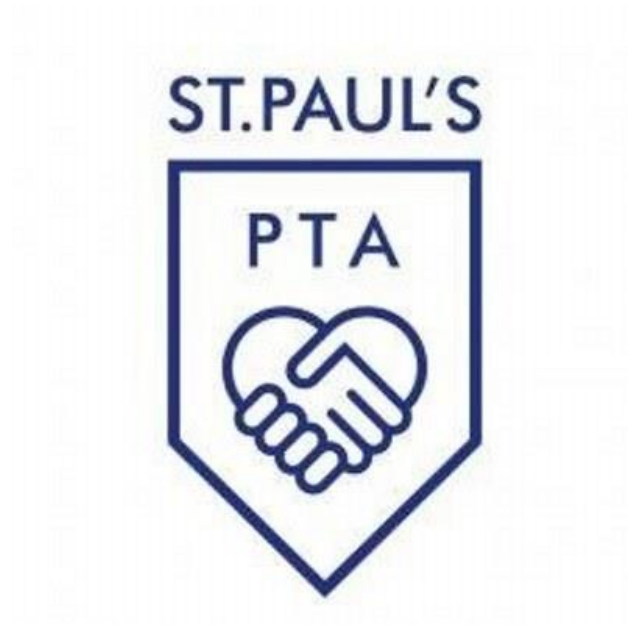
Junior Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am

Class reminders

Reading diaries - Each Friday

New weekly spellings given - Each Friday

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.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

