



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2024

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

Headteacher news

Dates for your diary...



- PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school from the hall at the end of the school day
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- Monday 1st July- PM Career Event Year 6 1pm-3pm
- Tuesday 2nd July - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- 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 July - PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

PTA



🍦🍷 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍷🍦 -

Remember, Ice lolly Fridays are here until the end of term! We will be in the hall every Friday after school, so come and get your end of week treat!

We are also starting to plan our end of year Celebration Disco. This will be held on Thursday 18th July 6pm - 8pm. We would be very grateful for volunteers to help support the event, so please do get in touch if you are able to help!

Also anyone who enters our Your School lottery before 29th June will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win a £1000 Amazon Gift card or £1000 cash prize'. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support.

Bonnie Smith

PTA Co-Chair

THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024
6PM -8PM

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NEON **CELEBRATION** **DISCO**

FOOD, GAMES, FACE PAINTING
AND LOTS MORE.

TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT
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Celebration Disco Thursday 18th July 2024

Dear parents / carers,

The 2024 Celebration Disco is held at school on **Thursday 18th July 2024**. The doors open at **6.00pm** and all children need to be collected from school by **8pm** by a responsible adult.

Please note that only children that currently attend St. Paul's are allowed in the Disco. We realise this may cause inconvenience for some parents with younger children, however it is a rule for the safety of our children.

As this is a Celebration Disco, a special room has been set aside for Year 6 Children to enjoy their last school Disco at St. Paul's.

The theme for the disco has been chosen by the Year 6 children and it is:-

"NEON"

All children are welcome to come in themed outfits or fancy dress, but this is optional.

The price is £2 per child. If you wish to stay with your child at the Disco then the cost per adult is £2.00. Adults who stay cannot use their mobile phones during the disco. This is a strict rule for safeguarding reasons. We will have to ask you to leave if this rule is ignored.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the night then entrance is free. Please leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the facebook page. A list of volunteers will be made prior to the disco and volunteers should arrive at 5.45pm. We will not be accepting volunteers on the night.

There'll be a DJ in the Hall, games, crafts and refreshments including hot dogs, drinks, crisps and sweets to purchase.

Face painting and temporary tattoos are available on the night. Please let a member of the PTA know, prior to the disco, if there are any concerns about this for your child for example a previous allergic reaction. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil and face paints with soap and water.

Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.

The children have a wonderful time and grow in confidence with each school Disco. The children enjoy the independence of buying items and working out if they have enough money left for something else at the end of the night, which is a valuable life skill!

There are no mobile phones or any electronic recording devices allowed at the disco (children or adults) and several St. Paul's class teachers are at the event for safeguarding reasons to protect our children.

Let's celebrate together. Any questions please ask via the PTA Facebook and twitter pages or via email.

St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA)

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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:

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.

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

What a lovely week it has been for Berries.

We have been continuing with our story Dogger. We made our own ice-cream shop like in the story and went on a hunt for Dogger in the classroom. In maths, the reception children have been looking at number sense and the year 1 children have been learning about position and direction. In science, we have been thinking about the seasons and what changes in summertime.

We had a lovely sports day, well done to all of the children who took part.

A gentle reminder that if the weather is warm, please apply suncream to your child and send them to school with a hat.

Miss Bliss





Amazing Acorns



It has been a great week in Acorns this week, we have been doing so many exciting things.

In English we have been writing an alternate ending to the story 'The Dinosaur That Pooped A Planet'. The children have had their very own books to write in. In Maths we have been exploring pattern.

We have been down to Forest School, we learnt all about summer and then went on a features of summer hunt.

Learn to Ride All of the children have had time outside with Mrs Smith learning how to ride a bike. It has been amazing to see some children riding that could not before. Some children have been practising using our balance bikes and our riders have been practising key skills. Our class goal was to get everyone riding so tune in next week to see how we do.

Sports Day Thank you to all of the parents that came to Sports Day, I am sorry I wasn't there. I have been told how brilliant the children were and that they were fantastic role models for our school. Well done to the winners and the children that tried so hard in the different events.

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Key Dates/Information

PE - Tuesdays

Forest School - Monday - 8th July

Learn to ride - wb 1st July

Enterprise week - wb 1st July

Road Safety - wb 8th July

Music through the decades concert - 12th July

[Awesome Ashes](#)



This week Ashes have had a super busy week. We have finished our plants unit in Science and started to plan out our writing for our own innovated story about a lost toy inspired by our class text Dogger. We also had an excellent time at sports day enjoying our carousel of races and games.

More to look forward to next week!

Young Enterprise Next week the children will be learning about money and thinking about how we make money, how we save our money and what we need to spend our money on. It would be great if you could have some coins available at home to reinforce recognition and adding small amounts.

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[Super Sycamores](#)



What a busy week Sycamores have had, and three more action packed weeks to look forward to!! In History we have learnt about seaside holidays long ago and have been interested in comparing them to holidays now. In English we have been writing a diary entry for our story Winnie at the Seaside and in Maths we have learnt more about statistics. Alongside the learning above- just take a look at what else we have been busy doing this week!!

Year 2 Road Safety This week our Year 2 children have taken part in the Lancashire County Council's Stage 3 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. Well done to all our Year 2 children.

Mosque and Weavers Cottage Our Year 2 children had a fabulous time at the Mosque on Monday where they learnt about Muslim prayer, learnt some words in Arabic and were able to ask questions about what interested them in the Mosque. Our thanks to Mr Anwar and Peter Street Mosque. The Weavers Cottage was also very interesting- with many children amazed at life in our town 250 years ago!

Forest School We enjoyed our Forest School session this week on Wednesday and learnt about the changes to our forest in the summer season. We have just one session left in our Forest this year! Friday 12th July.

Dance through the Decades We have still been practicing our dance this week! If your child has their 'groovy glasses', please bring them into school, so we can practice dancing and wearing them at the same time!! Anything sparkly can be worn on the day (Elton John 'I'm Still Standing')

Sports Day Our Infant Sports Day was a brilliant success! Well done to all the children for taking part so well and showing what a true sporting hero is like- never giving up, having lots of fun and exercise and sharing the experience with your friends and families.

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Thanks Miss Fielding

Change to Forest School - We have just two sessions left in our Forest this year! Please bring Forest School kits on **Friday 12th July** (long sleeve tops and long sleeve trousers/leggings are needed to avoid brambles and nettles please).







Outstanding Alders



Another super busy week in Alders. We started off the week with a fantastic visit to the Weavers' cottage and Mosque. We thoroughly enjoyed our visits and even enjoyed the walk. We were super proud of the children throughout the trip, they were respectful, polite, and asked lots of questions.

Road safety This week we have also completed Lancashire County Council's stage 3 Right Start Child Pedestrian training programme. Well done to all the year 2 children.

Sports day We had a super afternoon for sports day. We are so proud of all the children for taking part and having a go at every activity. It was lovely to watch all the children cheering each other on and trying their best.

Next week is another super busy week. Forest school

Our last forest school session for the year is on Monday 1st July, please make sure your child has their forest school kit with them.

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PE days :

- Thursdays (outdoor)
- Fridays (indoor)

Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE uniform which consists of a plain white T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only.

Forest school after half term:

- Monday 1st July









Enchanted Elms



In English the children have written their own playscripts and in the process of typing them up into a real playscript.

In maths we have been dividing using their inverse knowledge to help solve worded problems.

In art we were able to do our Cyanotype experiment with the weather being so sunny. The children have even drawn their own tulips and summer flowers. They have done a fantastic job.

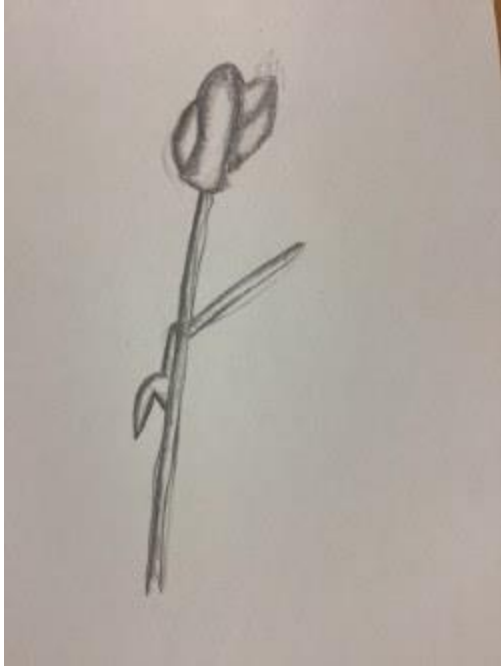
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Forest School - Tuesday 2nd July 2024

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Marvellous Maples



We have had a super sporty week in Maples with Sports day, dance coach and a cricket coach this week. In English we have finished writing our playscripts and have started our new unit of classic poetry. We are reading and learning Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Unfortunately the Ukulele concert will have to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Thursday 4th July - Edge Hill in school for Maples final session

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Through the Decades Maples are dressing up as 90s popstars – lots of white and glitter please. Tickets are on sale via ParentPay will be £2 each and are limited to two per family, on a first come first served basis. Please note younger siblings cannot sit on laps and will need their own ticket.

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[Dazzling Elders](#)





It's been a lovely week in Elders. We have been continuing our writing about the novel *Matilda*: planning and writing setting descriptions.

In Science, we have been thinking about the heliocentric model of the universe. The children used clay to make a model of the earth and shone a torch to represent the sun and looked at which parts were lit up. The children went on to think about why we have different time zones and what might it be like if Earth had two suns.

Greek Day The children had a wonderful time with our visitor and it was fabulous to see so many children dressed up. During the day, the children played Greek games, discussed and looked at different artefacts and learnt about Greek clothing. They tried on armour and looked at examples of weaponry. In the afternoon, the children made masks, acted out a play and took part in events from the Olympics such as discus and javelin.

Thank you for the donations that made this event possible.

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Mrs Nolan and Miss Yates.







Wonderful Willows



It's been another jam packed week in Willows!

In English we have begun our work on play scripts. We have investigated the key features of playscripts and compared them with written prose.

In History, we have continued our work on the Maya. Ask your child if they can remember any of the things that the Maya invented!

A few reminders for our Year 6 children and parents.

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Year 6 production Tickets are already selling fast for the Year 6 production of Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies. These are priced at £2.50 each and are available to purchase on ParentPay before Monday 8th July. After this date, any remaining tickets will go on general sale. Please be advised that entry is by ticket only for fire regulations purposes.

Colour Run Thank you for the consent forms that have been returned for the Colour Run event that is taking place next Friday, 5th July. If you wish for your child to participate, please return the form before Wednesday 3rd July so numbers can be confirmed with the event organisers. Children are reminded that they will need to wear old clothes (please bring in a bag for your child to get changed into) and sunglasses/goggles are compulsory for running the course. If you wish to sponsor your child, please return any money on the day of the event.

High School transition days Some of our pupils have already spent time in their new high school and next week sees the Rossendale schools open their doors to the upcoming Year 7 pupils. On this day, pupils will be making their own way to and from their new school - Alder Grange, Haslingden High and All Saints are holding their transition day on Tuesday 2nd July.

Leavers Service Parents of Year 6 are invited to attend the Leavers service on Thursday 18th July at 9.30am in St Paul's Church. This is an opportunity for our children to reflect on their time at St Paul's and for the school to say a goodbye to our wonderful Year 6. You may need to bring some tissues!

If you haven't already given consent for your child to attend the Tubing and Whitaker park trip on Thursday 18th July, please could this be done as soon as possible. The trip payment of £8.50 is also on ParentPay.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



Time is moving ever so quickly towards the end of term and we still have a jam packed three weeks to go! We are well underway with our production rehearsals, have been learning about the Slave Trade in history and are looking forward to writing our own stories over the next week in English.

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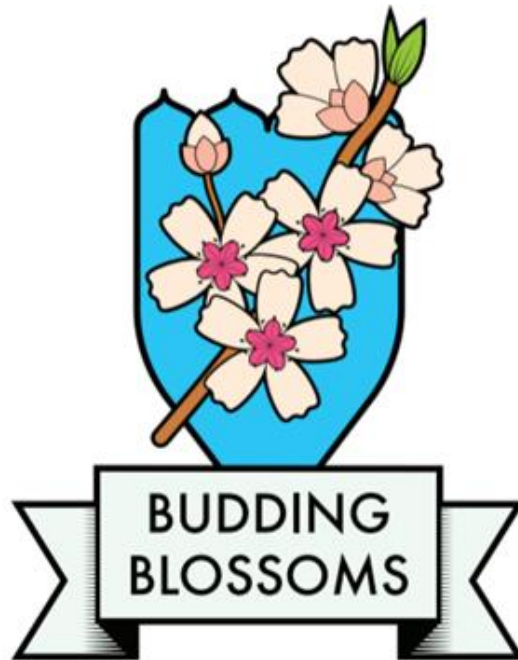
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Mrs Lee

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms' have been busy!

We are missing our Year 6 Blossoms' as they have been rehearsing for their end of year production. The rest of us are working hard to master exchanging when subtracting! We are so close to cracking it, the children are working hard to remember all the different steps.

In English, we have continued to develop our independent writing skills and now heading towards drafting our own stories, we cannot wait to share them with the other classes in school.

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I hope you all have a fun filled weekend! Mrs Taylor!

Let's celebrate - Weekly awards



St. Paul's Awards.

	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week	Value winner
Brilliant Berries	All Brilliant Berry pupils		
Amazing Acorns	Usmaan	Robin	Jack
Awesome Ashes	Mia	Daisy	Charlotte & Jack
Super Sycamores	Theo	Noah M	Hannah A
Outstanding Alders	Ayaan	Rabiul	Santi
Enchanted Elms	The whole class	Rudy	Joseph
Marvellous Maples	The whole class	Hannah	Erin H
Dazzling Elders	Layton	Jonah	Archie I
Wonderful Willows	Mysha	Amara	Thomas
Mighty Oaks	Finlay	Reegan	Emma
Budding Blossoms	Luca		



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Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill.

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](#)
(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



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

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

