



# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

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

## Headteacher news

We have reached the end of another successful week of learning at St Paul's and have been treated to some glorious sunny days. Long may this continue!

We are thrilled to share with you our exciting news that we are now officially a **'Gold: Rights Respecting School'**- the highest level of the Rights Respecting School Award. We are now only one of three schools in Lancashire to hold this award. This is granted by UNICEF UK to schools who have fully embedded children's rights throughout school in its policies, practice and ethos. We were assessed at the end of February by a professional advisor who examined our right's respecting learning including the impact made through embedding children's rights into school life. We are so proud of this achievement and it is a true accolade to the hard work taken place. A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper for leading on this, all our staff who have worked tirelessly to embed these rights into everyday practice but most importantly, to our pupils including the past

pupils who attended on the day to share the impact this learning has had on them. I have attached a copy of the report for your perusal and as a celebration, we are holding a 'Gold' day on Friday 4th April. As part of these celebrations, your child is invited to attend school dressed in gold/yellow.

Well done to all our Elders class who ended the week with a musical performance; showcasing their newly taught ukulele skills. If you were fortunate enough to be able to attend the concert, I am sure you will all agree that the children were amazing. It is incredibly tricky to learn a new instrument as well as be able to read the music. Well done Elders, what a fabulous end to a great week in school!

Our Easter services will take place on Thursday 3rd April with the infant service starting at 9:30am and the junior service starting at 10:30am. We look forward to celebrating with you all at St Paul's Church. If any parents are available to support with the walk to church, particularly for our infant classes, please let a member of staff know or email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) The infant classes will be leaving at 9:15am and the junior classes will be leaving at 10:15am. We anticipate that the services will last around 30 minutes so will be back at school for 10:15am and 11:15am. Thank you in advance.

Thank you for your continued support.



*1 - Our amazing Rights Respecting Ambassadors*





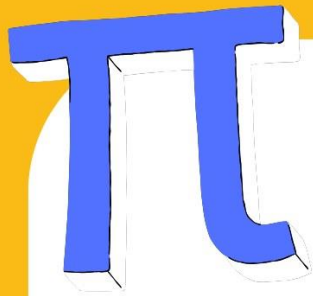
## PE Kits

We have noticed across school that a number of pupils have the incorrect PE kit on their PE days. PE kit is part of our school uniform so it is imperative that your child has the correct kit. Please also note that long hair must be tied back and any jewellery should be removed prior to the lesson.

- White t shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Blue/black PE shorts/tracksuit trousers
- Suitable footwear (trainers are most ideal. Please note, we cannot allow studs or astroturf trainers)
- Optional- school hoodie/ school jumper

We do have some spare PE kit in school if you would like any items donating. Please email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) with the item and size needed and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we do not have any school hoodies available.

## Year 2 Maths Workshop



# MATHS

## WORKSHOP – YEAR 2

Have you ever wondered how we teach the children to add, subtract, divide and multiply? Then this workshop is for you.



Come and learn practical ways to support your child.

Wednesday 23rd April

4.30pm - 5.30pm



Miss Cavaney is hosting a Year 2 Maths workshop for any parents/carers of children in Year 2 (from either Sycamores or Alders). This will take place in school on Wednesday 23rd April at 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary...



- Easter Service at St Paul's Church- Thursday 3rd April- Infants 9:30am Juniors 10:30am
- 'Gold' celebration day Friday 4th April- children are invited to come to school dressed in gold/yellow clothing
- **Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025 at 1:35pm. Return to school Tuesday 22nd April**
- **Class Photos Tuesday 22nd April**
- Wednesday 23rd April Year 2 Maths Workshop 4:30pm-5:30pm- please come to the main office.

### 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- 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](#)

## Additional information

### **ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD WHO MAY BE BEING NEGLECTED...**



**If you are a young person, you can contact 2-10pm, 365 days a year.**  
**Phone on 0800 51 11 11**  
**Text on 07786 51 11 11**  
**Email: [talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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/>**

*because life*

# FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parent courses

**new era enterprises**



*Believing in you  
Believing in Better*

4X 2hr Sessions

Call 01282 435302 or 07877 714693  
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.  
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**THE TEENAGE YEARS**  
The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.  
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 8.30pm - 8.30pm & online  
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**STUDY SMART**  **ncfe** | **cache** | 

**Fully Funded School Support Course**



**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

\*Go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course**  
Mon - Fri  
Daily sessions  
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

## Rossendale Family Hub

The Rossendale Family Hub have a range of HAF events running over Easter holidays for children aged 0-11 years old.

Please join us for a

# Baby Sensory

Join us for baby sensory play, taste-safe messy play, crafts and songs!

Thursday | **17** April | 1- 3 pm

Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone, Burnley Road, BB4 3EW  
 Suitable for babies ages 0-2  
 (Messy play outfits advised)

BOOK VIA QR LINK

Questions? Email: [rossendalegroupwork@leicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:rossendalegroupwork@leicestershire.gov.uk) Phone: 01706 237790

# Family Games Afternoon

Come and join us for an afternoon of games, quizzes, activities and competitions!

8th April 2025  
 1- 3 PM  
 @ MADEN FAMILY HUB,  
 Rochdale Rd,  
 Bacup, OL13 9NZ

Event suitable for 5-11 year olds!  
 \*small baby area for under 5's\*

HAF furnishes available for those eligible for Free school meals?  
 Book via HAF here!

Children eligible for Free School Meals? Book via HAF here!

Children not eligible for Free School Meals? Don't worry, book here!


  
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**Easter Crafts**

**AT WHITWORTH LIBRARY**  
**SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AGED 0-11 YEARS**

Date: **16**    Month: **04**    Year: **25**

from **10AM to 12PM**  
 Lloyd St, Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 5AA  
 Questions? Email: [rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk) Phone: 01706 237790







YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

**PIZZA PARTY**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of cooking delicious pizza, great company, and plenty of laughter!

**10th April 2025**  
**10 - 12 P.M.**

**Rawtenstall Family Hub,**  
**Burnley Road, BB4 8EW**  
**\*Only suitable for 5-11's\***


  
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**QUESTIONS?**  
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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](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

Another super week for the Brilliant Berries, always putting 100% into everything. I am so proud to be their teacher!

We have finished off 'What the Lady Bird Heard', we have really enjoyed this story and lots of the children can now recite our story word for word. We have begun reading Farmer Duck, we have already predicted the story and lots of children think the Duck is going to grow some trees and carrots, we cannot wait to find out. We have also written a description of Farmer Duck and even included the connecting word 'and' in our sentences.

In maths, we have been practising subtraction and using pictorial methods to help us find the answer, even when the answer is at the start trying to trick us, the children have whizzed through this and are now all confidently subtracting themselves up to 20. They are superstars!

We have been enjoying the lovely weather and exploring the outside a bit more and improving our gross motor skills. We have been taking on lots of responsibility in class and are now taking turns to hand out the toast, it is lovely to hear their manners with each other.

I can't believe there is only one week left of this term, how fast is the year going?

**Please remember to wear PE kits on a Monday.**

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Alvarez

**Dates for your diary**

Monday 31st March - Stay and Play 2.30-3.00

Wednesday 2nd April - Forest School

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm



## Amazing Acorns



We have been very busy this week in Acorns.

In English, we have been continuing with Dear Zoo. This week we have been thinking about describing a lion, the children came up with some amazing adjectives. The children are still working hard to use finger spaces and full stops in their writing.

In maths we are still practising recalling number bonds to 5 and 10. Ask your child if they can remember any at home. We have also been working on positional language.

In our understanding the world topic, we have been exploring animals and their habitats. In groups, the children have been researching where different zoo animals come from, they then presented their findings to the class.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 3rd April - Infant Easter service at 9.30am

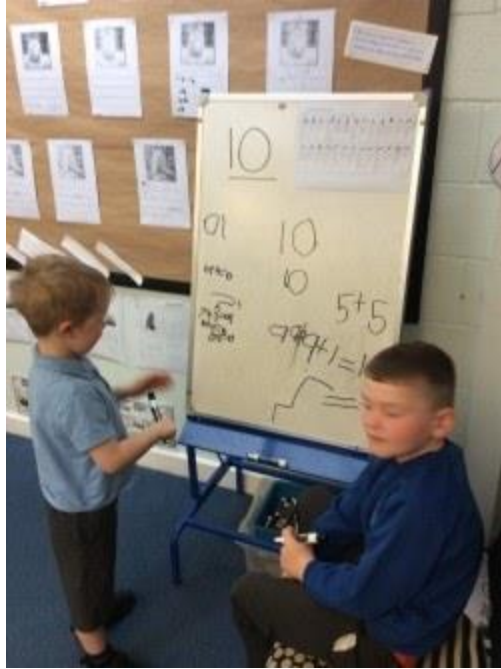
Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Bliss and the Acorns team







## Awesome Ashes



What a busy week! We finished planning our own stories based on 'Bear Hunt' this week, changing the setting and the animal we were searching for. The children in Year 1 worked hard on position and direction in maths and our EYFS children have worked hard on finding and naming shapes in maths.

We finished our DT work on vehicles, including the evaluation, acted out the Easter story in RE and played in our new 'Garden Centre' role play area. Please see our photographs for further information!

### **Easter service**

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Friday 4th April - School closes at 1.35pm

Thursday 24th April- Eureka trip for every child in Ashes

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding







## Super Sycamores



We have had a lovely week in Sycamores. In English we have been writing our own instructions on how to catch a pet train and then independently writing instructions of how to look after our pet trains. I am so impressed with how everyone is learning and progressing, especially using neat handwriting.

In Forest school, we have been learning about mapping and have drawn our own maps of Forest school. We had to look and think carefully about where everything was in Forest school and make sure we drew this on the map. We then added labels. Afterwards we had fun on the rope swing and climbing trees.



We are continuing our learning about wheels and axles and have been trying out different wheels to see how they work as well as how to fix them to an axle. **If you have not already sent in a named small cardboard box, please can you do this on Monday. Thank you for your support.**

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### [Outstanding Alders](#)



What a busy week! I cannot believe that we are nearly at the end of this term.

### **Curriculum News**

The children have now finished their own/independent version of 'The Highway Rat'. The children have blown me away with their writing and how much they have enjoyed it. I know some of the children have also written it at home, great job!

In maths we have started our measurement unit. We have been measuring lines, ordering heights and solving words problems.

We have also been to Forest School this week. In science we have been learning about human and animal growth. We explored the frogspawn down there and learnt about the life cycle of a frog. Thank you to Mrs Moran for pond dipping!

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Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.





Enchanted Elms



In English we have finished our novel 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children have really enjoyed the story. We have started our new unit on non-chronological reports. We have read a variety of reports and the children have been looking at similarities and differences between them.

In maths we have been looking at position and direction. The children have looked at positions on a square grid and have been describing position, direction and movement in a straight line and describing position, direction, movement and turn.

In science this week we have been looking at how shadows are formed. The children investigated with moving their opaque object 5cm each time from the light source to see what happens to the shadow and asking, does it get smaller or larger?

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Thursday 3rd April - Junior Easter service at 10.30am

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### [Marvellous Maples](#)



This week has flown by and with only one week to go until our Easter break, the children are still working super hard. In English, the children have been planning their own story based on our class novel. They have thought about what problem and resolution they could write for their story. The children had some very creative ideas.

In maths, the year 3 children have been focussing on statistics and the year 4 children have been looking at angles.

In history, Maples have looked at the 1911 census. We looked at Union Street in Rawtenstall and found out who lived there. We also found out what jobs they had and who lived in each of the houses and how they were related.

Please can you ensure your child is reading each week. There are a number of children who are consistently not reading. Reading is so important to their learning. It has been proven to help

with spelling, writing and our understanding of the world, so you can understand why we are so passionate about children practising their reading. If your children is reluctant to read at home, please write this in their diary and they can spend some time reading with an adult, if we can facilitate this.

Year 4 children have a multiplication test in June. This is statutory for all Year 4 children in the country. Please help your child log on to TTRS. Practising each night for a minimum of 5 minutes will improve their fluency.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates

## Dazzling Elders



With one week left, the Elders class have been hard at work. This week the children have taken part in their class worship for the whole school. They did a marvellous job and all sang well too.

This week in English, the children have been writing legends based on Beowulf. They have incorporated devices to create suspense and to make their work even more interesting to read. The children also hot seated characters from the legend. The children in role really took on the personality of the characters and all the children asked fantastic questions.

In maths, the children have been calculating area of rectangular shapes. We will be learning more about time next week so please continue practising reading the time at home too.

This week was the final week of ukulele lessons, and it was celebrated with a concert for parents showcasing their learning with Mr Williams. I'm sure you will all agree how well they played. We were very proud of all their achievements.

**Please remember to send PE kits on Monday.**

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Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Nolan







## Wonderful Willows



It has been another very busy week in Willows as the Spring Term begins to draw to a close.

In English we have been analysing the key features of explanation texts and have started to write our own on how a yoyo can be turned into a spy gadget! We love doing work like this with the children as it really does allow their creativity to shine.

In Year 5 Maths we have been looking at area and measurement conversions. It has been a tricky week but the children are getting there with it now. Well done! Our Year 6 children are now well underway with their SATS revision, looking again at methods and concepts they will need in May. This will continue after the Easter break. We will be sending home some supporting revision work for over the holidays for our Year 6 children in addition to the work being done in school.

In History, we have been looking at the changes the East Lancs Railway has gone through over time, from its industrial importance in the Victorian Times to the heritage line that runs today.

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Monday 12th May - Key Stage Two SATs week for our Year 6 pupils.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

### **Easter week**

As part of our Easter celebrations, **Year 6** have been invited to attend an Easter Experience workshop on Wednesday 2nd April at St Paul's Church. The children will be led by members of the church community through the different stations of the cross. This will give our older children the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the different parts of the Easter story.

If you wish for your child to not attend, please inform school before Tuesday 1st April. Alternative provision will be made in school for them.

## Mighty Oaks



With only one week left of the term to go, Oaks have continued to work as hard as ever. Each and every child has made so much progress throughout the term and they should be proud of all of their achievements.

In maths, we have been looking at the meaning of ratio and linking this to our previous learning in fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have also been polishing their arithmetic skills and looking at fraction/decimal equivalences and how these can be converted into different forms.

After planning our narrative this week, the children have now begun to write their flashback story. We have looked at how to use a range of features when building the suspense and there have been lots of evidence of this in our writing so far.

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Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



PTA News 🐧🐣

There is still time to buy tickets for the hamper raffle! Tickets are available on ParentPay until 9am on Monday 31st March, and the draw will take place on Monday evening at around 7pm on the PTA Facebook page. The winners can collect their hampers from the school office from Tuesday 1st April at 9am.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Bonnie Smith

PTA Chair



[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.

