



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

Friday 29th November 2024

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

Headteacher news

It's been another bustling week at our school, and I'm delighted to share some highlights with you all. I would like to give thanks to everyone who attended our parents' evening this week. Your presence and engagement are vital to our pupils' success, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to all who have contributed to the PTA hampers. Your kindness is hugely appreciated. Thank you also to our incredible PTA for their hard work in assembling these hampers. They've transformed your donations into stunning packages that are sure to delight the lucky winners of the PTA raffle. If you haven't got your tickets yet, you might want to consider it – these hampers are a sight to behold!

At St. Paul's, we pride ourselves on creating a welcoming and safe environment for everyone who steps foot on our grounds. It's crucial that we all work together to maintain this atmosphere of safety and comfort.

We've noticed an increase in the number of dogs being brought onto the school premises or left near walkways and steps. While we absolutely adore our furry friends and understand the joy they bring to many families, we must consider the comfort and safety of all members of our school community.

Some of our pupils and visitors may feel anxious around dogs, no matter how friendly they might be. Additionally, having dogs near entrances and walkways can sometimes create obstacles for those trying to enter or exit the school, particularly during busy periods. Therefore, we kindly request that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds or left next to walkways or steps. This small change will go a long way in ensuring that everyone feels safe and comfortable when entering and leaving our school.

On the sporting front, I'm immensely proud of the number of our pupils who participate in events across Rossendale. Their enthusiasm and dedication to representing St. Paul's is wonderful and always a joy to watch. However, we've encountered a small hurdle that I'm hoping you can help us overcome. Our school kits are running low, which sometimes prevents us from sending our pupils to events in full St. Paul's attire.

If you happen to have any part of our school kit at home – be it tops, shorts, or socks – we would be incredibly grateful if you could return them to school as soon as possible. We have a busy calendar of sporting events coming up, and it's important that our pupils can proudly wear our school colours.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It's through our collective efforts that we create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our pupils to thrive. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Local Area SEND partnership inspection

Our local area partnership is currently being inspected by OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This inspection aims to provide an independent, external evaluation of the effectiveness of the Partnership arrangements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It will also assess how well members of our local area partnership work together to improve the experiences and outcomes for these children and young people, including those at SEN Support and with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs).

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10327156>

PTA

A huge thank you to all who kindly donated to the Christmas hampers. The elves have been busy transforming your donations into stunning packages that are sure to delight the lucky winners of the PTA raffle. If you haven't got your tickets yet, you might want to consider it – these hampers are a sight to behold!

Tickets can be purchased on Parentpay. The raffles closes on Friday 13th December and will be drawn on Monday 16th December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bonnie Smith

PTA Chair



PTA Christmas Hamper
“Wear what you want day”
Friday 29th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We are once again organising a Christmas hamper raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a contribution towards the hampers and as a thank you for hamper donations the children will be able to “wear what they want” for one day in school on Friday 29th November 2024.

Please make sure your children’s clothing is suitable for the weather on that day.

We would be grateful for donations of Christmas related items on Friday 29th November.

We have listed some suggestions below. Please note that they need to be non-perishable items and to have a sell by date of at least 31 December 2024. We are accepting products containing citrus this year where items are bought and sealed in packaging.

- ❖ Chocolates
- ❖ Biscuits, Crackers, Crisps
- ❖ Christmas pudding, mince pies, Panettone, Lebkuchen
- ❖ Soft drinks

This year we intend to donate a hamper to a deserving family within our school community who may have had a difficult year.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on Parentpay for £1 each and we will allocate numbers. Sales will close on Friday 13th December.

The draw will take place on Monday 16th December around 7pm live on our Facebook page and we will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections before school closes on Friday 20th December.

If you have any questions please ask a member of the PTA, email us or contact us through our Facebook page, details for which can be found below.

Thank you for your support in making these Christmas hampers a great success.

St Paul’s PTA

www.facebook.com/stpaulsrawtenstallpta stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com www.twitter.com/stpaulsptabb4

Celebrating art in our school

[St Paul's C of E School Art Gallery](#)

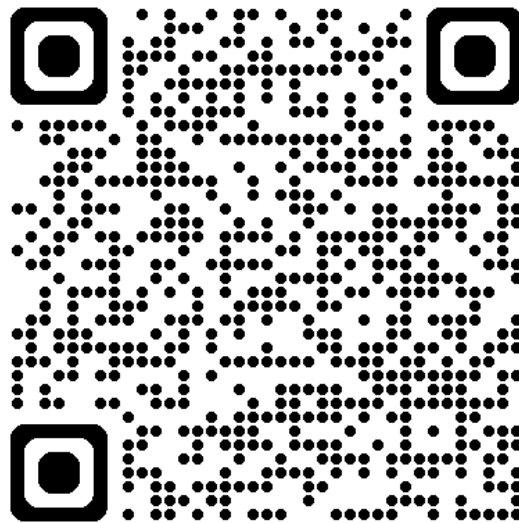
As I walk through the corridors and classrooms of our wonderful school, I'm constantly reminded of the incredible talent and creativity that our pupils possess. It's a joy to witness their artistic expressions adorning our walls, bringing colour and life to every corner of St. Paul's.

One of the many things I truly cherish about my role as Headteacher is the opportunity to see the amazing artwork our pupils create. Each piece tells a unique story, showcasing not only their artistic skills but also their imagination, dedication, and growth. From vibrant paintings to intricate sculptures, every creation is a testament to the hard work and passion of our young artists.

I often find myself pausing in front of these displays, taking a moment to appreciate the thought and effort that goes into each masterpiece. It's not just about the final product, but the journey of learning and self-expression that each artwork represents.

I'm excited to share this experience this joy alongside me. We've created a QR code that will allow you to view a selection of our pupils' artwork from wherever you are. Simply scan the code with your smartphone, and you'll be transported into a virtual gallery of our school's artistic achievements.

I encourage you to take a moment to explore this digital showcase. Share it with your family and friends, and let's celebrate the creativity and hard work of our pupils together. It's an opportunity for you to see our school through my eyes and share in the pride I feel every day.



St Paul's Mental Health Ambassadors

Our Mindfulness Ambassadors are doing a fantastic job at delivering our Lunchtime sessions. Each week they plan a different activity as well as hosting an emotions drop-in session. They take their roles very seriously and deliver it perfectly.



[myHappyMind Parent App Introduction - England & Wales](#)

myHappyMind is delivered in our school by our class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 119367

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappyMind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myHappyMind.org



Dates for your diary...



Wednesday 11th December ...

- Junior panto day
- Infants Christmas experience
- Infants Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December

- Junior Christmas lunch
- Infant nativity **at 1.30pm and 5.30pm. (This is a ticket only event)**

Tuesday 17th December - Alders and Sycamore Class party

Wednesday 18th December - Acorns, Berries and Ashes Class party

Thursday 19th December

- Junior Carol service in church
- Elms and Maples Class party

Friday 20th December

End of term celebration worship

Oak, Elders, Willows Class party

School closes at 1.35pm

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.

Have you started your Christmas shopping? 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

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 1.35pm 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/>

because **FAMILY MATTERS** *life*

Time out for parent courses



*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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

WOW! I did not think the children could work any harder. They have blown us away this week and it is amazing to see children asking to complete their independent work with myself or Mrs Coleman. We are so proud of them all for reaching their personal goals.

In topic, we have been looking at where we live and how our houses are the same and different! The children have loved looking on google maps at their houses and looking at their door numbers etc.

We have begun to start our small nativity production, which like last year will be recorded and we will invite parents in to watch along with a stay and play. Short but sweet, once a date is confirmed, we will let you know.

The children were incredible brave when they had their flu vaccinations this week and took it like a champ!

- Infant pantomime in school- Wednesday 11th December
- Berries, Ashes and Acorns - Christmas party - Wednesday 18th December (more details to follow)
- School closes Friday 20th December at 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Taylor & Mrs Coleman

[Amazing Acorns](#)



This week we have continued to look at the book, 'Only One You'. We've looked at the word 'wisdom' and the knowledge you have shared with your children that they will need for the rest of their lives. We have also looked at what makes them unique. We have learnt a lot about their hobbies and dreams.

In maths, we have moved onto the number 8. The children are good at counting to 8 forwards and backwards. We have been counting lots of different objects to 8. Help your child at home by practising counting to 10 and writing numbers to 10 or recognising different numbers in your local environment.

In our topic lessons this afternoon, we have been practising our knowledge of rainbows to create our own. We have been working hard on our nativity and the children that have speaking parts are working really hard. Their singing is also amazing, as well as the dance routines, I am sure you are hearing lots of the songs at home.

We are looking forwards to inviting you to our classroom next week for our 'Stay and Play' session on Tuesday 3rd December – How are we in December already?

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

The EYFS team

Awesome Ashes



What a wonderful week! We have been busy learning to recite a simple poem, using actions to help us. We read each verse and drew pictures to show our ever increasing comprehension skills. In Maths, children in Reception have been working on number 8 and children in Year 1 have been learning about money- this was really tricky! If you have the time, please practice simple recognition of coins (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p), ordering the coins according to value and 'paying' for items in the shop up to 10p.

Reception

Our stay and play event will be held on Tuesday 3rd December for our reception children, it would be lovely to see you there, chat to you about the children's progress, see their wonderful learning and let them show you their classroom, activities and new friends!

Forest School

We enjoyed our Forest School session today, finding out about hibernation and making dens for the animals to hide in. Our last Forest School is on Friday 13th December.

Dates for your diary

- Infant pantomime in school- Wednesday 11th December
- Infant Nativity- Thursday 12th December 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

- Acorns and Ashes Christmas party - Wednesday 18th December (more details to follow)
- School closes Friday 20th December at 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



This week in English we have been reading our twisted fairy tale - Honestly Little Red Riding Hood is Rotten along with other twisted tales during story time. The children have loved finding out about the Big Bad Wolf and how the story is from his point of view.

As it was our last Forest School before the holidays, we kept warm with hot Vimto and a biscuit. We then spent time on the mud slide and rope swing.

Due to the number of children wanting to do show and tell, we are going to try each group having a separate day. The children know what group they are in and if would like to do show and tell these are the days (no toys)

- Monday - Yellow group
- Tuesday Blue group
- Wednesday - Red group
- Thursday - Green group

- Friday - Orange group

Dates for your diary

- Infant pantomime in school- Wednesday 11th December
- Infant Nativity- Thursday 12th December 1.30pm and 5.30pm.
- Sycamores and Alders Christmas party Tuesday 17th December (more details to follow)
- School closes Friday 20th December at 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs de Boutemard





Outstanding Alders



Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week, it was so nice to chat about your children. They are all fantastic and work so hard.

Curriculum news

We have finally finished our facts files. I am so impressed with how much the children know about African animals. They truly are experts. We have now returned to our story 'The Way Home for Wolf', we will be exploring the story further and then writing our own version of it.

In Maths we have been learning all about statistics, we have been looking at block graphs and tally charts, we even had to make our own. Please can I remind children that we have a VIP table on a Friday and we celebrate those who have been accessing TT rockstars. This is so important for your child's fluency.

In Science we conducted an investigation called rocket mice. The children had to make a paper mouse and see which bottle from a set could make it travel the furthest. You could have a go at home!

We have also been continuing to explore the artist Pete Cromer and we have now learnt how to play b, a, g and c on the recorder.

Dates for your diary

- Forest school - Tuesday 10th December
- Infant pantomime in school- Wednesday 11th December
- Infant Nativity- Thursday 12th December 1.30pm and 5.30pm (more details about tickets to follow)
- Sycamores and Alders Christmas party Tuesday 17th December (more details to follow)
- School closes Friday 20th December at 1.35pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.



Enchanted Elms



This week the children have completed some assessments in maths and English. I am so impressed and proud of the perseverance and determination shown by all the class.

In maths we have started looking at time, we have recapped quarter past and quarter to. They have looked at the clock and learnt it is in 5-minute intervals.

In English we have started our poem The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear. We have been reciting the poem and trying to learn a verse off by heart. We have answered retrieval questions about the poem.

Ukulele concert

- Elms children will be holding a ukulele concert for Elms parents on **Friday 13th December 2024 at 2:40pm** to showcase their amazing skills they have learnt over the Autumn term.

Christmas party

- We are asking that all children bring a plate/Tupperware of party food for their own consumption on **Thursday 19th December**. **NO NUTS OR CITRUS AND NO FIZZY OR ENERGY DRINKS**
- **P.E is on Tuesdays** we have the coach and then its outdoor slot for **2 weeks**.

Forest School

- Monday 9th December 2024

Dates for your diary

- Junior trip to the Panto - **Wednesday 11th December** (a packed lunch will be required on this day)
- Junior Christmas Lunch - **Thursday 12th December** (please order through ParentPay before **Friday 22nd November**)
- Ukulele Concert – **Friday 13th December 2024 – 2:40PM** - Elms Parents
- Junior Christmas Carol Service - **Thursday 19th December 2024 in St Paul's Church at 9.30am**
- Lower Key Stage Unit (Elms and Maples) Christmas party - **Thursday 19th December 2024**

Hope you have a lovely weekend

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



This week in Maples, we have worked our socks off! The children have completed some assessments in maths and English. I am so impressed and proud of the resilience and determination shown by all of the class. I am also really impressed at how well they performed in all their assessments, from the concentration to their determination.

Thank you all for coming along to parent's evening. It was a pleasure telling you all about your wonderful children and sharing their successes. I hope you came away with a smile and feeling even more proud of your children.

The children have worked so hard on behaviour and showing all our school values that they earned a dojo reward of a movie afternoon. Well done, Maples.

In RE, the children have really grasped the concept of the Holy Trinity. The children produced an image to represent the Trinity and could explain what each element represented.

In English, the children have been working towards planning and writing a story based on 'Family-Ness'. The children came up with some great ideas for the problem and resolution and have started to write their introduction/description of the Ness they have chosen.

Please can I ask that all parents/carers are encouraging their child to access TTRS a few nights per week. There are many children in class that still cannot recall their 3 or 4 times table. and this is having an impact on other areas.

Dates for your diary

- Junior trip to the panto - Wednesday 11th December (a packed lunch will be required on this day)
- Junior Christmas lunch - Thursday 12th December (please order through ParentPay before Friday 22nd November)
- Junior Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 19th December in St Paul's Church at 9.30am
- Forest school session- 5th December (This will be the last one until January)
- Maples and Elms Christmas party- Thursday 19th December (PM)
- Christmas party- We are asking that all children bring a plate/Tupperware of party food for their own consumption on Thursday 19th December. NO NUTS OR CITRUS AND NO FIZZY OR ENERGY DRINKS. Thank you

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



The children have completed our work on *The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe* and they have produced some fabulous pieces of writing. We hope you enjoyed looking at their books at Parent's evening. Our next novel is *'The Boy At The Back of The Class'* by Onjali Q. Raúf . If you happen to have a copy or are able to order one for your child to use in class it would be greatly appreciated.

In Maths this week, the children have been continuing their work on division consolidating their skills in using chunking and dividing by 10. At our forest school session this week the children enjoyed making dens, using the rope swing and creative play.

TriKidz

On Friday 13th December, TriKidz will be visiting our school and working with Elder's class. We will be introducing children to the three disciplines of a triathlon. Children will be taking part in different activities which replicate running, swimming and cycling. As the session will be outdoors, please can all PE kits be in school on that day. They are not allowed to participate without trainers.

Dates for your diary

- Junior trip to the panto - Wednesday 11th December (a packed lunch will be required on this day)

- Junior Christmas lunch - Thursday 12th December (please order through ParentPay before Friday 22nd November)
- Forest School - Wednesday 11th December
- Junior Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 19th December in St Paul's Church at 9.30am Upper Unit (Elders, Willows, Oaks) Christmas party - Friday 20th December

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



We have had a super week in Willow's class and it has been jam packed with lots of learning.

English

We have finished out English topic with the final lesson being creating a biography about Dynamo and the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. We hope you enjoyed looking at them on Parent's evening. Our next novel is 'The Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. If you happen to have a copy or are able to order one for your child to use in class it would be greatly appreciated.

Music

In our Music lessons we have been learning how to do the 'cup song' by Anna Kendrick. We were very lively and filled the room with a lot of noise but swiftly picked up the rhythm. If you get a chance to put it on at home, please do so they can practice before next week's lesson.

TriKidz

On Friday 13th December, TriKidz will be visiting our school and working with Willow's class. We will be introducing children to the three disciplines of a triathlon. Children will be taking part in different activities which replicate running, swimming and cycling. As the session will be outdoors, please can all PE kits be in school on that day. They are not allowed to participate without trainers.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



And so we come to the end of another busy week in school. With only three more weeks of the term left, there is so much to look forward to and fit in before we break up for the holidays. It has been lovely to speak to so many of you this week at our termly parents evenings. Thank you for taking the time to come into school.

In English this week, the children have produced some fantastic war poems. They have worked hard to include different features some as figurative language, semi colons, 'ing' openers and rhyme. We will now be collating all our poems to create a class poem anthology.

The Battle of Britain has been the topic in history this week, with the children gathering information to timeline the important events. Next week, they will be using this information to create a power point presentation.

Forest School

The final forest school dates of the term are Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 17th December. Please make sure that your child has all the correct kit in school, including waterproofs and suitable footwear.

Swimming

Please ensure that your child has shorts and T shirts for the remainder of the swimming lessons. These are required as part of the lifesaving awards. Thank you.

TriKidz

On Friday 13th December, TriKidz will be visiting our school and working with Oaks class. This is a free event to introduce children to the disciplines of a triathlon. Children will be taking part in different activities which replicate running, swimming and cycling. As the session will be outdoors, please can all PE kits be in school on that day?

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

St. Paul's Church Worship



Christmas
MAKE & TAKE

Crafts | Story | Refreshments
for
Preschool - Junior Age Children

Saturday 30th
November
From 2pm to 4pm

St Mary's Church
Rawtenstall
BB4 8SQ

FREE | NO NEED TO BOOK!



Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

