



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

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

Word of the week

Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 learn a new word in Makaton. We thought it would be lovely if we shared each week's new word on the newsletter so that we can all learn together. This week the infants are learning how to sign the word 'toilet.'



Apply for support for with childcare costs.



From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Winter weather



It's that time of year...

As part of our winter preparation, I would like to inform you that we take Health and Safety very seriously in school and in the unfortunate event of extreme weather we will aim to remain open.

If we have to close school due to dangerous weather conditions, we will update our school's **Twitter page @StPaulsCESch at the earliest opportunity**. We will also update our PTA Facebook page, our school website and we will inform BBC Radio Lancashire.

Whilst waiting around our school grounds in your cars we would ask that you turn off your car engines in order to help to keep the air around school cleaner.

Dates for your diary...



- Each Thursday - Couch 25k starts at 3.45pm from the school office.
- Thursday 8th February - PTA disco
- Tuesday 6th February Student Voice cake sale.
- Wednesday 27th March Easter Service at St. Paul's Church - Infant service 9.30am and Junior service 10.30am

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



1 - Have your circumstances changed?

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.



Student Voice

Student Voice have decided to hold a cake sale to help raise money to buy school stationary, especially glue sticks. The cake sale will take place after school on Tuesday 6th February, on the junior playground, weather permitting. If it is raining, we will relocate to the hall.

To support Student Voice, please can cakes (home made or shop bought) be sent into school on the day? Reminder - no nuts, sesame or citrus. Thank you for your kind support, The Student Voice team.



PTA

 Our Disco is fast approaching and will be held in school on Thursday 8th February 2024. The doors open at 6pm and all children need to be collected from school by 8.00pm by a responsible adult.

 **Please note that NO mobile phones or any electronic recording devices are allowed at the disco (children and parents) for the safeguarding and safety of all the children** 

Please refer to the letter emailed to parents.

To make this event a success we need lots of volunteers on the night and help beforehand too. We will make sure you know how/what to do for anyone new thinking of helping. It's a great event and the kids have lots of fun. If you can help please message the PTA or leave your name and details at the school reception.

 Thank you for your support 

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

PTA Second Hand online uniform: We have an abundance of almost new uniform. If you need any uniform, please contact us or email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk stating what you need, and we will arrange for it to be delivered to the school office.

You can access the shop online at the following link



February Disco
Thursday 8th February
2024

Dear parents / carers

The 2024 February Disco is held at school on **Thursday 8th February**.

The doors open for all children at **6.00pm** and **ALL** children need to be collected from school **by 8.00pm** 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.

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. Please note that adults do not need to stay as the children will be supervised by staff and PTA volunteers. 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.

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

As well as the Disco, where the children can boogie in their best dresses or party pants, there are other activities such as lucky dip, crafts and games. Refreshments in the form of hot dogs are available to buy plus juice, water, crisps and sweets. Face painting and temporary tattoos are also available on the night. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil. 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, however if you have any concerns please seek out a member of the PTA or ask at reception.

No mobile phones or any electronic recording devices are allowed at the disco (children or adults) for the safety of all the children.

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

Thank you for your continued support.
St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

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This week we have been learning...



Amazing Acorns



Acorns have had another busy week. In PE we have been working on our catching skills and throwing with accuracy. In Maths we have continued looking at teen numbers, we have played what is missing and we have been looking at different representations. In English we finished writing our setting description about Percy's Park and we have started our new story Penguin Small. We made story sticks to represent the story journey. We also had the Life Education Van and learnt all about how to keep our bodies healthy.

Brilliant Berries

Berries have had a lovely week. We have been continuing with our story Handa's Surprise. We tried lots of different fruit from the story. Our favourite was the mango. In maths we have been looking at weight

and mass. We enjoyed using the balance scales to test different objects. In art we have been making and collages and sculptures of London landmarks.

Awesome Ashes



This is week in English we have finished our setting description on Kenya and even wrote our own setting description of Antarctica using prior knowledge from our lost and found topic from last half term. In science this week we have continued to look at the human body and looked at the 5 senses, this included tasting fruits from our Handa's surprise story and smelling lots of new scents. In maths we have been looking at partitioning whole numbers and have been using place value.

Our Year 1 Maths Challenge - can you tell your grown up how many tens and how many ones are in your grownups ages. Reception maths Challenge - Can you show your grown up how to partition numbers to 10 into two.

Finally, we got a special visit from Harold from the Life Education team who taught us how to keep our bodies healthy.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Eddleston who has been helping us for the last 4 weeks to give us lots of new and exciting learning opportunities. All of us in Ashes wish you the best of luck in your teaching career. Mrs Eddleston would like to thank all the boys and girls in Ashes for an amazing 4 weeks in Awesome Ashes class. She has loved working with all our children and will miss them greatly next week!

- **Just a reminder we have Dan the sports coach in for the rest of this term PE is now on a TUESDAY until February half term**
- ***Please come dressed in your PE kit on Tuesdays.***

Super Sycamores



This week we have been learning about eating well by making good food choices in science and linked this to our DT work where we have been evaluating and designing our fruit salads. The children enjoyed practicing the skills of chopping, peeling and grating fruit and are going to make their fruit salad next week. In Maths we have been recognising coins and counting in groups of 2p, 5p and 10p. We looked at how much different fruits cost. In English we have finished our work on 'The bear and the piano', with the children writing a letter from bear to his friends. We also linked our DT work to writing instructions in English.

- **Friday 9th February is our Forest School session.**
- **PE is on a Wednesday for both indoor and outdoor this half term.**
- **Please bring back your reply slips for our Eureka class trip.**

Outstanding Alders



We have had a super busy week in Alders this week. In English we wrote our letters to Bertha, explaining what life in the trenches was like during World War 1. In math's we have been practicing lots of adding and subtracting using base 10's and 1's. On Wednesday we enjoyed our visit from Harold and enjoyed learning more about our bodies and our feelings. In History we looked at who Basil Arthur Horsfall is and what he is remembered for. We enjoyed creating a fact file about him.

- **Our PE days are still Thursdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)**

Enchanted Elms



This week the children have been super busy. We have finished reading Escape to Pompeii and writing a setting description for the eruption of the volcano. They described what happened to Pompeii during this time. The children all have worked really hard on these pieces of writing, I'm so proud of them. In art

the children have been creating their own mosaics using individual squares. It has taken a long time but the results are amazing. On Wednesday the children enjoyed seeing Harold from our life education session with Emma. They looked at how we are all different and why its great to be different. In Maths we have been looking at doubling and using our knowledge of 4 and 8 times tables. Keep up the great work Elms.

Marvellous Maples



Another busy week in Maples with all the children working hard. We have been writing our own version of The Boy Who Grew Dragons and the children have been engrossed, producing some fantastic writing. Well done Maples, I have enjoyed reading your stories.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their session with the Life Education van, learning more about the how the body works and even seeing inside the lungs and digestive system.

- **Our next Forest is Friday 1st March - please ensure full kits are in school after the half term holiday.**

Dazzling Elders



It's been a very busy week in Elders class. In Guided Reading we have continued reading *Anglo Saxon Boy* and the children have been comparing different scenes, summarising key points and answering questions about the text. In Science, this week the children have learnt about producers, primary and secondary consumers and apex predators and made their own food chains. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their session with the Life Education teacher, learning more about how the body works and how to stay healthy.

Wonderful Willows



What a busy week we have had in Willow's class!

On Wednesday we thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the Life Education Van where we took part in a session based on leading a healthy lifestyle. Emma had a fantastic tool which interactively showed us how the different body systems worked, it was amazing!

We continued our Orienteering topic down at Forest School on Thursday. Each group created their own maps of forest school, they then produced a code to place on their flags so that we were able to identify them. When everybody had set up their routes we swapped maps and attempted to find each others. We had some fantastic navigators who worked accurately and speedily. 😊

- **Our next forest school will be on Thursday 22nd February 2024.**
- **If your child is in Year 6 and they are going to Robinwood, please ensure the medication for and collection/pick up form have been returned.**

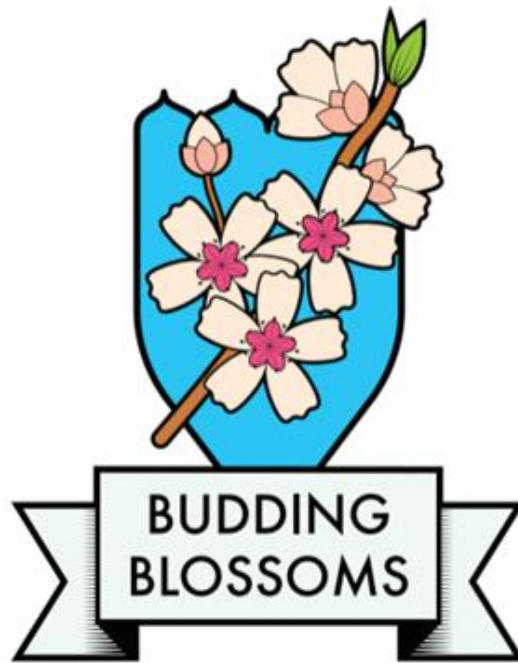
Mighty Oaks



It's been another busy week in Oaks class with the children working extremely hard. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their session with Emma from the Life Education van. The focus was about friends and how to build positive friendships and navigate those tricky scenarios they often come across. In maths, we have been looking at adding and subtracting negative numbers and how a number line can be used effectively to find the answers. Writing our non-chronological reports has been our focus this week in English and the children have produced some fantastic writing. Well done Oaks. Our next Forest School session is Thursday 8th February. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for all weathers, including a coat and footwear.

- **A reminder to return the pick-up and medication form to school before next Friday please for the Robinwood residential. Thank you.**
- **PE this term will be each Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). Please make sure kits are in school for each of the sessions.**

Budding Blossoms



We've had a fantastic week in Blossoms! We've continued our fraction work, and we are now experts at adding fractions, simplifying, finding equivalent fractions, you name it, we can do it!

In English, we've been writing comic strips for 'Lights on Cotton Rock' we went and read them to Berries, we hope they enjoyed listening.

On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed baking chocolate cupcakes and had everyone in school smelling our delicious cakes. They were so tasty.

The children have made me so incredibly proud of how hard they are working and how sensible and mature they've become since September.

Have a look at our [X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com/X) to see photo's of our learning in action.







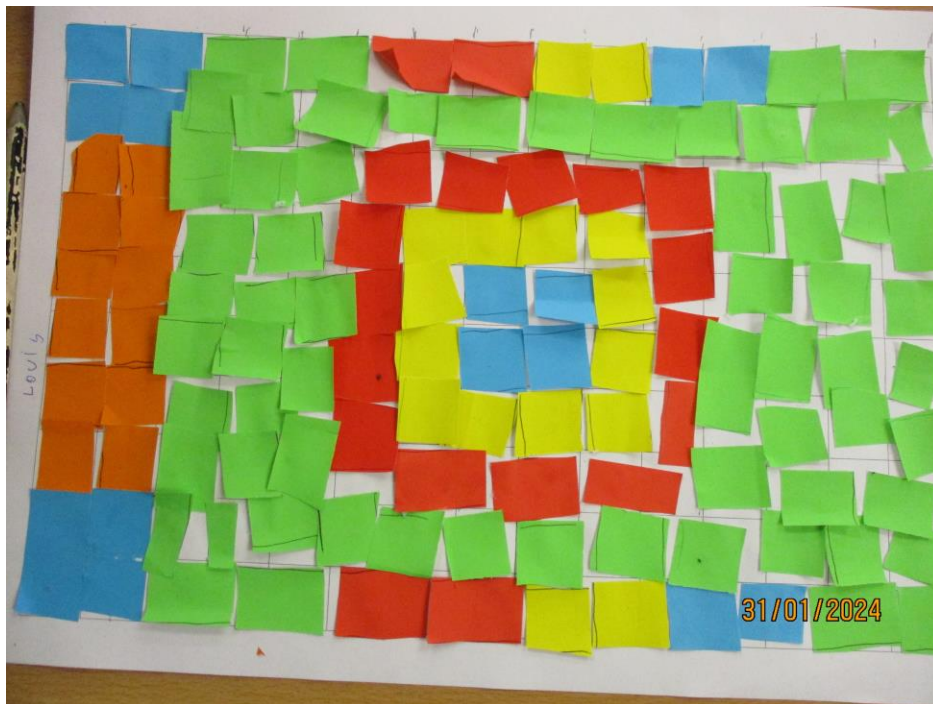
















Let's celebrate - Weekly awards



St. Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the week</u>	<u>Topic award learner of the week</u>	<u>Value winner</u>
Amazing Aconites	Noah	Bobby	Clayton
Awesome Ashes	Ayana	Daisy	Sebastian
Super Sycamores	Evelyn	Lily	Harper
Outstanding Alders	Olivia	Denny	Ayan
Enchanted Elms	Jude	Ava	Annie
Marvellous Maples	Elise	Teddy	Freya
Dazzling Elders	Zayaan	Matilda	Ava
Wonderful Willows	Amara & Maa	Elijah	Martha
Mighty Oaks	Sebastian	Charlotte	Anabelle
Brilliant Berries	Riley		
Budding Blossoms	Blake		

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid.

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](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/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.

Holiday list 2024/25





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School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Re-open	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2024 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 28 th October 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 20 th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 6 th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open	Monday 24 th February 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 4 th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Staff Training Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open on	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 18 th July 2025
Staff Training Days	Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025



St Paul's Church news



We are really looking forward to our Easter service at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday 27th March

- Infant service 9.30am
- Junior service 10.30am

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend filled with fun and laughter.

Mrs Charlesworth

