



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

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

Headteacher news

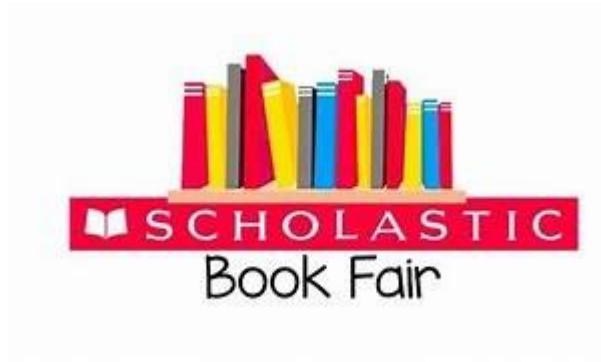
What a fabulous week we have had! The sun has been shining and our school has been filled with smiley, happy faces. As the warmer weather continues, please remember to provide your child with a bottle of water each day. These can be filled throughout the day at our water stations. Children should also have a sun hat and be wearing sun cream to keep them as safe as possible. Sun-cream can be brought into school to keep in children's trays but please ensure these are named and that your child knows how to apply this.

You should have hopefully received a letter detailing our VE 80 day celebrations on Thursday 8th May. Please do not forget to email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk with your child's class and name if you are wanting to sign them out early so they can join you in the celebrations. Please

also do not hesitate to contact school if you have any further questions or did not receive the letter.

Thank you for all your continued support and we hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all the families who have visited our book fair this week. It has been lovely to see so many children excited over new books. Our final sale will take place on Tuesday 6th May at 3:10pm on the infant yard. Any purchases will go towards free books for our school library and classrooms. We really do appreciate your support and also continuing to foster a love of reading amongst all our pupils.

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Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payments link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.5M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.
All books subject to availability. Book ranges may vary. • Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

Our Amazing Pupils!

We are so very proud of Tobiah who shared with us his exciting news that he has been signed for Manchester City Youth Academy. What a fabulous achievement at such a young age. Well done Tobiah!







A huge congratulations also to Ethan and Olivia who attended a woodwind day with Lancashire Music Services. We loved hearing about how much you enjoyed the day, especially playing music alongside The Bands of HM Royal Marines. We are very proud of you and how much you have achieved.



Year 6 End of Key Stage assessment information

Please find the timetable for the Year 6 SATs that will begin in school on the week commencing **Monday 12th May**.

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Year 6 hoodies

The online shop for the hoodie orders is now open and you should have all received an email from the school office with the link to purchase.

We do advise that you check the size guidelines on the online shop before purchasing to ensure that you are purchasing the correct size.

Please note that there is a tight deadline, with the last date for orders being **Sunday 4th May**. This will ensure that the hoodies are available and delivered to school within a reasonable time frame.

<https://stpauls25.deco-apparel.com/>

Dates for your diary...



- Bank holiday 5th May- school closed
- Scholastic Book Fair final slot- Tuesday 6th May 3:10pm- Infant Yard
- Thursday 8th May - VE 80 celebrations. 2:15pm Please refer to the letter sent out
- SAT's week beginning 12th May

- 16th May- PTA to start selling ice lollies after school every Friday
- End of summer 1 - school closes at 3:10pm Friday 23rd May
- Multiplication Times Tables Check week beginning 2nd June- 13th June
- Phonics Screening Checks- week beginning 9th June
- Choir concert- 2nd July
- A Night at the Movie Concert (parents invited) 11th July- more details to follow
- Reports out to parents- Monday 14th July
- End of Year parents' evening- Wednesday 16th July
- End of Year PTA disco- Thursday 17th July
- End of summer term at 1:35pm - Friday 18th July
- INSET days- Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July- school closed

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/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/)
- 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



Please find links to our school holiday dates. 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



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)

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<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>

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Promoting healthy tips with our children & family members and strategies to handle anger better.

January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 9.30am - 11.30am
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 12.45pm - 2.45pm & online
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ASD

Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 12.45pm - 2.45pm
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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

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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

Amazing Acorns



What a lovely week in the glorious sunshine.

The children have enjoyed continuing with our story Superworm. This week we have been looking at rhyming words, we even made our own rhyming string. Ask your child to find to some words that rhyme together this weekend.

In maths, we have been thinking about teen numbers. We now know that 14 is made up one 10 and 4 ones. Ask your child if they can count and make numbers up to 20.

The children absolutely loved our Joe Jingle session this week. We can keep and follow a rhythmic beat.

Please ensure that all PE and forest school kits are in school ready for our sessions.

It is also important that all reading books and records be brought in daily, thank you.

Dates for the diary

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Bliss and the EYFS team.

[Awesome Ashes](#)



What a glorious sunshiny week! The children have enjoyed working outdoors when we can.

In English, we have had a tiger's tea party outdoors and created a cafe to link with 'The Tiger who came to Tea' - writing menus and invitations.

In Maths, the children in Year 1 have worked on finding 10 more and 10 less than a number, first with base 10 (sticks of 10 and units) to show this via a concrete method, then using jottings (drawing the ten sticks and units) and now we are working on developing their fluency by asking questions 'what is 10 more than.../ what is 10 less than' or asking this in a word problem. Ask your child if they can find 10 more/10 less.

In Science, we found deciduous and ever green trees and learnt about the differences and similarities of them.

Class photos

Your child should have brought home the proof of Ashes class photo. If you wish to view or purchase any of these photos, please use the QR code on the form for all ordering information. If you have not had a proof home, please contact me.

PE changes

Please note the changes in our PE days this half term.

Indoor PE session will be each Monday afternoon.

Outdoor PE session will now be on Wednesday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days.

Forest School

Our next session will be on Friday 9th May.

Dates for the diary

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Miss Fielding

Super Sycamores



It has been such a lovely week in the sunshine!

In English we have started writing our reports, all about school. We have been working hard on our making our handwriting the correct size and also using our phonics/tricky words to help with spelling.

In Maths we are starting to read an analogue clock for o'clock and half past. Please can you practice this at home to ensure your child knows the correct time for o'clock and half past.

Details were sent out this week for the class trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies' on Thursday 10th July. This is a super learning opportunity for your child. Please complete the forms and make the voluntary contribution on Parent Pay as soon as possible.

As the date for the phonics screening approaches, some children will have received practice words in their book bag. These will be sent out weekly for you to practice at home. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary -

VE day celebrations Thursday 8th May (no forest school)

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

Next Forest session - Thursday 22nd May

Thursday 10th July - class trip

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Outstanding Alders



Another busy week done, we have loved having the glorious weather this week.

Curriculum News

In maths this week we have been looking at 2d shapes. We have been naming them, identifying the vertices and identify lines of symmetry. Have a go at home:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/symmetry/symmetry-sorting>

In English this week we have been reading the last part of our story. We are going to be writing a letter as Arthur and talking about our time during the war. We are going to be using our plan that we have made.

We have also started our 'Weaving' unit. This week we made a paper placement, the children found this tricky but it was a good opportunity to work on our perseverance and resilience skills.

In science we completed a TAPs investigation and sorted living, non-living and never lived.

Forest School

Our next session will be on Tuesday 6th May.

Dates for the diary

School closed (INSET day) - Friday 2nd May

School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend,

Miss Cavaney.





Enchanted Elms



In English we have predicted what events might happen next using the text to help us. We have found out what problems Anansi came across and how his six sons helped him. The children are really enjoying the suspense of this folk tale.

In maths we have continued with adding and subtracting using the column method with missing digits.

In R.E we read and watched the Abram story. We have compared the promises God gave to Noah and what promises we make when you get married.

In Science the children have identified the reproductive parts in a flower and explained the functions of the reproductive parts in a flower.

Class photos

Your child should have brought home the proof of Elms class photo and the Year 3 class photo. If you wish to view or purchase any of these photos, please use the QR code on the form for all ordering information.

PE changes

Outdoor PE session will now be on Tuesday afternoon.

Indoor PE session will be each Wednesday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days.

Forest School

Monday 12th May 2025

Monday 19th May 2025

Dates for the diary

Friday 2nd May 2025 - School closed (INSET day)

Monday 5th 2025 - May School closed (Bank holiday)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a great week in this glorious sunshine.

In English we started our new novel 'Raven Boy' and are thoroughly enjoying it. The children have produced some great pieces of writing using the novel as a stimulus. In maths, the year 3 children have been focussing on time and digital digital and have really persevered with it. The Year 4 children were amazing at answer questions from reading the information a line graph gives us.

During PE, we practised some of the skills we will be using during sports day. The children had a great time in forest school. They identified some of the different rocks we have down there and also what they were used for and why.

Just a reminder that we have our Plague workshop in June. Payment can be made via parent pay.

Next forest session- Thursday 15th May

PE- Tuesday and Friday

Ukulele lesson- Friday PM

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



It's been a lovely week in school. We took full advantage of the sunshine to conduct our science experiment to investigate air resistance and parachutes. The children made parachutes to drop a small cube and tested to see how the size/surface area of the parachute affected the time it took to land.

In PE, the children practised their distance and relay running. Great team work was observed throughout the lesson.

In English, we have been reading a variety of Greek myths and discussing the different themes of the myths. In our grammar work the children have been focusing on subordinate clauses. In our guided reading the children have been discussing Elliott from our novel "Who Let the Gods Out" and his motives.

Ancient Greece Workshop

To enhance Elders class learning about Ancient Greece we have arranged for a visitor and workshop on Wednesday 11th June, which will give children a view of what life was like in Ancient Greece. More details to follow.

Forest school

Our next outdoor learning session will be Wednesday 7th May. Please ensure your child's kit has a long sleeve t-shirt and trousers or leggings so that arms and legs are covered.

PE

PE- Swimming Monday afternoon (starts 12th May)

Outdoor PE- Friday afternoon.

Class photos

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Dates for the diary

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School closed (Bank holiday) - Monday 5th May

Forest School - Wednesday 7th May

Elders swimming lessons start - Monday 12th May

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Ancient Greece visitor and workshop- Wednesday 11th June

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



Thank you to all the children that have brought their copy of 'The Explorer by Katherine Rundell' into school, we are excited to begin our new novel on Tuesday. We have thoroughly enjoyed our week in the sunshine, what a treat albeit a little too hot to practice our endurance running so we opted to practice our skills for shot put, hurdles, skip race and sack instead. Our class have been very interested in our new Art topic where we have been looking at Mayan artwork. They created some intricate patterns linked to many animals and we are looking forward to working with clay in the coming weeks.

Hoodies

There is still time to purchase a school hoody before the deadline of **Sunday 4th May**. Please access the online shop through the link. We do advise that you check the size guidelines on the online shop before purchasing to ensure that you are purchasing the correct size.

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End of key stage two assessments

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Year 6 visit to Manchester Cathedral (further information to follow) - Tuesday 17th June

Have a lovely, extended bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



What a lovely week it has been with the weather. It certainly makes a difference to the day when the sun is shining!

This week in class, we had a fantastic session in Forest School. The children were challenged to use their mathematical knowledge to find and solve calculations. There were lots of great teamwork observed throughout the lesson.

In English, we have been watching/reading the story of Macbeth and using our inference skills to make predictions and understand the relationships between key characters. The children are really enjoying the different sections of the story and are keen to find out more. Our work will lead us to thinking about whether Macbeth was a tragic hero or a spiteful villain.

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Mrs Lee

[St. Paul's PTA](#)





Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



For any parents/carers, **whose circumstances have changed** and think their child(ren) may be entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium.

Please note that younger siblings of pupils who are already entitled will not automatically qualify for Free School Meals. If a family's circumstances have changed and cease to be entitled to qualifying benefits, the elder children will be protected but any new children will not qualify. This is why Pupil Access Team require applications completing so they can properly assess new sibling's entitlement.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

