



**ST. PAUL'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ENGAGE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE

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

*'Friends give pleasant, sincere advice, seeking the highest good.'*

**Proverbs 27:9, 12:26**

Friday 30th June 2023

### Headteacher's news

Thank you to all those that attended our sports day events. It was lovely to see so many of you attending and supporting the children. A huge thank you to the PTA who very kindly gave up their time to provide Ice lollies.

Just a friendly reminder that the trim trail on the junior field, the infant wooden equipment and activities set up for learning on the infant yard should not be used before or after school. **These pieces of equipment are only to be used during the school day, supervised by staff.**

### Teaching Strikes

As informed in the letter sent to your email on Thursday. **Learning may be disrupted on both Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the table below for further information:**

The strike is happening due to a national dispute between the unions and the government. In the press and other media coverage, it has been made out to be solely around teachers' pay. I would like to let you know that in our school, the staff who have chosen to strike are not striking due to this. They are striking to fight for more funding for your children.

Every member of our staff team wants the very best education for every child in our care. We want to provide the best out of school provision. We want every child to reach beyond their potential but for that to happen, we need to fight for the funding so we can continue to provide that for your children.

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	
Acorns	Open as normal	Acorns	Open as normal
Ashes	Open as normal	Ashes	Open as normal
Sycamores	Open as normal	Sycamores	Open as normal
Alders	Open as normal	Alders	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>
Elms	Open as normal	Elms	Open as normal
Maples	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>	Maples	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>
Elders	Open as normal	Elders	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>
Willows	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>	Willows	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>
Oaks	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>	Oaks	<b><u>Closed due to strike action</u></b>





### Year 4 Synagogue visit.

The children in Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Bury Synagogue last week as part of their work on Judaism in RE. They learnt about different features found in this place of worship including the fascinating Torah scroll, the Ark and how Jewish people worship. The children also found out about the food eaten in the Synagogue during festivals. They found the visit interesting and informative and asked some amazing questions!



### High School Transition Day - Tuesday 4th July

Many of our Year 6 pupils have already had a visit from their high school, in preparation for their transition into Year 7 in September. On Tuesday 4th July, all Year 6 pupils are invited to spend the day at their new school, where they will have the opportunity to meet some of their teachers and learn more about the routines of the school day. Please do look out for further information from the relevant high school, which maybe making its way to you either via email or letter. This will have further information about the day and other key information for parents.

### Word of the week

Each week the children in the Berries & Acorns have been learning a new word in sign language. 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 'shower.'



### School Meals

\*\*From 1<sup>st</sup> September the weekly cost of school meals will **increase to £12.50 per week** (£2.50 a day). **Payment is due weekly in advance via ParentPay.** \*\*

If, however, you would like your child to change to packed lunches from September please complete the slip below and return to school or alternatively you can email: [secretary@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### School meal information for parents of children in Year 2.

If your child will be moving up to Year 3 from September, they will no longer be eligible for 'Universal' Free School Meals unless you are eligible for free school meals.

You can check if you are eligible by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

*Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium. We are able to utilise these funds to support your child's education whilst at St. Paul's, this could be used for additional learning support and providing extra-curricular activities.*

### Communication:

Moving forward from September we will be moving away from class newsletters. Information for all classes will be on the whole school newsletter, which will continue to be sent as a link to your personal email address and on our school website.





### Outstanding Debts

Please could we politely ask that all outstanding debts for Bright Young Things before and after school club and school meals are paid and cleared on a weekly basis. A large amount of school office time is spent chasing payments and paperwork.

We appreciate that in the current climate, things are more difficult, but we cannot afford to allow parents to build up large amounts of debt as we have to pay the wages of the BYT staff, purchase food and resources. We also have to pay LCC for the meals that are served. Currently parent debt is affecting the resources we purchase to support children's learning, and this is not acceptable.

We do not want to operate a payment upfront service for BYT or school lunches, and we don't want to have to stop families from having places at our before and after school provision, however this could possibly become the case if outstanding payments are not cleared.

If you would like help or advice, please contact [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk)

### Student Voice

Student Voice have planned a fun day for the last day of term - **Wacky Wednesday**, to help raise money for school.

On the day children will have a choice of what to wear, what film to watch and what snack to bring. Please see table below for more information. Your child can choose any of the options and can do as many as they would like. Please send payment into school on the day.

Crazy hair for the day	50p
Non-school uniform including footwear	50p
Trainers or slippers	50p
Bring a blanket	50p
Bring a teddy	50p
Bring a snack (crisps or chocolate)	50p
Choose a film (U films shown in the infants and U/PG in the juniors)	50p

## St. Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the week</u>	<u>Topic award learner of the week</u>	<u>Value winner</u>
Amazing Acorns	Benjamin	Wilf	Ivory
Awesome Ashes	Ayaan	Charlotte	Holly-Rose
Super Sycamores	Oliver	Jenna	Annabel
Outstanding Alders	Louis	Archie	Sofia
Enchanted Elms	Hattie	Layton	Ruby- May
Marvellous Maples	Dylan	Willow & Ethan	Joel & Joshua
Dazzling Elders	James	Elijah	Bella
Wonderful Willows	Toby A	Jess L	Reeyan
Mighty Oaks	Sophie & Scarlett	Harry D	Jacob





**TUESDAY**  
**18TH JULY 2023**  
**6PM-8PM**

**To volunteer please contact us  
on our Facebook page**

See disco letter on the PTA website for further details  
All the money raised at the events goes to funding  
additional resources for our children.



The 2023 Celebration Disco will be held at school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The doors open at 6.00pm and all children need to be collected from school by 8pm by a responsible adult.

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

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

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

**"VIP/PROM"**

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

The price is £2 per child. If you wish to stay with your child at the Disco, then the cost per adult is £1.50. However, if you would like to volunteer to help on the night then entrance is free. Please

leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the Facebook page.

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

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

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

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

Mobile phones or any other electronic recording devices are **NOT ALLOWED** at the disco (for both children and adults). Several St. Paul's class teachers/staff will be at the event for safeguarding reasons to protect our children.

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

Many thanks  
St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA)









### Dates for your diary for the summer term ...

Every Friday - in the hall	Ice Lolly Friday - Each Friday until the end of the term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition day at their chosen High school
	Quad Kids event
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	EYFS - Animal Olympics
	Teaching strike day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Career Carousel- Raising Aspirations
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Colour run
	Teaching strike day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Ashes visit to the library
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Jenna Dowling - World Champion Inline Skater visit
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports sent home
	Year 6 Production 2.15pm & 6.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 mini-Olympics
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Children spend time in their new class
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service in church 9.30 am
	VIP School Disco Infants 6pm, juniors from 6.30
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Event - <b>Wacky Wednesday</b>
	School closes at 1.35pm for the summer holiday
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed - Staff INSET
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closed - Staff INSET

  Ice Lolly Fridays  

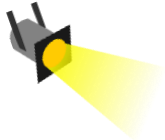
  We will be selling ice lollies/ice creams from the hall after school every Friday until the end of term. Prices range from 40p - 60p.  

Thank you all for your continued support!  
Kath McArragher (PTA chair)



## Support in our community...

# SPOTLIGHT



Join the thousands of parents across Lancashire who already use **funded childcare for their 2-year-olds**.

Check eligibility:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-educationfamilies/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/payingfor-childcare/play-learn-and-grow-with-a-funded-place-for-2-year-olds>

### MOVING ON UP TO YEAR 7

Helps children prepare for the transition to high school. For example, helping with scenarios that might come up at high school/Confidence building/self-image and self-esteem/Confidence with their journey to and from school/Information on accessing further support/Understanding our emotions and feelings.

This Group is aimed at children in year 6 moving on to high school. The group starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. For any more information on these groups or to book on please email

[rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk)



If you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. If you are eligible, you will be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We will add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks. You can apply on <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

### ONE STOP SHOP

One Stop Shop will be running from 10am and 12 noon. The **FIRST** Thursday of every month at The Zone, The Old Fire Station, Burnley Road, Rawtenstall and the **LAST** Thursday of every month at The Maden Centre, Rochdale Road, Bacup.

The group can offer help with employability/2-year funded childcare/healthy start and offer information and advice on groups.

### COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS

offers an inclusive environment, with opportunities for learning, development, and support for Children with SEND. This is also where parents and carers can meet and make new friends and share experiences with those going through similar joys and challenges. For any more information on these groups or to book on please email

[rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk)



Anyone between the ages of 0-19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities) can contact Talkzone for help. [Get in touch - Lancashire County Council](#) to Choose a contact method most suitable.

### Does your family include a child or young person with SEND?

You are invited to attend a drop-in Information Event in your local area

#### SEND Information Events for Parents and Carers

Fun activities for children will be available – everyone welcome!

The Park Child and Family centre, Norfolk Grove, Accrington, BB5 4RY.  
Tuesday 16th May, 10am – 2pm.

Twinkle House, 2 Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale, WN8 9UP.  
Wednesday 7th June, 10am – 2pm

#### SEND Family Fun and Information Events

Clitheroe Football Club, Shawbridge, Pendle Road, Clitheroe, BB7 1LZ.  
Wednesday 28th June, 10am – 2pm.

West Paddock Youth Zone, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1HR.  
Monday 17th July, 10am – 2pm



- Find out what's on offer in your local area
- Understand what services are available
- Discover local support groups
- Refreshments will be provided

Representatives from the following services will be available at some or all of the events:

- Lancashire Parent Carer Forum
  - Break Time
  - Inclusion Service
  - Specialist Teaching Service
  - Lancashire Local Offer
  - Designated Clinical Officer Service
  - POWAR youth voice group
  - SEND Information, Advice and Support Team
  - FIND Newsletter
  - Young people's groups
  - Transitions
- Plus local service providers, support groups and lots more!

Between August 2022 and July 2023, we are planning 24 events, to take place in all districts of Lancashire. Further dates will be shared on the Local Offer website and facebook page.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND) [www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer](https://www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer)





## Action for Happiness

# Joyful June

Let us look for what is good ...

**Joyful June 2023**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it
5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good	8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it
12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side	14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation
19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity	21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others
 26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy	28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)		

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**      **Happier · Kinder · Together**

## Reflective Friday



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Charlesworth

