



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

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

Starting Reception in 2024

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. **Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.** You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at 11.59pm on:

Primary applications – 15th January 2024

Starting school in 2024...

**ST. PAUL'S CE PRIMARY, A PLACE
OF LEARNING AND WONDER.**

Is your child due to start school in
September 2024?
If so we would love to welcome you



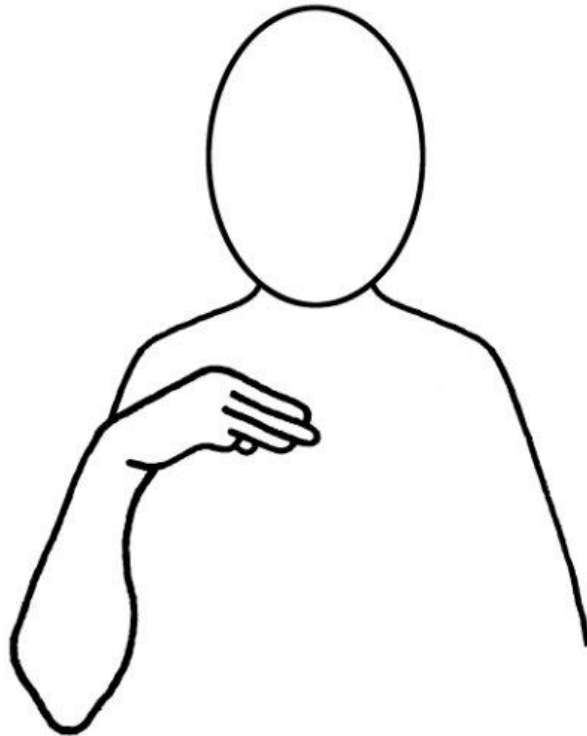
Open Evening

Wednesday 15th November

6pm

Calder Road, Rawtenstall, Rossendale
BB4 8HW

Word of the week



Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 have been learning 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 'me.'

Dates for your diary...

- **Wednesday 8th November PTA AGM 3:20pm in school**
- ***Friday 10th November Individual and sibling photographs (am) All children to wear full school uniform.***
- ***Wednesday 15th November Open Evening for EYFS 2024***
- ***Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November Parents Evening – Please complete the form for an appointment***
- **Parents evening for Willows class only - *Wednesday 29th November* and Thursday 30th November**
- ***Tuesday 12th December Infant Nativity 1.30pm and 6pm (Ticketed event)***
- ***Tuesday 19th December Junior Carol Service at St Paul's Church 2pm***

Forest School timetable - Autumn 2

Week starting 6/11/2023

- Monday -
- Tuesday - Acorns
- Wednesday - Ashes
- Thursday - Oaks
- Friday – Sycamores

Week starting 13/11/2023

- Monday - Alders
- Tuesday - Elms
- Wednesday - Elders
- Thursday - Willows
- Friday – Maples

PE Timetable - Autumn 2

<u>St. Paul's PE.</u>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Amazing Acorns			Indoor PE		
Awesome Ashes	Indoor PE				
Super Sycamores			Indoor PE & Outdoor PE		
Outstanding Alders				Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
Enchanted Elms	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Marvellous Maples	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Dazzling Elders	Outdoor PE				Indoor PE
Wonderful Willows		Indoor PE with sports coach			Outdoor PE
Mighty Oaks	Swimming	Indoor PE with sports coach			

IF your child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependent) sunscreen, water bottle, PE hoody.

All classes other than Acorns and Ashes will need to bring their PE kit and leave it in school. Acorns and ashes can come to school for the day in their PE kit which consists of navy blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoody/school jumper and pumps.

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](#) (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.

Do you want to raise funds for school in a way that does not cost you anything?

Just letting you know that St Paul's CE Primary, Rawtenstall are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can even book your next holiday through them. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-ce-primary-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1 Thank you so much!

Mud Kitchen

The infant staff are working hard to rejuvenate the outdoor area but we need your help! If you have any items from the checklist below that you no longer need or use we would love your donations to help benefit the children's learning experiences and play environment. Please bring any donations to Miss Pounder's classroom.

- Wooden spoons and spatulas.
- Metal tea spoons, desert spoons, serving spoons, spatulas, ladels
- Potato mashers
- Whisks
- Measuring spoons
- Measuring cups

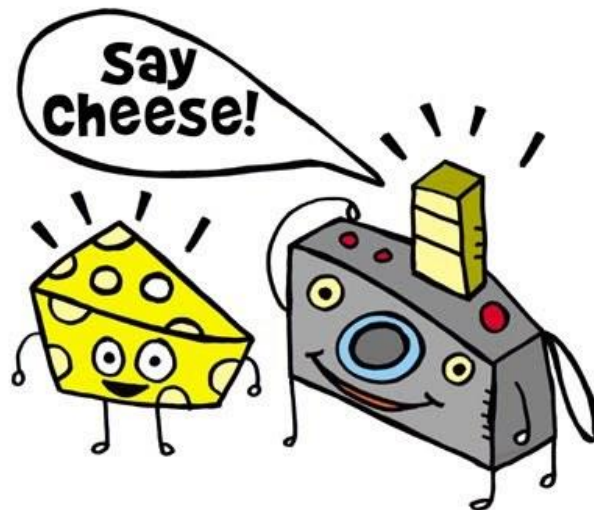
- Metal strainers
- Metal pots, pans and trays
- Plastic or metal bowls of any size
- Metal plates
- Plastic jugs
- Metal cups
- Washing up bowls
- Sieves
- Rubber cupcake cases or rubber cake liners
- Conkers
- Acorns
- Pine cones
- Pebbles or stone chips
- Clip boards
- Thin all in one wet suits age 4, 5, 6 or 7
- Wooden planks
- Children's brushes
- Hard hats
- Children's wheel barrows

Let's celebrate weekly awards

St. Paul's Awards.

	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week	Value winner
Amazing Acorns	Wilson	Clayton	Hunter
Awesome Ashes	Bear	Joseph	Ollie G
Super Sycamores	Freddie	Harry	Harper
Outstanding Alders	Henry	Jonny	Lola-Mae
Enchanted Elms	Sofia	Stanley	Louie
Marvellous Maples	All Maples	Hattie	Jessica
Dazzling Elders	Jessica H	Ava	Sama
Wonderful Willows	Nile	Dean	Clara
Mighty Oaks	Reegan	Eliana	Rouan
Brilliant Berries	Sebastian		
Budding Blossoms	Eesa		

Say Cheese!



Next Friday, 10th November, our school photographer will be in school taking individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on this day.

If your child has PE, please make sure they come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit in a separate bag.

If you would like your child to have their photo taken with a sibling who does not attend this school, please come to the school office at 8.20am and these will be taken before school starts.

England Rocks times tables competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, the Junior children are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them as much as you can.

Many thanks

Mrs Lee



PTA

On Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 3:20pm we will be holding our AGM. This is a chance for you to see what and how the PTA run and for you to get involved. We always need new volunteers! If you would like to attend please email us at stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com and we will send you the link. We look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks for all your continued support!

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

This week we have been learning...

Amazing Acorns



What an amazing first week back, the children have worked so hard. We have been learning all about Bonfire Night this week and making firework pictures.

In Maths we have been exploring the number five and ordering numbers, amounts using Numicon.

Brilliant Berries

Berries have had a lovely first week back to school. In English we have started our new story: Lost and Found. The children have enjoyed looking after our penguin that appeared in our classroom. In geography, we been looking at hot and cold countries, we thought about what hot and cold means and liked exploring the different water temperatures. In phonics this week we have been looking at the sound 'p'. We loved exploring our new outdoor role play area The Fire Station.

Awesome Ashes



Our first week back of Autumn 2 has been a delight. I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm to learn.

This week we have started our new novel Lost and Found and we had a special visitor The Penguin visit us in class on Monday.

Thank you to all those that have started to gather Nativity consumes please can you bring these into school by Friday 1st December ready for dress rehearsals.

Super Sycamores



The children have returned to school really excited for their new learning this half term.

This week we have learnt about continents and oceans of the world. This has included using large materials for the continents and placing blue materials for the oceans in the correct locations- this is really tricky! We have been counting in groups of 2 and 5 in maths and have started to read 'Jack and the baked beanstalk' in English.

A plea for any Nativity costumes that are no longer needed at home (especially camel costumes!) If you can help these can be brought into Sycamore class for our Nativity production this year. Thank you

Outstanding Alders



Alders have had a great week. In English we have started our new book Little Red Riding Hood was Rotten, we have enjoyed reading the start of the story from the Wolf's point of view. In math's we have been doubling and looking at multiplication as arrays. In history we started our new topic and are excited to find out more about Rosa Parks and why she is a significant person in history.

This week we have also started practicing our nativity songs and leering our lines. Please practice at home with your children if they have brought a script home.

Enchanted Elms



This week we have started subtracting using column method. We have been looking at Skara Brae and how it is was essential to finding out what life was like in the Neolithic period.

Just a reminder P.E is on Monday and Thursdays.

Marvellous Maples



This week in Maples class we have started reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* as part of our English and Guided Reading lessons. The children are already engaged in this adventure story and eager to find out what happens to the main character. Thank you to all the parents who have provided a copy of the book.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed taking part in the Health and Well Being day with Edge Hill. The class have loved completing all the activities and now have their watch to wear for the week. Sleeping logs have also been sent home. Please return on the 10th November - thank you for all your support.

Dazzling Elders



This week the children have been making observations in Science. They set up an experiment before the holiday to separate a salt water solution. The children were very interested to discover that the water had evaporated leaving behind the salt which had formed tiny cubes. In Geography the children have been learning about Ordnance Survey Symbols and what they represent. At Forest School this week the children learned about the different poppies and their meanings and wove poppies using sticks that they had found. The children are really enjoying the new novel *The Boy at The Back of the Class* thank you to all the parents who have provided a copy for their child. The children are really engaged and can't wait to find out who Ahmet is.

Reminder: Please can all children have appropriate forest school kit in school, as many were missing wellies or waterproofs and we go to forest school in all weathers.

Wonderful Willows



This week at Forest school, inspired by Elders we attempted to make a poppy using sticks, wool and a number of knot techniques. In class, we discussed the different coloured poppies and what they symbolise on Remembrance day to help us to choose which we would like to replicate. After this, due to the rainy weather we took to the mud slide to embrace the great outdoors whilst half of the class choose to reenact a Viking battle.

Please ensure you check the Newsletter or our classroom window for Forest School dates, it is really important the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

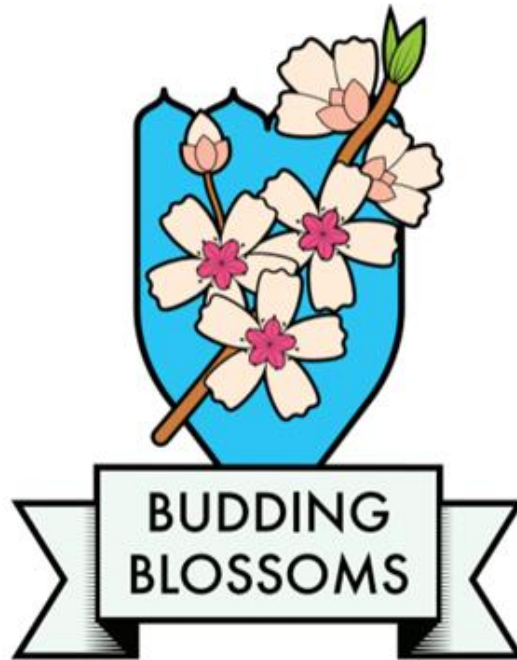
Mighty Oaks



Oaks class this week have been looking at war poetry and the effects of imagery on the reader. In maths, we have been working on written division methods using our chunking. It has certainly tested our perseverance and times tables knowledge this week!!

Next week is Bikeability - please remember to bring bikes and helmets to school on the days of your sessions. Group 1 is on Monday and Tuesday; Group 2 is on Wednesday and Thursday. If your child is in Group 1, swimming kits will not be needed on Monday. Don't forget, children need to wrap up warm with plenty of layers and to make sure they have a waterproof coat with them.

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms have settled straight back in after half term, and I am so proud of their positive attitude to their learning. Over the next two weeks in English, we will be writing poems using our senses. We have used each of our senses to write what we can see, hear, feel and taste. We enjoyed taste, as we made chocolate apples to help us generate some ideas.

In maths, our topic is multiplication and division. The children have been working hard on their timetables and it would be great if you can log into Timetable rockstars at home so that they can continue to practise.

Please remember, books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday, we encourage you to read frequently with your children, even if they have read their book once.

Pupils as leaders in our school...

Pupil Voice



This week pupil voice have been talking about Children in Need. We have decided to have a non-uniform/PJs day - you can choose. £1 Donations can be made on ParentPay ready for Children in Need on the 17th November.

From Sam, Beth and Jessica on behalf of the Student Voice team.

Poppy appeal

We will again be supporting the Poppy appeal this year. The items shown are available to buy or you can just send in donations and purchase the new design paper poppies. Donations are to be sent in with your child who can then select the item of choice.



Rossendale Hospice penny pinching challenge



As you some of you are aware, every year we support Rossendale Hospice with their 'Penny Pinching Challenge.' The challenge ends on Wednesday 8th November. Your child should have brought home a box to collect as many pennies as they can. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for a very worthy local charity.

A huge Thank you from Young Minds...

Thank you to all of you who supported our #HELLO YELLOW day and kindly gave donations.

Your support raised a fabulous £355.15 and will help Young Minds to continue to work towards a world where no young person is alone with their mental health.

Thank you!

New ways November.

Each month, as part of our work based on our school values and to inspire practical actions for a happier and more caring society; our classes work through the action for happiness calendars.

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new each day!

Trying a new activity can be a great source of happiness. In challenging times, it also helps to take a new perspective or find new ways forward.

New Ways November 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 6 Try out a new way of being physically active	 7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel
13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about
20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site
 27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

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



Reflective Friday



Please stay safe when attending any bonfire and firework displays this weekend. [Bonfire Safety - Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service \(lancsfirerescue.org.uk\)](https://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk) Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Charlesworth