



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

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

Headteacher news

What a wonderful end to a successful term! This week has been a particularly busy week at St Paul's with lots of sporting events, our 'Just Imagine' final showcase, Easter experiences and visits to church to name a few of the exciting things going on.

As part of our Easter week, we have been extremely lucky to have had our library transformed into a reflective prayer space. Each class have had sessions in here all relating to a section of the Easter story. The children have loved these sessions and have come away with so much from the experience. May we say a huge thank you to Jonny and the team from Kay Street Baptist Church for putting this together for our pupils. You have dedicated so much time towards this and have created a magical and reflective learning experience which has been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

If you were lucky enough to be able to attend our Easter services in church yesterday, I am sure you will agree that all the pupils did a fantastic job with their singing, speaking parts and acting. They truly made us proud and delivered a meaningful message around the Easter story.

I cannot believe how quickly this year is going and that we are now entering our summer term. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Thank you to all the pupils, staff and governors who make St Paul's such a wonderful place to be.

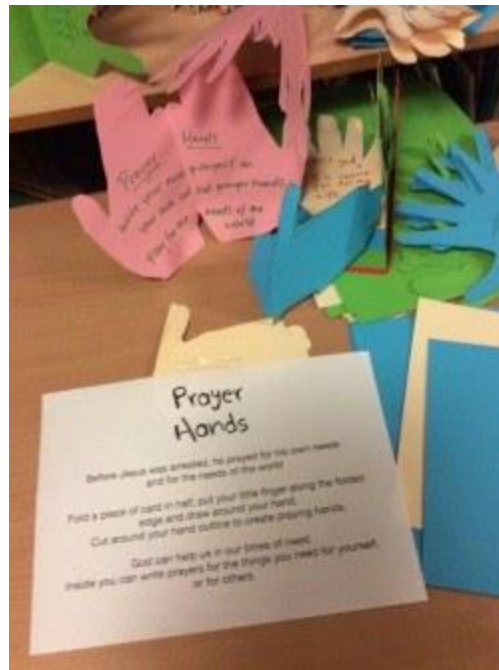
We hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 22nd April. Just a reminder that class photos will be taken place on this date so please ensure children return to school in full uniform.

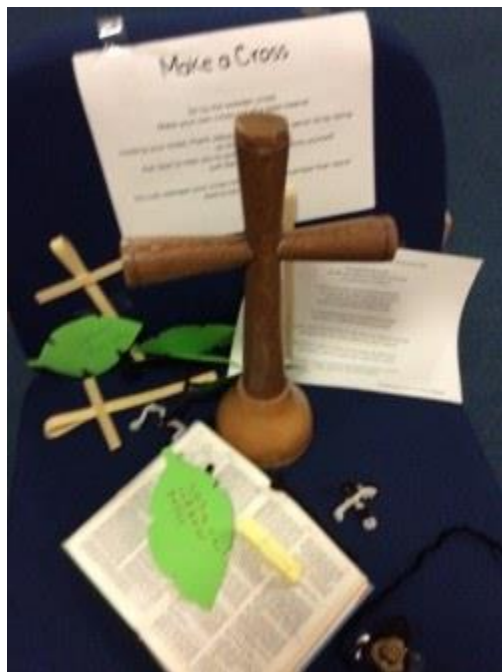
Let's hope the sun shines and you all make lots of lovely memories.















PE Kits

We have noticed across school that a number of pupils have the incorrect PE kit on their PE days. PE kit is part of our school uniform so it is imperative that your child has the correct kit. Please also note that long hair must be tied back and any jewellery should be removed prior to the lesson.

- White t shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Blue/black PE shorts/tracksuit trousers
- Suitable footwear (trainers are most ideal. Please note, we cannot allow studs or astroturf trainers)
- Optional- school hoodie/ school jumper

We do have some spare PE kit in school if you would like any items donating. Please email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk with the item and size needed and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we do not have any school hoodies available.

Please note there have been changes to PE days after Easter.

Berries - Monday

Acorns- Monday

Ashes- Monday

Sycamores- Tuesday (both outdoor and indoor)

Alders- Wednesday- outdoor, Thursday- indoor

Elms- Tuesday - outdoor, Wednesday- indoor

Maples- Tuesday - outdoor, Friday- indoor

Elders- Monday - swimming, Friday- indoor

Willows- Wednesday - indoor, Thursday - outdoor

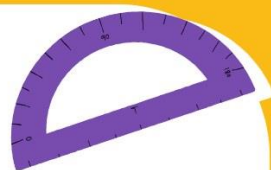
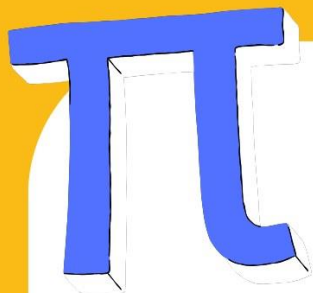
Oaks- Tuesday- indoor, Friday - outdoor

Mental Health Ambassadors



On Friday 21st March, two of our Year 5 children were selected to represent St Paul's School and become our new Mental Health Ambassadors. We were invited to The Valley Academy to participate in a training session where we learnt so much information about how we could help other people and ourselves with our Mental Health and Wellbeing. We were very lucky that we met a famous Great Britain and England Hockey player who led our session and taught us many strategies. Then Annie and Louie were asked to do a presentation in front of over 10 different schools. We are so proud of how sensible, enthusiastic and engaged they were throughout the day and we look forward to what they have planned for the future of St Paul's Mental wellbeing.

Year 2 Maths Workshop



MATHS

WORKSHOP – YEAR 2

Have you ever wondered how we teach the children to add, subtract, divide and multiply? Then this workshop is for you.



Come and learn practical ways to support your child.

Wednesday 23rd April

4.30pm - 5.30pm



Miss Cavaney is hosting a Year 2 Maths workshop for any parents/carers of children in Year 2 (from either Sycamores or Alders). This will take place in school on Wednesday 23rd April at 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary...



- **Return to school Tuesday 22nd April**
- **Class Photos Tuesday 22nd April (please ensure jumpers/cardigans are in school)**
- **Wednesday 23rd April Year 2 Maths Workshop 4:30pm-5:30pm- please come to the main office.**
- **Thursday 8th May - VE 80 celebrations- more details to follow**

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-keep-child-at-home/)
- 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



You should now have received our new holiday dates for the 2025-26 school year. 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)

For more information, scan the QR code or visit
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>

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 *Believing in you
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4 X 2hr Sessions

Call 01282 435302 or 07877 714693

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.

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.

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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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Fully Funded School Support Course



Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Go to our website for more detailed information.

6 Week Course Mon - Fri

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

Rossendale Family Hub

The Rossendale Family Hub have a range of HAF events running over Easter holidays for children aged 0-11 years old.





Children eligible for Free School Meals? Book via HAF here!



Children not eligible for Free School Meals? Don't worry, book here!

Easter Crafts

AT WHITWORTH LIBRARY
SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AGED 0-11 YEARS

Date
16

Month
04

Year
25

from **10AM** to **12PM**
 Lloyd St, Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 6AA
 Questions? Email: Rossendalegroupwork@lancashire.gov.uk Phone: 01706 237780








YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR PIZZA PARTY

Join us for a fun-filled morning of cooking delicious pizza, great company, and plenty of laughter!

10th April 2025
10 - 12 P.M.

Rawtenstall Family Hub,
Burnley Road, BB4 8EW
Only suitable for 5-11's





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QUESTIONS?
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Fundraise for school in a way that does not cost you anything.

Easyfundraising



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!

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This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

WOW, the end of another term and it has gone at the speed of light. All our lovely Berries have made excellent progress, and I am so proud of all their huge achievements this term.

We have finished up all our text 'Farmer Duck' and the children have enjoyed reading this and writing descriptions for different parts of the story and using conjunction words throughout our fantastic pieces of work. I know I sound like a broken record, but I really am super proud of how hard all the children have worked and the effort they put into their work each day.

In maths, we have been practising our subtraction by using a counting on method, we have been reading number sentences to make sure we know what all the different symbols mean and even looking at questions where the answer is at the start, it really confused us all at first, but we are now all are maths subtracting wizards.

Our topic this week has been the Easter Story, we loved visiting the library which has been set up in partnership with the Church, the children loved exploring different parts of the story and we have re-ordered the story in class.

PE will remain on a Monday afternoon, children in Berries, can come to school in their PE kits each Monday.

A personal note: Today, is my last day with the Berries before my impending arrival, it has been a privilege to be their teacher for the last 2 terms, to getting to know each of the children and to see them flourish and getting to know them, I will really miss them and wish them all the luck in their next steps. Thank you for all your support and working together since September, I hope you know I hold you all in high esteem and have a huge amount of respect for each of you, you should also be proud of yourselves as parents. I am sure I will see you all around Rawtenstall, as I do love a walk with a pram. I leave you in the very capable hands of Miss Rigby and of course our amazing Mrs Coleman, who will continue with the same. I wish you all lots of love and luck as you continue their educational journey next year. See you soon, Mrs Taylor x

[Amazing Acorns](#)



What a lovely end to the term we have had. The children have worked so hard, and I can't believe that we are heading into our final term of the year.

In English, we have finished the text Dear Zoo. We have been working on using adjectives and capital letters in our writing.

In maths, we have been continuing to practise our number bonds, it would be great to continue this with your children over the Easter holidays. We have also been looking at comparing and ordering time and speed.

In Topic, we have been thinking about the Easter story. We have sequenced the story in order, acted it out and wrote about key parts. We absolutely loved taking part in the easter experience in the library.

Thank you to those who attended the Easter service, it was lovely to see so many faces. The children worked so hard and performed beautifully.

We have had to say a sad goodbye to Mrs Moran this week. We will miss her very much and wish her all the luck for the future.

Request: Please can you bring any old pair of long socks or tights into school for next project.

We hope you have a lovely Easter holidays.

Miss Bliss and the Acorns team.

Awesome Ashes



Here we are at the end of another busy term! Well done children for working so hard. It has been busy, productive and lots of fun!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in church on Thursday for our Easter Service. The children read their words beautifully and enjoyed the singing!

This week has been filled with lots of work on the Easter story in English, retelling the key events and acting the story out. In Maths the Year 1's have been working hard telling the time to o'clock and half past.

We also enjoyed visiting the 'Easter Experience' (please see our photographs!). A big thank you goes to Jonny for creating such wonderful, thoughtful and reflective activities for us all.

PE changes

Next half term, our PE sessions will change days.

The indoor PE session will be each Monday afternoon.

The outdoor PE session will now be on Wednesday afternoon.

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

Have a good Easter break- let's hope the weather stays sunny! 😊





Super Sycamores



We have had a super busy last week of the Spring term. On Tuesday all the children spent time in Easter Experience learning the story of Easter and thinking about prayers and reflections. The children were also able to make prayer leaves, place mats and crosses.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Easter Service on Thursday. The singing and telling of the Easter story was lovely.

In class we have also been working on our DT projects - wheels and axles. The children have created their designs as well as building their chassis with axles and wheels using tools and other equipment. They then had to build the vehicle and make sure that they attached together. At the end they evaluated their designs to decide what worked well and what they could improve.

Please note that PE and Forest school have swapped days -

PE sessions - Tuesday (please bring kit on the day)

Forest session - Thursday 24th April (kits are in school if left over Easter holidays).

Have a lovely Easter Holiday







Outstanding Alders



Two terms down and one to go. I cannot believe how quickly this term has gone. I hope you all have a restful break and come back ready to make even more progress.

Curriculum News

In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction. We are now using two digits such as $43+17=$. The children have worked really hard on this and will continue work on this unit when we get back.

In English we have started our text 'The Little Hen and the Great War', please do not share this story with the children as we are only reading a part at a time. The children have been imagining that they are the hen and they have been writing about their surroundings, thoughts and feelings.

Math's Workshop

Please come along to my year 2 workshop after the holidays. I will be demonstrating how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. I will also share the end of year expectations around number and how you can support your child at home.

Easter Service

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PE changes

Outdoor PE session will be each Wednesday afternoon.

Indoor PE session will now be on Thursday afternoon.

Please can you bring your kit back on the first Tuesday back.

Forest School Dates for after half term

Forest school is now going back to Tuesday. Our first session is the first Tuesday back. Tuesday 22nd April.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd April at 8.40am – School re-opens.

Wednesday 23rd April - Maths Workshop - 4.30-5.30.

Have a lovely break,
Miss Cavaney.





Enchanted Elms



We have finished our non-chronological reports on the Stone Age and I am so proud of the children; they have written amazing non-chronological reports. Next half term we will be learning about folk tales 'Tales of Anansi the spider' by Gerald McDermott.

In science the children created their own puppet shows to demonstrate how shadows are formed.

In maths we have finished our time unit. The children still find time hard especially problem solving but we will continue securing their knowledge.

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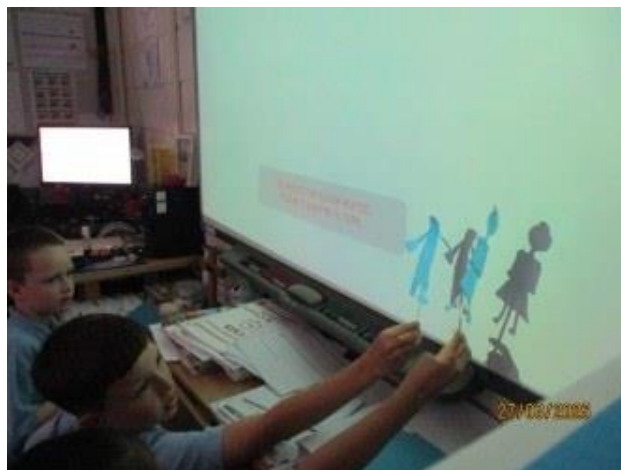
Monday 28th April 2025

Monday 12th May 2025

Monday 19th May 2025

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd April at 8.40am – School opens





Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a very busy week. The children have been writing some fabulous stories in English based on our class novel. The children have been really trying to include fronted adverbials, inverted commas and complex sentences. Their stamina is improving, and we will continue to work on this next term.

We were lucky enough to have a worship carousel set up in the library this week. The children completed different activities at each of the stations and reflected on the Easter story, throughout. The children really enjoyed this experience.

Next term, Maples will focus on a new novel in English called 'Raven Boy' by Pippa Goodhart. Children will need a copy of this to use in English and Guided reading sessions. Any library is happy to order copies for you to borrow or they are available to order online at reasonable prices.

We have booked a visitor to come in and help us learn about The Plague. A letter has been sent home and it has also been set up on Parent Pay.

During the Summer term, Maples will have a Ukelele lesson every Friday. I know the children in Elms last year had the opportunity to try this, so this will be a good opportunity to build on the skills they previously learnt.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our wonderful Church service- it was lovely to see so many of you.

Maples PE days are the same next half term. (Tuesday- Outdoor and Friday- indoor)

Forest school remains on Thursday afternoon- Thursday 1st May is our next session.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break. See you on Tuesday 22nd April.

Miss Yates

[Dazzling Elders](#)



Here we are at the end of the Spring Term!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in church on Thursday for our Easter service. As always, the children sang and read beautifully. In English this week, the children have written their independent legends and have worked really hard to include all the features we have discussed and learned over the half term.

A big thank you goes to Jonny who gave up his time to set up an easter experience for the children in the school library. The children enjoyed taking part in different activities, they wrote prayers, made easter place mats and created crosses.

Guided reading

Next half term our new text for guided reading will be "Who Let the Gods out?" by Maz Evans. Local libraries will happily order in a copy free of charge for you providing you are a member.

Swimming

Next half term, our PE outdoor will be on a Monday until Monday 12th May when the swimming sessions will take place instead.

Elders swimming sessions will start on Monday 12th May 2025 at Marl Pits leisure Centre. Children will be walking to and from the leisure centre accompanied by school staff. Children will need to bring a waterproof coat with a hood in case of wet weather. Any children with long hair will need to bring a swim cap to secure their hair back.

Boys are expected to wear plain fitted trunks. No baggy shorts are allowed. Girls need to wear a one-piece swimming costume.

PE

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Indoor PE session will be on Friday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days. Parents are reminded that no football tops should be worn for PE lessons.

Forest school

Forest school sessions continue to be on a Wednesday every fortnight.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - Outdoor learning in Forest school.

Monday 12th May 2025 - Elders Swimming starts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Easter- see you on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.40am.

Mrs Nolan





Wonderful Willows



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A big thank you goes to Jonny and the members of the church congregation who gave up their time.

English

Next half term our new novel will be 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Your child will need their own copy of the novel for English and Guided Reading sessions. Local libraries will happily order in a copy free of charge for you providing you are a member.

PE changes

Next half term, our PE sessions will change when swimming ends. Our last swimming session will be on Monday the 28th April.

Our indoor PE session will be each Wednesday.

The outdoor PE session will be each Thursday.

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End of key stage two assessments

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

Monday 12th May - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday 13th May - English Reading

Wednesday 14th May - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 15th May - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

These are statutory assessments, and we ask that children are in school on time during this week.

A free breakfast will be provided each morning (toast and juice) for all Year 6 children. Fruit or cereal bars may also be brought from home if your child prefers.

Further information will be sent home nearer the time.

Wishing you a restful Easter break.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

Mighty Oaks



We made it and what a lovely end to the term it has been! There has been so much excitement this week in class with the lovely weather and the end of term celebrations that have been happening. It is hard to believe that our Year 6 children only have one more term left of their primary school journey.

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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.

