



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter October 24

Friday 4th October 2024

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

Headteacher news

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and in good spirits. As we settle into the new school year, I'm delighted to share some exciting updates and express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support.

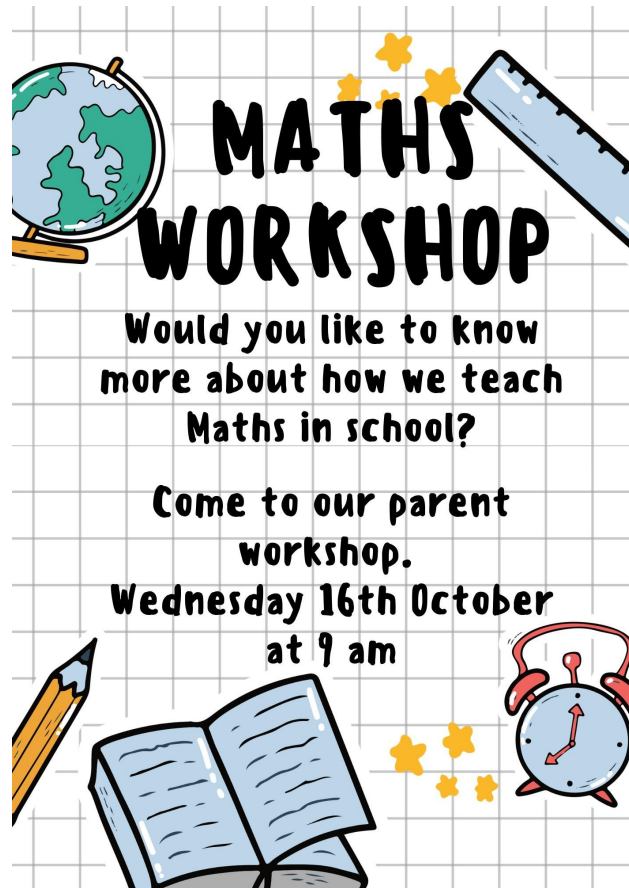
As we move forward, our focus shifts to supporting our youngest learners and their families. We're thrilled to announce that we're in the midst of preparing for our Infant parent workshops. These sessions are designed to empower you, as parents and carers, with the tools and knowledge to support your child's learning journey at home.

Thank you to the parents who attended our phonics and reading workshop this week. If you're keen to discover more about how we teach maths – and how you can reinforce these skills at home – I warmly invite you to join us for the workshop. It promises to be informative, engaging, and tailored to help you make a real impact on your child's educational development.

These workshops reflect our commitment to fostering a strong partnership between home and school. We believe that when we work together, we can create the best possible learning environment for our pupils, both in the classroom and beyond.

As always, I'm immensely proud of the dedication shown by our staff in preparing these workshops, and I'm equally grateful for the enthusiasm and engagement of our parent community. It's this collaborative spirit that makes St. Paul's such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we're nurturing the next generation of curious, confident, and capable learners.



[myHappymind Parent App Introduction - England & Wales](#)



We have continued to use a program to all year groups at school called myHappymind. myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappymind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappymind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 119367

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org

Special Lunch Bonfire Night 24

Please can you inform Mrs Harwood before Thursday 17th October if you would like to order this special lunch. Any orders after this date, we unfortunately cannot accept.

As always there will be our healthy options salad bar, fruit and yoghurts on offer for your children to select.

BONFIRE NIGHT

The background of the poster is a dark purple night sky. At the top, there are several colorful fireworks exploding. In the center, a large, bright bonfire with orange and yellow flames is burning on a pile of logs. To the right, a grey stone tower with a white clock face is visible. The overall theme is Bonfire Night.

5th November

Fawkes Fire Cracking
Hot Dog
& Tomato Ketchup
or
Catherine Wheel Pizza
served with
Smokey Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
or
Baked Beans
~
Sparkler Cupcake

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Council



LANCASHIRE
CATERING SERVICE

Dates for your diary...



- **Couch25k - Every week starting from Thursday 12th September - Meet at the office at the front of school**
- **Hello Yellow day - Thursday 10th October - wear something Yellow - Donations to Mind can be paid on ParentPay**
- **Harvest Service - St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October - Infants 9.30am, Juniors 10.30am**
- **EYFS Early number workshop - Wednesday 16th October 9 am**
- **Half Term break - Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October**
- **Return to school for the 2nd part of our Autumn term - Monday 28th October**

- **Individual photographs - Wednesday 13th November**
- **Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 28th November**

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.

Influenza vaccinations

Flu Immunisation vaccinations will take place in school on THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, please follow this link to complete an online consent form.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/032f5d11>

This link will close on the 14th November 2024

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 3583 397, Option 2, Option 2.

In the meantime, if you have already taken your child to the doctors or chemist to have the Flu vaccine, please kindly inform the school office.

Thank you.

PTA

🎄👉 With the festive season growing nearer, your children will soon be getting letters sent home with their Christmas artwork attached, to give you the chance to order cards, labels or mugs. Along with these, there will be instructions on how to order.

****Artwork for any orders placed will need to be returned to school by 9am on Monday 14th October 2024 as orders cannot be printed without the returned artwork.****

If anybody has any questions or problems, please message us, or speak to one of the PTA Committee 🎄👉

👥👥 **Save the date!** Our next event is the autumn disco on Thursday 17th October 2024. Please note it is NOT Halloween themed. We need lots of volunteers on the night to make the event possible so if you'd like to help please contact us via our Facebook page, email address stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com or leave your name and contact details at the school office and we will get back to you 👥👥



Autumn Disco Thursday 17th October 2024

Dear parents / carers,

The 2024 Autumn Disco is held at school on Thursday 17th October.

Children in the infants will be able to enter at 6.00pm, together with their siblings. All other children (Year 3 upwards) should arrive at 6.30pm. This allows the younger children time to settle in before the older children arrive. Children will need to be collected by a responsible adult by 8pm. The price is £2 per child.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the disco, please leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the Facebook page. A list of volunteers will be made prior to the disco. Volunteers should arrive at the school office at 5.45pm and entrance is free. We will not be accepting volunteers on the night.

There'll 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 and should be removed before school the next day. Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.

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.

For safeguarding reasons, there are strictly no mobile phones or any electronic recording devices allowed at the disco (children or adults). We will have to ask you to leave if this rule is ignored.

For health and safety reasons we have made some changes to previous discos:

Due to fire safety regulations on the number of people allowed in the building, we ask that only parents/carers of children with medical needs stay at the disco. All children will be supervised by several St Paul's staff and PTA volunteers. Staff will contact parents/carers if their child wishes to leave early.

www.facebook.com/stpaulsrawtenstallpta stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com
www.twitter.com/stpaulstabb4



We are also changing where to collect children from at the end of the disco.
Children in infants can be collected from their own classroom doors, apart from children in Alders class. Alders pupils can be collected from Berries classroom door.
Juniors can be collected from the external hall doors at 8pm.
Please contact school to let them know if your child is being collected by someone else.

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!

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

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

www.facebook.com/stpaulsrawtenstallpta stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com
www.twitter.com/stpaulspta

📄📄 On Friday 1st November 2024 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. We look forward to seeing you there 📄📄

Many thanks for all your continued support!

Bonnie Smith(PTA Chair)

- Select our school using the postcode 'BB4 8HW '
- It will ask you to select 'Rawtenstall St. Paul's Church of England Primary School'
- Select Submit

Easyfunding



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!

These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-pauls-rawtenstall/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

Starting Reception in 2025 or moving onto high school ...

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 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 2025 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31st October 2024

Primary applications - 15th January 2025

OPEN EVENING



Wednesday 13th November
Event starts 6pm

St. Paul's Church
of England Primary
School Rawtenstall

Join us !!

📍 Calder Road, Rawtenstall BB4 8HW
🌐 <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk>
👍 @StPaulsCESch ☎️ 01706 215893

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)
- 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.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices from September 2024

Information for Parents



You may be aware that the Department for Education announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

Please note that school does not receive any money for penalty notices.

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a **new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.**
- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.

- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period[1] . This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- This also includes pupils with persistent absences.
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

[1] A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Holiday list 2024/25



School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Re-open Wednesday 4th September 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 21st October -

Friday 25th October 2024 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 28th October 2024

Closure after school on Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open Monday 6th January 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 17th February –

Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 24th February 2025

Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Staff Training Day Friday 2nd May 2025

May Day Closure Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open on Monday 2nd June 2025

Closure after school on Friday 18th July 2025

Staff Training Days Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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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FAMILY MATTERS

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Time out for parent courses

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*Believing in you
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Call or text 07877 714693

4X 2hr Sessions

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.

September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD

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

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

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

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS

The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm



'UNPAVE THE WAY' GARDEN

*INSPIRING HOUSEHOLDERS TO INCORPORATE PLANTING,
SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE (SUDS) AND RAINWATER
HARVESTING INTO THEIR GARDENS*

AS SEEN ON BBC'S GARDENERS WORLD!

- **Two GREEN Front Garden Designs!**
- **Slow the Flow of Rainwater**
- **Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) Features**
- **Creative Rainwater Harvesting Components**
- **Climate Resilient Planting Ideas**
- **A Variety of Permeable Paving for Driveways**



WHITAKER PARK,
HASLINGDEN ROAD,
ROSSENDALE,
ENGLAND BB4 6RE

SATURDAY 5TH
OCTOBER
11AM - 1PM

LIVE MUSIC FROM
THE RAMSHACKLE
WAILERS

TALK ON HOW TO
DESIGN A
SUSTAINABLE FRONT
GARDEN AND
DRIVEWAY WITH RHS
GOLD MEDAL
AWARD WINNING
GARDEN DESIGNER
LEON DAVIS

RHS Garden, 'Unpave the Way'
coming soon to Whitaker Park.

Event will take place outdoors
and refreshments will be
provided.

Everyone welcome.

Follow us on social media:
@unpavetheway

[Unpave the Way | The Flood Hub](#)
for more info!

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

This week in Berries we have been using our history skills to discuss how we have changed since we were babies. The children loved looking at pictures of their friends as babies and guessing who they were. We spoke about how we can now run, sing and eat lots of yummy food.

In English and maths, we have continued to develop a wide range of skills and are becoming much more confident within our work. I am so impressed with Berries and their resilience to their learning.

Hello Yellow Day

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Cauliflower Cards

The artwork and order form should have made its way home to you this week. If you wish to order any products for Christmas gifts, cards etc, the closing date for artwork to be returned to school is **Monday 14th October**. Any artwork returned after this date may not be accepted.

Dates for your diary

School Disco - Thursday 17th October

As always, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Taylor and Mrs R Coleman

Amazing Acorns



What a lovely week in Acorns. This week we have been continuing with Goldilocks and the three Bears, we made some porridge and then wrote some instructions about how to do this. We had a lovely session in forest school where we made dens with natural materials. In maths we have started exploring the number two. We have been thinking how to write it, as well as make and count 2. In topic, we have been thinking about how we have changed from when we were babies. We looked at the children's baby photos and guessed who was who.

Next week we will be labelling our family photos. Please can these be sent in by Wednesday. Thank you.

Harvest

Next Thursday, 10th October, the Infant Harvest festival will be taking place in St Paul's Church at 9.30am. If you are able to help us walk the children safely to church and back, please do let a member of staff know. This year, we are asking for donations for RAFT Foundation, a local food bank in Rawtenstall. Tins of produce, pasta, rice, toiletries, sanitary products will be most welcome. Please send any donations into school from Monday onwards.

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Have a lovely weekend, Miss Bliss.





Awesome Ashes



What a busy week in Awesome Ashes! The children in Year 1 have been working hard on place value in maths. Play the game 'I'm thinking of a number' (i.e. it has 1 ten and 4 units) with your child and see if they can write down and tell you the answer! Start with teen numbers and progress as your child is able. Our Reception children have begun exploring the number 1.

In English, we have been writing sorry letters from the wolf, postcards from the wolf and planning a piggy party!

EYFS Welcome Service

Our EYFS children enjoyed visiting St Paul's church yesterday as part of their welcome. They explored the building, learnt about the story associated with the stained glass window, asked questions and received a cross to take home (if you don't want to keep your child's cross, feel free to return this to school). The children were beautifully behaved and loved their visit!

Reading

Please read with your child each night- 5 minutes each day will really help and is a great chance for a snuggle too! We encourage children to read their book twice to develop 'smooth' reading, fluency and enjoyment of the text. Please bring their books into school each day. When their reading record has been signed, we will then change the book ready for a new story adventure. 😊

Cauliflower cards

The children are busy preparing the artwork for the Cauliflower card project, which will be making its way home to you within the next week. If you wish to order any products for Christmas gifts, cards etc, the closing date for artwork to be returned to school is Monday 14th October. Any artwork returned after this date may not be accepted.

Dates for your diary

Forest School session - Friday 11th October

Phonics and reading workshop in school Friday 4th October at 9am

Infant Harvest Festival service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October at 9.30am (all welcome to attend)

Maths workshop in school Wednesday 16th October at 9am

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



Curriculum news

This week in Sycamores we have continued our learning in Science by naming different materials and their properties. We have developed our understanding of why some objects are made out of two different materials.

In English we have nearly finished our book - Harry the Happy Mouse and next week we are starting writing our own version of the story. Sycamores are excited about writing our first story and would like to share these stories with you. We would like to invite you to Sycamores classroom on Thursday 17th October from 2.55pm for your child to share their writing with you. If your child attends BYT on this day, they will be able to take their writing to BYT to share with you when they are collected. Thank you for your support.

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Harvest Service- Thursday 10th October at 9am Forest School session - Thursday 10th October

Maths workshop- Wednesday 16th October at 9am

Story sharing, Sycamores classroom Thursday 17th October 2.55pm School Disco - Thursday 17th October

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs de Boutemard

Outstanding Alders



Curriculum News

In Maths this week we have been adding ten, to two-digit numbers and rounding to the nearest ten.

In English we have continued work on our story 'The Way Home for Wolf'. The children have been writing predictions, identifying the key events and writing about the different animals in the story.

We have also been to Forest School this week. We combined our learning in Science with Art. The children had to find as many different materials that they could and create some transient art. The portraits were fantastic.

Homework

You should have received your Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars password. They are in your child's reading record. Homework will be set each week on Spelling Shed on a Friday. Please can you encourage your child to access TT Rockstars and practise their times tables. Any questions please ask me at the door.

Key Dates

- PE on Wednesday - P.E kits can be kept in school.
- Forest School - kits to be brought in on the day - 8th October, and 29th October.
- Phonics and reading workshop in school Friday 4th October at 9am.
- Infant Harvest Festival service in St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October at 9.30am (all welcome to attend).

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Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.

Enchanted Elms



Curriculum news

We have continued working hard on calculating the perimeter of a variety of shapes. We have started to look at statistics and what that word means. In English the children have planned a new chapter of their own with Paddington having a mishap. Within science the children have compared our skeleton to other animals and looked at similarities and differences.

Harvest

Next **Thursday, 10th October**, the Junior Harvest festival will be taking place in St Paul's Church at 10.30am. This year, we are accepting donations for RAFT Foundation, a local food bank in Rawtenstall. Tins of produce, pasta, rice, toiletries, sanitary products will be most welcome. Please send any donations into school from Monday onwards.

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Forest School session – Monday 7th October 2024

Harvest Service- Thursday 10th October 2024 at 10:30am

Hello Yellow Day – Thursday 10th October 2024

School Disco - Thursday 17th October 2024 – 6:00pm – 6:30pm, infants arrive, 6:30pm – 8:00pm - all other St Paul pupils arrive

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



Maples have had a great week this week. The children have begun gathering information for their magazine article all about the Loch Ness Monster. The children have thought about the heading, ensuring it is catchy for the reader. The children have also been learning how to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, we have some super mathematicians in Maples. The children have completed their Christmas design for the cauliflower cards and these were sent home on Wednesday and if you wish to purchase any products, then it must be returned to school no later than **Monday 14th October**.

Please can I remind all parents that school uniform must be worn at all times in school. PE hoodies are to be worn ONLY for PE- NOT for the full day. Black school shoes must be worn, NOT trainers. Snack for breaktime is ONLY toast, fruit or vegetables.

Dates for you diary

Hello Yellow Day- Thursday 10th October.

Harvest- Thursday 10th October- 10.30am.

Next forest session- Thursday 17th October

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates

[Dazzling Elders](#)



Curriculum news

This week the children have continued to thoroughly enjoy reading *The Lion , The Witch and The Wardrobe*. The children have also created a writers toolkit for non chronological reports and compared and evaluated reports. On Thursday the children planned and wrote their own fabulous poems for a poetry competition. In Maths, the children have focused on statistics, working out scales for bar charts and presenting discrete data. In Science, the children have been investigating the effects of different liquids on teeth.

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Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



What another busy week we have had in Willow's class with some extra tired Year 6's who are still recovering from their residential trip. At Robinwood, our children embraced every challenge, showing great courage. We conquered the giant swing, zip wire and Pirahna pool, just to name a few of the activities. Every child has definitely made a memory to last a life time. During our last forest school session we combined our Science and outdoor learning together to plan and create our own marble run. We were overwhelmed by the creativity and teamwork displayed by the Willow's class resulting in some phenomenal creations. Upon returning to class, we tuned into our Science brain to produce some amazing evaluations based on our investigation, focussing on the different forces.

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Dates for your diary

Harvest Service- Thursday 10th October at 9am Please send any donations into school from Monday.

Next Forest School session - Friday 18th October

School Disco - Thursday 17th October

Kind Regards

Mrs Todd and Mrs Cooper





Mighty Oaks



What a great weekend we all had at Robinwood. The weather was lovely and the children were busy from the moment they arrived. It was so fantastic to see all the children try every activity and overcome so many fears. Thank you also to Mrs Todd, Mrs Cooper, Mr Rush and Mrs Kelly who accompanied us on the trip.

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Swimming

Please can groups 2, 3 and 4 continue to bring a set of shorts and T shirt to the session each Monday until the half term break. As the weather gets wetter and colder, please also ensure that your child has a coat for the walk to and from Marl Pits.

Dates for your diary

Forest School session - Tuesday 15th October School

Disco - Thursday 17th October

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

St. Paul's Worship



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This term we will be focussing in school on the value TRUST. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Trusting** someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"

Anon



FASCINATING FACTS

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)

When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can **trust** the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.

- There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland
- Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moments notice to go out on their lifeboat



READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples:

"Why are you so afraid? Do you not **trust** me?"

© Bible story based on Mark 4:35-41



QUIZ Crack the code

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a board game

1	2	3	4
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Jam is stored in this

5	6	7
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Opposite of dark

8	9	10	11
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Used to carry money

12	13	14	15
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Break the code to discover the message in the story:

16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31
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32	33	34	35	36
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FAMILY FOCUS

Get Knotting

Knot tying is an important skill for every crew member on board a sailing ship. For the various parts of the sails and rigging different knots are used and the crew have to **trust** that the knots are tied properly and will hold.

We all use knots occasionally to hold something securely in place.

See if you can master these knots:

A Clove Hitch knot, to secure a rope to a post.



A Reef knot to join 2 ropes together.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail.

Create a draught (eg by blowing or using a lilo pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water.



HALL OF FAME

Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three lifeboats. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was their only hope! Putting their complete **trust** in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the **trust** he inspired in his men live on in legend.

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

