



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

Friday 6th December 2024

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

Headteacher news

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who participated in the Asda Cashpot for Schools initiative. Your support has truly paid off, and I'm overjoyed to announce that together, we've raised an astounding £943.12! The funds raised will

undoubtedly make a significant impact on enhancing our pupils' educational experiences, and I can't thank you enough for your support.

As we bask in the glow of this success, we're also gearing up for the magical time of year that brings so much joy to our school – Christmas! The air is already buzzing with excitement as we prepare to celebrate this special season together. I'm pleased to inform you that we have a series of delightful Christmas events planned to bring our school community together in the spirit of the holidays.

To ensure you don't miss out on any of the festive fun, I encourage you to mark your calendars with the upcoming Christmas celebration dates. These events are wonderful opportunities for us to come together, celebrate our pupils' talents, and create lasting memories. Whether it's a carol concert, a nativity play, or a festive panto, each event promises to be filled with warmth, laughter, and the true spirit of the season.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Christmas celebrations and sharing in the magic of the season together.


Wishing you all the very best,

Thank you!

Together we have raised

£943.12

Rawtenstall St Paul's
Church of England Primary
School



Ⓞ Completed!

[See results!](#)

Dates for your diary...



Wednesday 11th December ...

- Junior panto day
- Infants Christmas experience
- Infants Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December

- Junior Christmas lunch
- Infant nativity at 1.30pm and 5.30pm. (This is a ticket only event)

Friday 13th December

- Ukulele Concert – 2:40PM - Elms Parents
- TriKidz - Oaks, Willows, Elders

Tuesday 17th December - Alders and Sycamore Class party

Wednesday 18th December - Acorns, Berries and Ashes Class party

Thursday 19th December

- Junior Carol service in church

- Elms and Maples Class party

Friday 20th December

End of term celebration worship

Oak, Elders, Willows Class party

School closes at 1.35pm

PTA

  **PTA News**  

Thank you all for your generous donations last week for our "Wear what you want" day! We are so grateful for all of the support received and the children all looked fantastic!

We are currently selling raffle tickets for our Christmas hamper raffle! If you wish to purchase these, they are priced at £1 each and are available on ParentPay until next Friday, 13th December. The draw will take place in the evening on Monday 16th December and will be live on our Facebook page.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Bonnie Smith

PTA Chair



PTA Christmas Hamper
“Wear what you want day”
Friday 29th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We are once again organising a Christmas hamper raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a contribution towards the hampers and as a thank you for hamper donations the children will be able to “wear what they want” for one day in school on Friday 29th November 2024.

Please make sure your children’s clothing is suitable for the weather on that day.

We would be grateful for donations of Christmas related items on Friday 29th November.

We have listed some suggestions below. Please note that they need to be non-perishable items and to have a sell by date of at least 31 December 2024. We are accepting products containing citrus this year where items are bought and sealed in packaging.

- ❖ Chocolates
- ❖ Biscuits, Crackers, Crisps
- ❖ Christmas pudding, mince pies, Panettone, Lebkuchen
- ❖ Soft drinks

This year we intend to donate a hamper to a deserving family within our school community who may have had a difficult year.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on Parentpay for £1 each and we will allocate numbers. Sales will close on Friday 13th December.

The draw will take place on Monday 16th December around 7pm live on our Facebook page and we will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections before school closes on Friday 20th December.

If you have any questions please ask a member of the PTA, email us or contact us through our Facebook page, details for which can be found below.

Thank you for your support in making these Christmas hampers a great success.

St Paul’s PTA

www.facebook.com/stpaulsrawtenstallpta stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com www.twitter.com/stpaulsptabb4

Celebrating art in our school

[St Paul's C of E School Art Gallery](#)

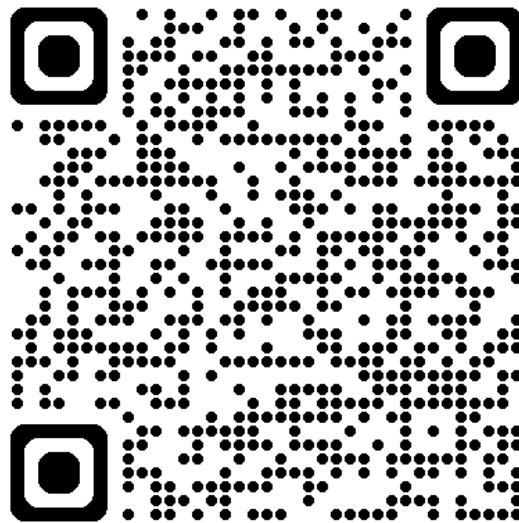
As I walk through the corridors and classrooms of our wonderful school, I'm constantly reminded of the incredible talent and creativity that our pupils possess. It's a joy to witness their artistic expressions adorning our walls, bringing colour and life to every corner of St. Paul's.

One of the many things I truly cherish about my role as Headteacher is the opportunity to see the amazing artwork our pupils create. Each piece tells a unique story, showcasing not only their artistic skills but also their imagination, dedication, and growth. From vibrant paintings to intricate sculptures, every creation is a testament to the hard work and passion of our young artists.

I often find myself pausing in front of these displays, taking a moment to appreciate the thought and effort that goes into each masterpiece. It's not just about the final product, but the journey of learning and self-expression that each artwork represents.

I'm excited to share this experience this joy alongside me. We've created a QR code that will allow you to view a selection of our pupils' artwork from wherever you are. Simply scan the code with your smartphone, and you'll be transported into a virtual gallery of our school's artistic achievements.

I encourage you to take a moment to explore this digital showcase. Share it with your family and friends, and let's celebrate the creativity and hard work of our pupils together. It's an opportunity for you to see our school through my eyes and share in the pride I feel every day.



St Paul's Mental Health Ambassadors

Our Mindfulness Ambassadors are doing a fantastic job at delivering our Lunchtime sessions. Each week they plan a different activity as well as hosting an emotions drop-in session. They take their roles very seriously and deliver it perfectly.



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

myHappyMind is delivered in our school by our 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



Have you started your Christmas shopping? Fundraise for school in a way that does not cost you anything.

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

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 1.35pm 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/>

because **FAMILY MATTERS** *life*

Time out for parent courses



*Believing in you
Believing in Better*

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



Lancashire
Adult Learning



Homemade Christmas

A fantastic FREE online event!

Wednesday 11th December | 6pm - 7:30pm

Connect and Keep Learning with
Lancashire Adult Learning!

Give your time to us and we will give you
and your family an evening of crafting
and festivities as you will learn how to
make edible treats, Christmas crafts &
decorations.

Nothing is nicer than giving a homemade
gift at Christmas.



For more information visit www.lal.ac.uk

Open to anyone aged 19 and over living in Lancashire. The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the start of the event.



This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

A short and sweet update this week: Berries have had a super-duper week again, I am so incredibly proud of how hard our children are working, they really do put 100% into everything that they do and the progress steps they have made are huge. This week, we have been practising our nativity in the afternoons, all the children have a line and are so confident on the stage, we cannot wait for you to watch. We will be recording our performance and inviting parents in to watch, as soon as we have a date, we will let you know.

Reminders and Important Dates

- **Wednesday 11th December-** KS1 Christmas Lunch and Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18th December-** Berries, Acorns and Ashes Christmas party. Please wear your party clothes (suitable for playing outside, this includes suitable footwear) and bring a disposable plate with some party food of your choice, clearly labelled and covered (cling film or foil work best!). No citrus or nuts please due to allergies within our school. We will eat this after the party in the afternoon.
- **School closes - Friday 20th December at 1.35pm.**

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Coleman

[Amazing Acorns](#)



Wow, a busy week down in Acorns! It was fantastic to see so many parents at our stay and play this week, thank you for joining us to celebrate everyone's wonderful work and success this term, I know the children really enjoyed having you in the classroom, some were even counting down.

In English we have been continuing to read our text 'Little Robin Red Vest', we have created painting of the robin, and we have been practising our use of description words to describe him, lots of the children think that he very cute. We have also been practising our writing this week by writing the most important letters of the year, a letter to Father Christmas! We have even asked him some questions! We are well on our way with our phonics and this week we have been learning ll and ss, help up practise at home with lots of oral blending and segmenting.

In maths, we are of course focusing on number 9. The children have blown us away at how quickly they picked up number 9 and are able to say what is one more and one less than a number and adding numbers together to make 9, we have also been ordering all our numbers up to 9! AMAZING!!

The lines have been learnt, and the dance routines are step perfection, the nativity is almost ready, and we cannot wait for you all to come and watch next week! I hope you are as excited as the Acorns. We have been linking our RE lessons to the nativity and been learning all about the story of Christmas, the children have shown a really good understanding.

Reminders and Important Dates

PLEASE BRING IN ANY COSTUMES YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR INTO SCHOOL

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Awesome Ashes



We have had a great week in Ashes class! The children have performed the poem 'The Morning Rush' on the stage. We also planned and written their own verse to their own poem 'The Bedtime Rush'. In Maths, children in Reception have worked on the number 9 and children in Year 1 have been learning about time- reciting the days of the week in order, months of the year

and recording activities in seconds and minutes. In our topic work, we have begun to learn about the Christian story of Jesus' birth.

Infant Nativity - Next week we will have our dress rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday and our performance on Thursday. Please ensure any costumes are brought into school for Monday (you will have been notified with a note in your child's reading diary!). Please bring your child back at 5pm, ready to get changed for the evening performance at 5.30pm, which will last approximately 45 minutes.

Please could I send a friendly request? Please limit the number of keyrings on your child's book bags to 1 only. The bookbags are struggling to fit into the children's trays! Many thanks for your cooperation 😊

Dates for your diary

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Super Sycamores



We have had another busy week in Sycamores. We have been practicing our songs and words for the Christmas Nativity and I'm sure you will enjoy the performance next week - please see below for more information.

In History we have been learning about how Learie Constantine was awarded Trinity Cross and how he was one of the greatest cricketers of the time. We have learnt how his grandparents were enslaved and how he came to move to Nelson.

In PE with coach Dan, we continue to learn about invasion games and learn the rules of new games. It is great to see the children supporting each other, even when they have not won the game.

Infant Nativity

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Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 11th December- KS1 Christmas Lunch and Pantomime in school
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- Tuesday 17th December - Alders and Sycamores Christmas Party. Please wear your party clothes (suitable for playing outside, this includes suitable footwear) and bring a disposable plate with some party food of your choice, clearly labelled and covered (cling film or foil work best!). No citrus, sesame or nuts please due to allergies within our school. We will eat this after the party in the afternoon.
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Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs De Boutemard

[Outstanding Alders](#)



The weeks keep flying bye and as always this has been a busy one.

Curriculum news

In Maths this week we have been learning about fractions. We have been splitting shapes into halves and quarters. We have also been sharing/dividing amounts equally. Our double facts have definitely come in handy.

In English we have been playing our own version of 'The Way Home for Wolf'. The children have been able to use everything they have learnt about African animals and are writing their story about a cub, foal or calf.

In Art we have continued our work on Pete Cromer. We created parts of a bird using watercolours, we then cut them out and collaged our bird. They all looked brilliant. We invited Mrs Alvarez to our art gallery as she had done the first lesson last week. She was so impressed.

Infant Nativity

Next week we will have our dress rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday and our performance on Thursday. Please bring your child back at 5pm on Thursday, ready to get changed for the evening performance at 5.30pm, which will last approximately 45 minutes. If your child is a speaker then they need to bring their smart clothes for Monday.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 10th December - Forest School
- Wednesday 11th December- KS1 Christmas Lunch and Pantomime in school
- Thursday 12th December- Nativity performance 1.30pm and 5.30pm
- Tuesday 17th December - Alders and Sycamores Christmas Party. Please wear your party clothes (suitable for playing outside, this includes suitable footwear) and bring a disposable plate with some party food of your choice, clearly labelled and covered (cling film or foil work best!). No citrus, sesame or nuts please due to allergies within our school. We will eat this after the party in the afternoon.
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Kind Regards

Miss P Cavaney





Enchanted Elms



This week in English we have been finding definitions to words we don't come across daily and some unusual words that are in the Owl and the Pussycat Poem by Lear Edward. The children have created their own story map of the poem. The children have then performed a verse of the poem to their partner.

In Geography we have been looking at our local playgrounds and the children have looked at aerial view maps and maps to see the difference and why we use certain maps for planning a route.

We have also looked at games the Victorians would have played on the school playground and what equipment they would have had. We compared this equipment to our era and discussed why it's safer now than in the Victorian era.

Junior Panto visit

On Wednesday 11th December 2024 the Juniors will be visiting King George's Hall to watch Cinderella. We will be aiming to leave school just after morning registration and will be returning just after lunch. Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch (no citrus, nuts, sesame seeds or fizzy drinks) on that day so this can be eaten on their return to school. Children should be dressed in full school uniform with a coat.

Ukulele concert

Elms children will be holding a ukulele concert for Elms parents on **Friday 13th December 2024 at 2:40pm** to showcase their amazing skills they have learnt over the Autumn term.

Christmas party

We are asking that all children bring a plate/Tupperware of party food for their own consumption on **Thursday 19th December**. NO NUTS OR CITRUS AND NO FIZZY OR ENERGY DRINKS

PE

P.E is on Tuesdays we have the coach and then its outdoor slot for **1 week**.

Forest School

- Monday 9th December 2024

Dates for your diary

- Junior trip to the Panto - Wednesday 11th December (a packed lunch will be required on this day)
- Junior Christmas Lunch - Thursday 12th December (please order through ParentPay before Friday 22nd November)
- Ukulele Concert – Friday 13th December 2024 – 2:40PM - Elms Parents
- Junior Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 19th December 2024 in St Paul's Church at 9.30am
- Lower Key Stage Unit (Elms and Maples) Christmas party - Thursday 19th December 2024
- School closes - Friday 20th December at 1.35pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Maples have had a great week. The children have been writing their story based on 'Family-Ness'. The children have really persevered and produced some fabulous pieces of writing. The children have included direct speech and within that, dialogue. Some of the children have also been writing stories at home, which is lovely to hear.

The year 3 Maples have been learning about time this week, in maths. They have been practising telling the time to the nearest minute. It can be quite tricky for some children, so if you get the chance, please practise this at home. The year 4 Maples have been developing their division skills. They have used chunking to divide larger numbers and have really begun to master this.

In History, we have been looking at how evidence can be used to learn about the past and have used these skills to try and work out who an item belonged to. The children used all their knowledge they have learnt about Ancient Egypt and did an excellent job at identifying who it could have belonged to.

Junior Panto visit

Next Wednesday sees the Juniors visiting King George's Hall to watch Cinderella. We will be aiming to leave school just after morning registration and will be returning just after lunch. Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch (no citrus, nuts, sesame seeds or fizzy drinks) on that day so this can be eaten on their return to school. Children should be dressed in full school uniform with a coat.

Junior Christmas Carol service

You are warmly invited to attend the Junior Christmas carol service on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am in St Paul's Church. If you are attending, please can we kindly ask that the front pews are kept clear for the children to sit in.

Forest School

There will be **no forest school** on the last week as this is the same time as our class party.

Christmas party

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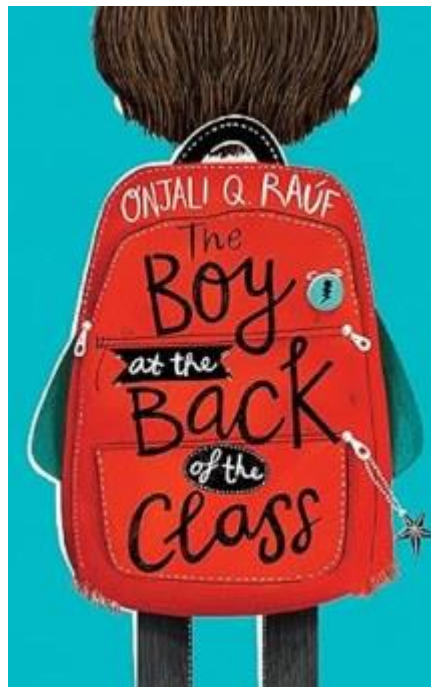
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Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



Curriculum news

In English this week, we have started reading our new novel "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Rauf. The children have made predictions about the text using clues from the front cover and blurb and discussed what we've discovered about the characters so far. The children

have written a diary entry from Ahmet's point of view about his first day in a new school, in a new country.

In Maths, we have been focusing on telling the time to the nearest minute. Many of the children have found this quite tricky but everyone has persevered brilliantly. It would be fantastic if you could continue practicing telling the time at home. We have been learning about Sikhism in RE and their belief in equality. The children learnt about their place of worship, the Gurdwara, and how Sikhs support their local communities.

TriKidz

On Friday 13th December, TriKidz will be visiting our school and working with Oaks class. This is a free event to introduce children to the disciplines of a triathlon. Children will be taking part in different activities which replicate running, swimming and cycling. As the session will be outdoors, please can all PE kits be in school on that day. The children must bring trainers to wear to take part.

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- Upper Unit (Elders, Willows, Oaks) Christmas party - Friday 20th December (more details to follow)
- School closes - Friday 20th December at 1.35pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nolan

Wonderful Willows



Curriculum News

In English, we have continued to study '*A Christmas Carol*' this week, we have been introduced to the key characters in the first two staves, including the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghostly visitors who bring him a chance for redemption. We've explored how Scrooge's transformation begins with his encounters with the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. We've been focusing on enhancing our writing skills by using simile starters, and we have been expanding our vocabulary with *Dickensian* terms, using words and phrases that evoke the atmosphere of Victorian England.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



We have had another busy week in Oaks class this week with all the different activities that the children have been working through. In maths, we have been looking at finding percentages of amounts and have also started to look at algebra and sequences of numbers.

After finishing our war poetry last week, in English the children have started their new topic of biographies. The focus of our learning will be Anne Frank and the children will be finding out lots of information about her and her life, in preparation for writing their own biography.

The children have continued to work hard in swimming, with many achieving their life saving awards this week. Well done Oaks! Please ensure that shorts and t-shirts are brought to the lesson next week. Thank you.

Junior Panto visit

Next Wednesday sees the Juniors visiting King George's Hall to watch Cinderella. We will be aiming to leave school just after morning registration and will be returning just after lunch. Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch (no citrus, nuts, sesame seeds or fizzy drinks) on that day so this can be eaten on their return to school. Children should be dressed in full school uniform with a coat.

TriKidz

On Friday 13th December, TriKidz will be visiting our school and working with Oaks class. This is a free event to introduce children to the disciplines of a triathlon. Children will be taking part in different activities which replicate running, swimming and cycling. As the session will be outdoors, please can all PE kits be in school on that day.

Junior Christmas Carol service

You are warmly invited to attend the Junior Christmas carol service on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am in St Paul's Church. If you are attending, please can we kindly ask that the front pews are kept clear for the children to sit in.

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Mrs Lee

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.

St. Paul's Church Worship



Christmas
MAKE & TAKE

Crafts | Story | Refreshments
for
Preschool - Junior Age Children

Saturday 30th
November
From 2pm to 4pm

St Mary's Church
Rawtenstall
BB4 8SQ

FREE | NO NEED TO BOOK!



Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

