



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

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

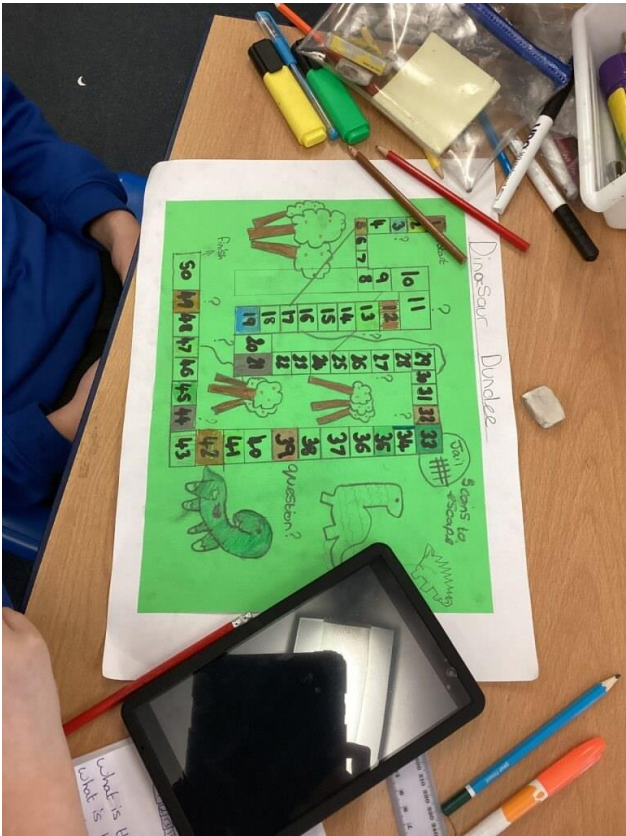
Headteacher news

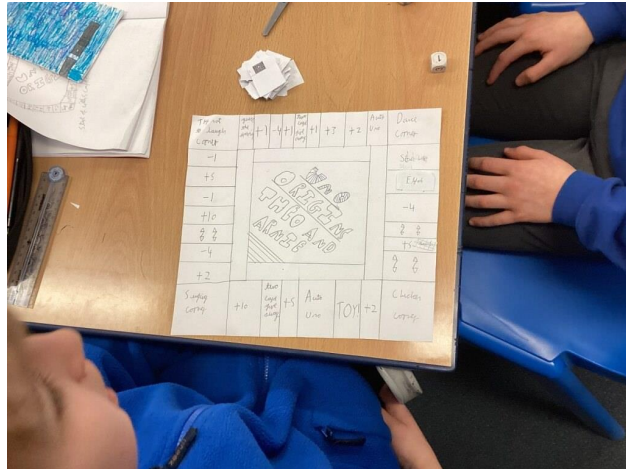
What an exciting week we have had! Each class has been busy with their learning and we ended the week celebrating 'Number Day' where lots of mathematical activities and challenges took place across school. A special thanks to Mrs Lee for organising this day.

Next week will be our final week of Spring 1 and we could not be prouder of all our children for how hard they have worked and how much progress they have made. It is truly a pleasure seeing their little minds learning and a privilege to witness those lightbulb moments.

Please take time to read through the newsletter to discover what has been taking place over the past week and also to see what next week brings- including our PTA disco!

Have a lovely weekend.








Random Acts of Kindness

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS BINGO

KS1 February Challenge

 <p>SHARE TOYS WITH A FRIEND OR SIBLING</p>	 <p>DRAW A PICTURE FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL</p>	 <p>SAY 'PLEASE' AND 'THANK YOU' WITHOUT REMINDERS</p>
 <p>SMILE AT PEOPLE YOU SEE</p>	 <p>HELP A FRIEND</p>	 <p>WATER PLANTS/FEED THE BIRDS</p>
 <p>HELP WITH TIDYING UP</p>	 <p>GIVE A COMPLIMENT TO A FRIEND</p>	 <p>OFFER YOUR HELP TO YOUR TEACHER</p>



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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS BINGO

KS2 February Challenge



How will you demonstrate random acts of kindness?



The sight of those glorious sunsets brought an enormous smile to my face. They whispered promises of spring just around the corner, of longer days, and of the cheerful blooms of snowdrops and daffodils that will soon grace our school grounds. It's these little glimpses of beauty that can make all the difference in our day-to-day lives.

Inspired by Mrs Arthur's keen eye, I'd like to propose a challenge to our entire school family. Let's chase away the winter blues and embrace the changing seasons with our very own photography competition! The theme? 'Our beautiful world around us'. This is an opportunity for all of us - pupils, parents, family members, and staff alike - to get outside, explore our wonderful landscape, and capture those magical springtime moments.

We're putting a fun twist on this competition: it's children versus adults! So, whether you're 7 or 70, grab your camera or phone and start snapping. We want to see the world through your eyes - perhaps it's a budding flower, a scenic view, or a moment of everyday beauty that catches your attention.

To enter, simply email your photograph to school@constablelee@lancs.sch.uk. Don't forget to include the name and age of the photographer, along with a brief note about what inspired your shot. We can't wait to see the world through your lenses and celebrate the beauty that surrounds us every day.

Let's make the most of these lengthening days and the promise of spring.

Who knows? Your photograph might just be the one to brighten someone else's day and remind us all of the wonders waiting just outside our doors.

Happy photographing, everyone!

Dates for your diary...



- PTA disco - Thursday 13th February
- Mid Term Closure Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)
- Re-open Monday 24th February 2025
- Wednesday 26th February - Wear blue day - raising awareness for the Refugee Crisis Foundation
- Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025

Student Voice

Our student voice leaders are excited to share an important upcoming event with you.

On Wednesday 26th February, our student voice team will be raising awareness for the Refugee Crisis Foundation, our chosen school charity this year. We're inviting everyone to wear blue for the day and, if possible, make a small donation via ParentPay to support this worthy cause.

In addition to wearing blue, we'll be creating blue-themed artwork for a special display. This will serve as a reminder of the challenges refugees face and show our care and support for them.

Let's come together as a school family to make a difference and show our solidarity with refugees around the world.

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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



Earlier this week, I sent out 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](#)

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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Primary Care Network

FREE HEALTH EVENT
FOR FAMILIES
BRUNCH INCLUDED

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CHILD'S HEALTH?

WANT TO START 2025 IN
A POSITIVE WAY?

LOOKING FOR SOME ADVICE
FROM EXPERTS?

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EVENT

DATE

18.01.2025



EVENT TIME 9-12

HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK
BURY ROAD
HASLINGDEN

- WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF BABIES, TODDLERS, OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS
- TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED MENTAL HEALTH, IMMUNISATIONS, FOOD & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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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.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 12.45pm - 2.45pm

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 6.30pm - 8.30pm & online
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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

Easyfunding



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This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

Berries have had a fabulous week, as always blowing our socks off. In maths, we have been using the part part whole model to partition numbers up to 100. The children have become masters, and all have the answer before I even get change to talk through it. Super work.

In English we have been writing captions for different parts of our story, 'Owl Babies'. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas and I am so proud of the work they were completing independently, they have made so much progress since September and some children are now even reading back their work to check that it makes sense, we are so proud. In Phonics, we have been looking at digraphs, oo (look) and oo (zoo), it confused us at first, but

they soon picked it up and were practising which sounds goes into each word, again making us very proud.

Of course, we have been continuing with all our own targets throughout the day and the children are making lots of progress towards these and this then supports the whole class work we are completing.

In topic, we have been creating artwork to match the seasons, we have used a range of printing skills to create different textures with our work. Their artwork looks fantastic.

On Monday we have PE and Wednesday our last Forest School session for the half term, please make sure they have a warm forest school kit in school.

Dates for your diary

School disco - Thursday 13th February

School breaks up for half term - Friday 14th February

Spring 2 term begins - Monday 24th February

Wear Blue for Refugees Day - Wednesday 26th February

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

[Amazing Acorns](#)



Another amazing week in Acorns, you have all been working so hard.

This week, we have been trying really hard in phonics. We have been learning the digraphs qu, ch and sh as well as tricky words: was and my. Ask your child if they can remember how we make these. In English, we have been continuing with the story: Owl Babies. We made our own chocolate owl nest and then wrote instructions how to do this. We are now starting to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

In maths we have been looking at how we partition different numbers using the part part whole models to help us. Ask your child how many different ways they can make the number 5. They have blown me away with how they have been continuing this independently in provision. I even spotted some children writing their own number sentences. Well done Acorns!

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[Awesome Ashes](#)



Well done Ashes! A productive week in lots of ways. The children have been showing me the value of 'respect' this week, as we have been practicing and learning about this all half term. Lots of children are trying hard with their manners, their kindness and care for our classroom and each other.

In English we have been writing information about animals that live in Africa (this links with our work on Handa's Surprise). Children in Year 1 have been extending this by learning about Non Chronological Reports. We all hope to write some reports/sentences about the Great Fire of London next week!

In Maths, the children in Reception have been using their knowledge of their numbers to 10, and learning about the different ways to make 10- $6+4$, $5+5$. Ask your child- can they make 10 in different ways? In Year 1, we have been counting in groups of 5, 10 and 2 and using this knowledge within our counting of coins. Can your child count groups of 2p, 5p or 10p coins? Next week we are working on doubles and simple multiplication.

In topic, we have been learning about how Christian's view God as a father. We read the story of 'The Prodigal Son' and thought about how God is seen by Christians as loving and forgiving.

We enjoyed Forest School today where the children went on a number hunt around the forest to link with our Number Day.

A reminder that our PE days this half term are **WEDNESDAY** (outdoor) and (indoor). Our next Forest School session is **Tuesday 28th February**.

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Class reminders

- Reading diaries/books - Each day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor/Outdoor PE - Wednesday- Please bring your child's PE kit to school each Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

Super Sycamores



We have had a wonderful week in Sycamores. In Forest school, we have been learning teamwork games and practicing working together. Some kits have been sent home if they got wet and muddy.

On Friday it was Number Day where we focused on continuing to use our teamwork skills to play number games using dice. We had great fun and didn't even realise we were learning Maths!

In English we have been working on our sentences and have begun to use different sentence openers to make our writing more exciting.

Class reminders -

- Spellings - every Friday (the children are not tested on the spellings. They link to the spellings we have been learning and practising in class).
- Reading - please read with your child each day and bring their book into school each day too.
- Forest school - Tuesday 4th February - please return kits as they were sent home after the last session

- PE - every Thursday - please send your child's kit on the day.

Dates for your diary

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Next Forest Session- Tuesday 25th February

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs De Boutemard

[Outstanding Alders](#)



Alders

We have had a great day today celebrating number day, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring lots of different maths games and practically applying their number skills.

Curriculum News

In English, we have been writing our own information page all about rabbits. The children have used this as an opportunity to show off how fantastic their writing is and they have been using non-fiction features such as titles and bullet points.

Because of this, when we went to Forest School this week, we got Derek out so we could tell him everything we had learnt and check that he had everything he needed to survive.

In Maths we are back to addition and subtraction, but now we have to add more than 10 and take away more than ten, such as $52-16=$. This has been quite tricky but the children have worked so hard and been very resilient.

Practise some adding at

home: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=PostSortingcalculationsv2>

Dates for your diary

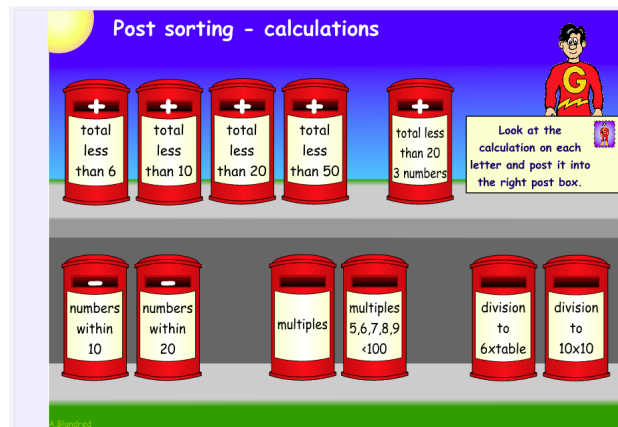
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Class reminders

- PE - Tuesday

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Cavaney.

[Enchanted Elms](#)



I am so proud of all the children this week. I know it was a wobbly week last week, but they have shown great perseverance. This week we have finished our guided reading book *The Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. The children have absolutely loved this book. It has taught us so much about the stone age. The children have written a book review for this just like you would in a bookstore or a library. In English the children have written a character description of Stig using noun phrases and we have been collecting a variety of language to help us write a setting description of the pit. In maths we have been looking at fractions of a number. E.g. $\frac{3}{5}$ of 40. They have really grasped this concept and I'm so proud of them. In History the children have been learning about artefacts that have been left at Skara Brae and what that has taught us about who lived there. We have also looked at the Stonehenge and why it's so important to British history and wrote a fact file about it.

PE Kits.

There have been a significant number of children who are not bringing the correct kit each week for PE. It is important that your child has the right kit in school on these days so they are able to participate fully in the lessons. A reminder that our PE days this half term are **Tuesday** (outdoor) and **Wednesday** (indoor). Forest School Dates for after half term. Our

next Forest School session is **Monday 24th February 2025, Monday 10th March 2025 and Monday 24th March 2025**

Class reminders

- Reading diaries – Every day
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Tuesday
- Indoor PE - Wednesday

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



Class reminders

- Outdoor PE- Tuesday (weather permitting)
- Indoor PE- Friday
- Forest school- Every other Thursday PM

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



It's been another busy and productive week in Elders class. In Maths, the Year fives have been using different methods for division and finding equivalent fractions. The Year fours have been mastering multiplication. In English, the children have been reading and performing poems by Benjamin Zephaniah and Brian Bilston about refugees. The children made lots of interesting observations about the poems. At forest school this week, the children had a fabulous but muddy time. The children had lots of imaginative play: creating dens, painting in mud, using the mud slide and climbing trees. In Science, the children have carried out four experiments to explore how sound travels through water, solids and air.

In topic, the children have been creating Anglo Saxon inspired crosses ready to construct from cardboard next week. They have also been learning in our History lessons: who the Anglo Saxons were, where they came from and the reasons they left their homes.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

Dates for your diary

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Spring 2 term begins - Monday 24th February

Wear Blue for Refugees Day - Wednesday 26th February

Junior Easter Service- Thursday 3rd April at 10:30am

Class Reminders:

- Reading diaries – please check and sign each day.
- New weekly spellings – given every Friday.
- PE (Outdoor Monday) (Indoor Friday) Please ensure kits, including suitable footwear is brought in.
- Forest School session – Wednesday, 5th February. Please bring kits for this day.
- TT rockstars homework Times tables homework set weekly.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Nolan







Wonderful Willows



We have had a fantastic week in Willows!

All the children have been working super hard this week on long multiplication which can be very tricky! We have been multiplying 3 digit by 2 digit numbers and then we moved onto multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. The children have really persevered with it and are showing much more confidence now.

In English we have been writing diaries in role as Jim, the main character in our novel Streetchild. The children had to include lots and lots of first - person recount features and we are honestly so proud of them. They have come on so much in their writing since September. The quality of some of their writing really does blow our minds at times for 9, 10 and 11 year olds!

We have also been very proud of the children at Swimming this week! Lots of them will be bringing home a certificate this week! Please remember, next week is lifesaving and all children need a light - weight shorts and t -shirt in addition to their costumes and trunks.

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Class reminders

- Reading diaries – at least three reads a week Checked each Friday
- New weekly spellings given - Each Wednesday
- Indoor PE - Wednesday - Please ensure kits are in school.
- Swimming - Monday - Please ensure all girls and pupils with longer hair have swimming hats.
- Forest School session - Friday 14th February (please ensure that your child has warm clothes and wellies)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)



As we edge closer and closer to the half term break, Oaks continue to work hard in all areas of the curriculum. Proud has been our thought this week in PSHCE - what can we be proud of in our everyday lives? This is a value that is recognised and seen in so many of our children with each and everyone of the class having completed something they are proud of this week.

Collating facts for writing can be a huge task but in English this week, the children have been using their creative minds to gather their ideas for writing about the Yellow-Spotted Lizard. Our

outcome is to produce a non-chronological report and the children are well underway in putting this together using many of the features of this text type. Their use of formal language and specific vocab has been fantastic to see and the children should be proud of the writing they are producing. In maths, we have been using negative numbers to identify difference and how these can be used in linear number sequences. Next week, our new topic is using co-ordinates to translate and reflect.

Forest School and PE kits

There have been a significant number of children who are not bringing the correct kit each week for PE and Forest School sessions. It is important that your child has the right kit in school on these days so they are able to participate fully in the lessons.

A reminder that our PE days this half term are **Monday** (outdoor) and **Thursday** (indoor). Our next Forest School session is **Tuesday 11th February**.

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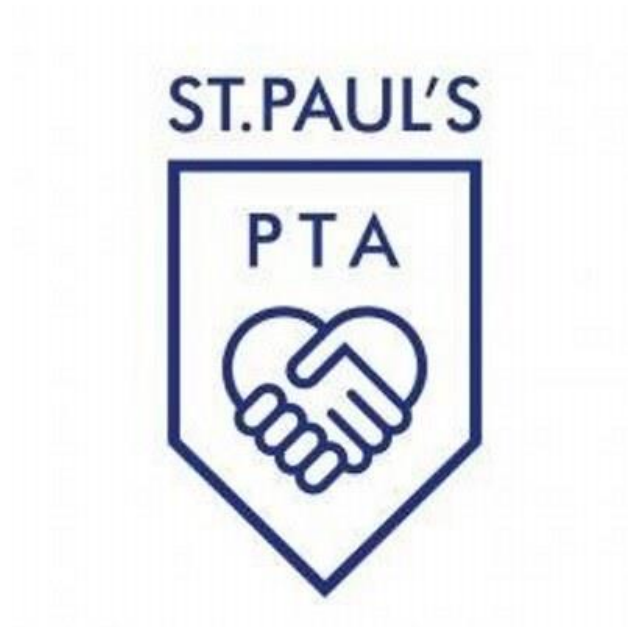
Class reminders

- Reading diaries - Each Friday
- New weekly spellings given - Each Friday
- Indoor PE - Thursday Please ensure kits are in school
- Outdoor PE (weather permitting) - Monday

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



Save the date!

Our next event is the February Disco which will be on Thursday 13th February! More details to follow..

Have a lovely weekend,

Bonnie

PTA Chair

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.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

