



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 7th June 2024

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

Headteacher news

We were very proud of Harry and Jonah who represented Rossendale in the East Lancashire Cross Country race. They both raced brilliantly on a hot evening with Harry receiving a team medal with Rossendale finishing in second place. Well done boys.





YMHC

We had a lovely meeting with Mrs Howarth and her Young Mental Health Ambassador's from St Anne's Edgeside. It was filled with biscuits, chatter and cloud dough! We are working together to help to promote our Young Mental Health Ambassadors and form a partnership to guide them with their programme. We are so lucky to have a fantastic team of ambassadors at our school who are inspiring, nurturing and brilliant role models. They have set a high standard of mindfulness workshops in our school and a legacy for the next set to continue.



Slip, slop slap



As we are starting to come into warmer sunnier weather you may start to think about additional items for your child.

- Please label any sunhats you send in with your child's name on.
- Please avoid bringing sun glasses as these can cause an immense amount of distraction and distress when they are broken or lost.
- Please try to apply suncream before you bring your child to school, if you wish to send additional suncream with your child this can remain in their tray.

We cannot apply this for them but if we see fit that children need to reapply those that have suncream in class we can talk them through how to reapply this themselves.

- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle each day to stay hydrated.
- Please label your bottles of suncream and ask your child to put it in their tray for ease of access.

Dates for your diary...



- Friday 17th May - PTA Ice Lolly Fridays after school on the Infant playground
- Week 10th June - Phonics screening week
 - Science week
 - Multiplication test week
- Thursday 13th June - Synagogue trip
- Wednesday 19th June - Upper KS2 Sports day
- Tuesday 25th June - Lower KS2 Sports day

- Thursday 27th June - KS1 sports day
- Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June - Year 6 Transition Day at High school
- Week 1st July - Enterprise week
- Week 8th July - Music week through the decades
- Monday 15th July - end of year reports
- Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 end of year production
- Wednesday 17th July - Parents evening in the hall
- Thursday 18th June PTA end of year disco
- Friday 19th July - School finishes for the summer at 1.35pm

PTA



🍭🍭 Ice Lolly Fridays 🍭🍭 -

Ice lolly Fridays are back! We will be in the hall every Friday after school until the end of the summer term. Come and get your end of week treat.

We are also starting to plan our end of year Celebration Disco. This will be held on Thursday 18th July 6pm - 8pm, more details to follow.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Co-Chair

School dinners

We would like to give you advance notice that from September 2024 the cost of a school meals is rising from £2.50 to £2.70 per meal. £13.50 per week.

Children moving from year 2 into year 3 will no longer receive the Universal free school meals and will need to pay for school lunches from September should you wish for school to continue to provide lunch.

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.

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

This week, we have started our new book: Dogger. We came into our classroom and found that some of our teddies are missing, we saw some foot prints on the carpet that looked very suspicious. We made a missing poster and handed it round school, so keep your eyes peeled. This week, we have been continuing to learn about maps. We made a journey stick for the route to forest school and added directions and symbols.

Through the decades concert - As the email via parent pay shows we are putting on a through the decades concert towards the end of term. We have chosen the 00s. Berries are performing the song We're all in This Together from high school musical, along with ashes class. Please bring a red or white top for the performance.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

Amazing Acorns



Its the first week done. The children are all looking so grown up and will soon be year 1's.

Poor Mrs Charlesworth had to deal with a dinosaur pooing in the Acorns classroom over the holidays. We had a visit from the dinosaur in the 'Dinosaur that poed...' series. The children have written about what happened and been exploring the characters from the story.

In Maths we have been exploring 2d shapes and models. We have been naming them and learning about their properties. Next week we will be exploring 3d shapes. If you want to explore some more, here are some great games.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

[Shape Monsters - 2D Shapes Matching Game](#) An interactive, maths 2D shapes game for young children who are learning the names of basic shapes. Children identify shapes by comparison and the Shape Monsters tell them the names of the shapes.www.topmarks.co.uk

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/shiftingShapes/index.html>

We have also had the sports coach this week, just a little reminder that PE is on a Tuesday now. The children were fantastic and had some great dance moves.

Next Friday is our **school trip** to Brockholes Nature Reserve. Please can I ask that children arrive at school for 8.45 so we can get on the coach as quickly as possible.

Miss Cavaney.

Awesome Ashes



Welcome back Ashes and what a busy term we have! This week we started to look at a new story called Dogger. We explored our inferring skills by asking questions about the front cover. In RE we have started to look at Hinduism and how they pray to different God's and Goddesses' for different reasons. In PE we started to look at our athletic skills which we will need for our upcoming sports day.

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PE - If you have not already done so please can you return your PE kit on Monday for our two PE sessions.

Forest school - Forest school starts back this week if you have not done so already please return your child's forest school kits. Forest school dates:

- Wednesday 12th June,
- Wednesday 26th June,

- Wednesday 10th July.

Super Sycamores



Welcome back Sycamores! I can't believe it's the last half term. What a busy and exciting term we have! This week we started to look at a new story about Winnie the Witch at the seaside. We have been sorting nouns, verbs and adjectives within the beach. In PE we started to look at our athletic skills which we will need for our upcoming sports day. Maths has been concentrating on o'clock and half past times.

Through the decades concert - As you will already be aware, we are putting on a through the decades concert towards the end of term. Please can you start to gather glittery and bright clothes (Abba style) that maybe suitable for the performance. Please do not buy anything special. Funky glasses will be fine! We'll be practicing 'I'm still standing' by Elton John for our song.



PE - Indoor Monday. Outdoor Wednesday.

Road Safety- For Y1 will commence on 17th June

Mosque visit for our Y2 children will be on Monday 24th June

Forest School days will be:

- Friday 14th June,
- Friday 28th June
- Friday 12th July.

Outstanding Alders



We have had a super first week back. In English we have started our animal adventure stories based on Peter Rabbit. We have enjoyed reading Peter Rabbit stories and watching some on the video clips. In maths we have been ordering time and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In RE we finished our topic on Islam and are looking forward to visiting the Mosque on Monday 24th June.

Through the decades



As you will already be aware, we are putting on a through the decades concert towards the end of term. Please can you start to gather glittery and bright clothes (Abba style) that maybe suitable for the performance. Please can you start to gather colourful baggy 70's style clothes.

Reminder - if you haven't signed the consent form on ParentPay for the Mosque and Weavers' cottage visit on Monday 24th June, please could this be done as a matter of priority.

Our Year 2 visit to the Mosque and Weavers Cottage will take place on Monday 24th June. Please complete the consent form on Parent Pay if you have not already done so.

PE days :

- Thursdays (outdoor)
- Fridays (indoor)

Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE uniform which consists of a plain white T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only.

Forest school after half term:

- Monday 17th June
- Monday 1st July

[Enchanted Elms](#)





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This week we have performed poems off by heart. Learnt a poem called Magic Box by Kit Wright. The children have wrote two new verses for the poem. In maths we have been adding and subtracting using a variety of methods we have learnt this year. We have started to learn about Anna Atkins - The children have drawn three shells, using different types of pencils and shading (they have really persevered with this).

PE days : Monday (outdoor)Thursday (indoor) Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE uniform which consists of a **plain white T-Shirt** and **plain navy blue shorts**. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only

Forest school after half term:

- Tuesday 18th June 2024
- Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Miss Cowgill

Marvellous Maples



Welcome back to the second summer half term. We have had a lovely first week back in Maples.

In English we have started our topic of playscripts and in Maths we have been preparing for the Year 4 times table test, next week.

Maples are learning the Ukulele over the summer term and are excited to show you our music skills with a small concert on Friday 5th July at 2.30pm.

Please make sure that Year 4 permission slips have been signed on Parent Pay for the trip to the Synagogue on Thursday 13th June.

Please note PE is now Tuesday and Wednesday Next Forest session Thursday 20th June

- **Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE uniform which consists of a plain white T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts. A school hoody can be worn for PE lessons only.**
- **Multiplication Tables Check** - The National Multiplication Check for Year 4's will take place in school between the 21/05/2024 – 14/06/2024. Please can your child continue to practice the sound check on Timetables Rockstars website, which is a very similar format of 25 randomised times table questions. Further information about the test can be found at

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents)

We have also chosen our songs for the Music Through the Decades week and are very excitedly learning the words and moves. As mentioned in the email, Maples are covering the 00s and the pictures are ideas for dressing up as popstars on concert day (white and glittery please)



Dazzling Elders



We have had a busy first week back. We have chosen our songs and bands for the 'Through the Decades' concert and we have been singing along and learning the words. The children have been learning about Sparta and Athens in history and we started a debate about which place is better to live. The children did a fantastic job at debating and using evidence to support their ideas. In English, we have begun our topic on film and playscripts and the children have used drama to familiarise themselves with the features. We

have some great actors in Elders class! Next week is the Year 4 Synagogue trip- please ensure permission is given via parent pay so your child can attend and full school uniform is worn.

Lots have children are coming to school wearing lovely, trending trainers, however, please could these be kept at home and school shoes be worn to school as this is part of our school policy.

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PE - Our day has changed. It will now be on Wednesdays. Please can you ensure your child has a kit with them each Wednesday. This should include black/blue shorts (non branded) and a PLAIN white t-shirt. These are available to buy at the supermarkets usually costing only a few pounds (much less than the price of a football shirt).

The children will also have a cricket coach (EVERY Wednesday) in for the first hour in the afternoon so will need both kits on forest days. Swimming sessions will continue until the end of the academic year. (Cotton shorts and t-shirts are needed every session, as well as their swimming costume/trunks)

Next Forest school sessions: Wednesday 19th June Wednesday 3rd July

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yates & Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



We have had a lovely first week back in Willows this week.

We have begun our new class novel 'Kaspar, Prince of Cats' and the children are loving learning all about the Titanic.

In Maths we have been converting measures using graphs - it has been a little tricky but the children have grown in confidence over the week.

In History, we have begun our last topic of the year and have been investigating who the Maya were and where they lived.

We were really lucky to be able to work with a professional cricket coach this week and the children loved it. They engaged brilliantly and demonstrated some excellent skills!

The Upper Junior Sports Day is almost upon us and this will take place on Wednesday 19th June at 1.30pm. Parents and carers are invited to spectate at this event so please keep your fingers crossed for good weather on the day.

Year 6 children - if you haven't signed the consent form on ParentPay for the Cathedral visit on Thursday 20th June, please could this be done as a matter of priority.

Kind Regards Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

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On Thursday 20th June, all Year 6 will be visiting Manchester Cathedral for the Diocese Leavers Service. This is a lovely event and it gives the children an opportunity to reflect on their time in primary school but also embrace the new upcoming changes.

[Mighty Oaks](#)



Welcome back to the final term of the year. I can't quite believe how we are nearly at the end of the academic year!! This week has been exciting in class as the parts for our Year 6 production have been given out. We are already looking forward to performing Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies to you all so please save the date - Tuesday 16th July. The children will be putting on two performances, one in the afternoon at 1.30pm and an evening performance at 6pm. Information about tickets will be sent out very soon. On Wednesday, we managed to dodge the weather in our first cricket session with a professional cricket coach. The children were fantastic in working as a team and demonstrating their great catching skills.

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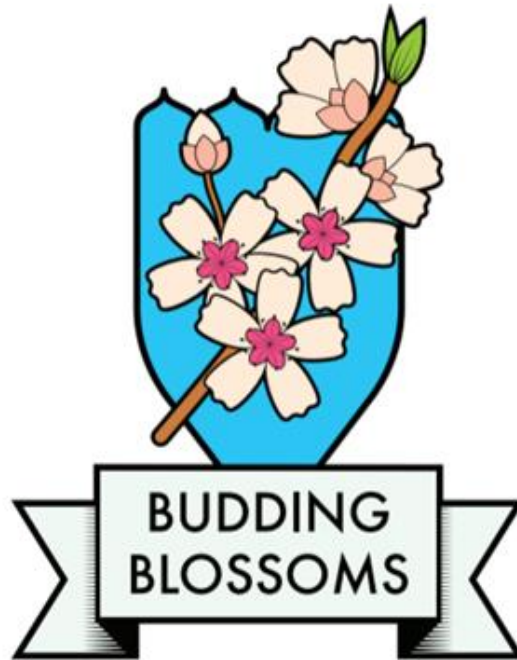
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Next Forest School session - Thursday 13th June

On Thursday 20th June, all Year 6 will be visiting Manchester Cathedral for the Diocese Leavers Service. This is a lovely event and it gives the children an opportunity to reflect on their time in primary school but also embrace the new upcoming changes. Parents should have received a letter via email about this trip.

Mrs Lee

Budding Blossoms



I can not believe we are in our last half term of the academic year, it has gone by so fast!

In English, we have been working on developing our independent writing skills and the children are working so hard to use all the skills they know to develop their writing. They have used different pictures to develop their skills and have really enjoyed coming up with their own sentences and stories.

In maths, we have been multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, I was a bit unsure that the children would be able to do this. But they have blown me away with their perseverance and we have nearly mastered it, I am very proud of the all the children this week.

Well Done Blossoms', keep up the amazing work!

Let's celebrate - Weekly awards



St. Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the week</u>	<u>Topic award learner of the week</u>	<u>Value winner</u>
Amazing Acorns		Bobby Kobe Esme	
Awesome Ashes	Logan	Ollie W	Heidi
Super Sycamores	Eden	Joseph	Declan
Outstanding Alders	Rabiul	Jenna	Jonny
Enchanted Elms	Lucy	Orla	Marley
Marvellous Maples	Alfies	Freya	Isabella
Dazzling Elders	Harry	Erin	Archie T
Wonderful Willows	Joseph	Ben H	George
Mighty Oaks	Oliver	Freya	Sienna
Budding Blossoms		Dean	



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Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill.

We are unable to authorise any absences that are not illness related unless in exceptional circumstances. There is a leave of absence form available from the school office however, we would ask that all holidays are taken within the holiday periods and not in term time, to avoid a fine from Lancashire County Council.

A holiday list for this academic year is on our school website. [School-Holidays-23-24.pdf](#)
(stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk)

To enable us to safeguard our children, may we request that if your child is absent from school you, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 09:00am to inform us. If we have not received a call, a member of our office staff will call you to ensure that your child is at home and is safe.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the **Department for Education** has recently 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.
- Any 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).
- 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

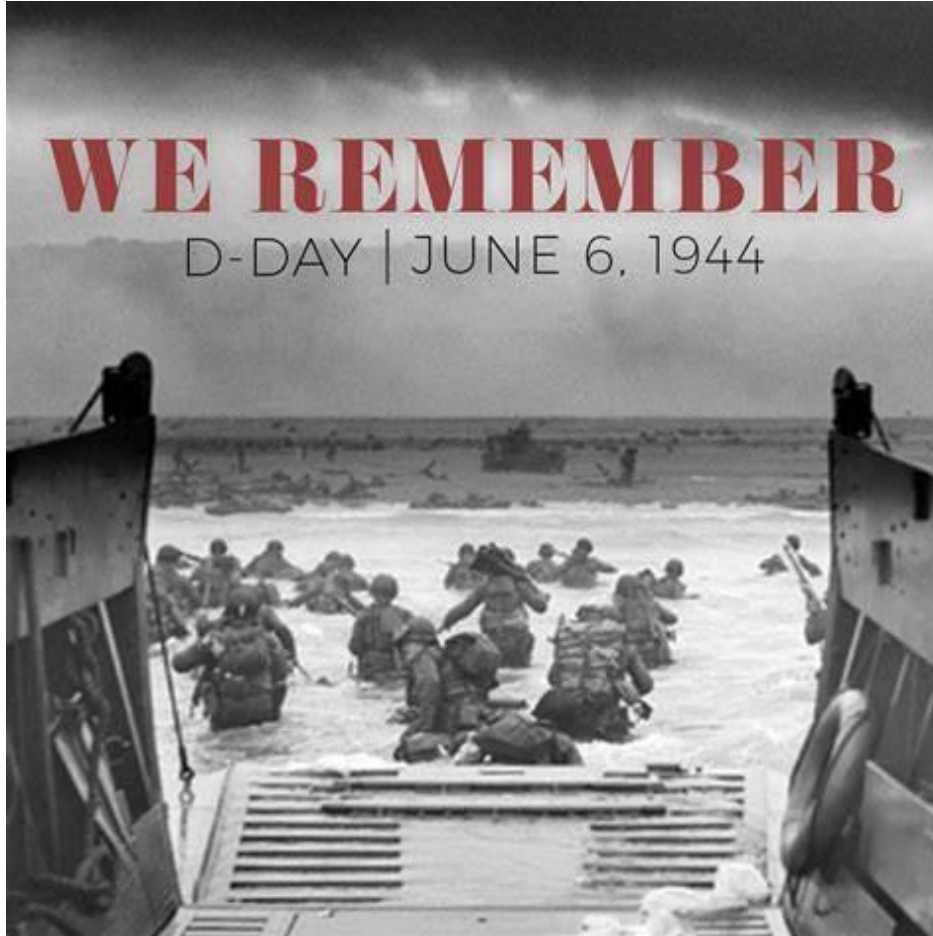
Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

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

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mrs Charlesworth

