



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025

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

Headteacher news

Another fantastic week has passed us by and what a wonderful week it has been especially with the beginnings of Spring appearing! On Wednesday, we had firefighters from Rosendale Fire Station in school to deliver sessions to our Year 2 pupils around fire safety and our Year 6 pupils around road safety. Here the children learnt valuable life lessons around keeping themselves safe and how to respond in emergencies.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day across school. The school was full of children dressed as imaginative vocabulary- thank you for all your efforts! The library is now full with 'kitchen roll characters' ready for our Reading Champions who have the difficult decision of voting for this year's winners. This will take place next week.

Each class took part in the 'Drop everything and read' challenge and all did an amazing job. We certainly do have lots of book worms amongst us. Thank you so much for all the sponsorships

which have already been handed in to school. It is not too late to take part and ask your family and friends for sponsors. Please can all forms and monies be sent into school by Monday 10th March? Thank you so much for supporting school in this and raising funds to enable us to replenish our reading books to help us continue spreading a love of reading across school. It is much appreciated by all staff and pupils.

As part of our book celebrations, Mrs Ormerod was excited to host a whole school gathering to share our favourite books and showcase our fabulous outfits. However, she was shortly interrupted by two very special guests- The Mad Hatter and Alice in Wonderland! The smiles and laughter were certainly worth it!

We are pleased to share with you that together, we raised an amazing £231 for the Refugee Crisis Foundation. This will make a huge difference to many lives.

Just a reminder, parents' evening letters have now been sent. Please ensure you book an appointment so you can learn about your child's progress both academically and socially.

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed the sun reappears.









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!

Child Car Seat Safety Events



From February -March 2025 car safety events will be delivered by the Good Egg Safety, supported by Lancashire County Council

These free, community events will take place at a variety of supermarkets in specifically targeted areas and aim to educate parents/carers, grandparents and anyone who drives with children in their vehicle on how to correctly fit a child car seat to their vehicle.

The team will demonstrate how to correctly install the child car seat or inform the driver if a car seat is unsuitable for some reason. General road safety literature will be offered to take away with them.

Many of the mistakes' people make surrounding child car seats are simple and easy to avoid, including seats belts needing tightening, harnesses not being in the right position and incorrect head restraints ?simple, yet potentially lifesaving. Pop along for free advice and an independent check.

All events run from 10am - 3pm

Sainsburys, Active Way Burnley

Wednesday 26th February

Asda, Hyndburn Road Accrington	Thursday 27th February
Morrisons, Olympian Way Leyland	Friday 28th February
Morrisons, Riversway Preston	Wednesday 5th March
Tesco, Eagle Street Accrington	Thursday 6th March
Morrisons, Brooke Street Chorley	Friday 7th March
Sainsburys, Active Way Burnley	Tuesday 11th March
Sainsburys, Windy Bank Colne	Wednesday 12th March
Morrisons, Central Drive Morecambe	Thursday 13th March

Dates for your diary...



- Parents' Evening- Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March 2025
- Easter Service at St Paul's Church- Thursday 3rd April- Infants 9:30am Juniors 10:30am
- Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025 at 1:35pm

Mindfulness Group

We have had a fantastic 6 weeks of Mindfulness club with the Oak's and Willow's classes, covering many different activities that can help us with our mindfulness. Our Mindfulness ambassadors have been absolutely phenomenal at delivering the sessions, volunteering at a lunchtime to help other children.

We completed our sessions today by making our own cloud dough, the children worked well together to create it and then enjoyed its therapeutic quantities.

Thanks

Mrs Todd and The Mindfulness Team





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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Please can you ensure that your child does not attend school for 48 hours after they have last vomited or had diarrhoea.

We are still encouraging good respiratory hygiene i.e. covering their nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, discarding tissues after use and washing hands with soap and water. It is important to reduce the risk to others.

Can you authorise my child's absence?

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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Holiday list



You should now have received our new holiday dates for the 2025-26 school year. These dates are crucial for planning purposes, and I kindly ask that you keep them in mind when considering any future family holidays or trips.

It's worth reiterating our school's policy on attendance during term time. As you're all aware, we place a high value on consistent attendance and its impact on our pupils' educational progress. With this in mind, I must remind you that leave during term time will not be authorised. This policy is in place to ensure that our pupils receive the full benefit of their education and don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time, it's important to note that this will result in a penalty notice. This measure is not one we take lightly, but it's necessary to maintain the high standards of attendance that contribute to our pupils' success.

I understand that planning family time is important, and I hope that by providing these dates well in advance, we can work together to ensure that holidays and family commitments align with the school calendar wherever possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Here are the quick links to -

- [2024-25 Holiday list](#)
- [2025-26 holiday list](#)

Additional information

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD WHO MAY BE BEING NEGLECTED...



If you are a young person, you can contact 2-10pm, 365 days a year.
Phone on 0800 51 11 11
Text on 07786 51 11 11
Email: talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk



NSPCC

If you are an adult or professional, call 0300 123 6720



For more information
www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect/



Lancashire Family Hubs

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/



Healthy Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

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

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FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parent courses

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4X 2hr Sessions
Call 01282 435302 or 07877 714693
Scan to book - in the drop down box, please make sure you select the course and date required

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY
Promoting healthy tips with our children & family members and strategies to handle anger better.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
March 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st 9.30am - 11.30am
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 12.45pm - 2.45pm & online
June 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ASD
Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
January 20, 27, & 3rd, 10th February 12.45pm - 2.45pm
May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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



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

This week we have been learning...



Brilliant Berries

Berries have had another wonderful week! It has flown again.

Throughout English lessons, we have enjoyed building our characters descriptions by using 'and' 'but' 'because' , the children have come up with some fabulous ideas and have worked really hard to ensure they are doing their best piece of work as always. I'm so proud of their efforts yet again.

In maths, we have begun looking at multiplication, looking at groups that are equal and unequal. We have made our own equal groups using a range of different resources and showing how we

can make it in different ways. We have enjoyed pretending we had cakes to equally share with our friends. We have worked really hard.

Topic

We have completed a range of topic activities over the week. On Monday, we loved our PE session with Coach Dan, Tuesday we enjoyed making and eating pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. On Wednesday we had a wonderful time in forest school and enjoyed hunting around and looking for minibeasts. Thursday was World Book day and the children loved the special assembly in the hall, they thoroughly enjoyed it and finally on Friday, we have been busy creating art work for our displays. Phew, we have been very busy, but overall a wonderful week!

Parents' Evening

Letters have now gone home for parents evening, please return with your chosen time and date ASAP and I will do my to accommodate everyone.

As always, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend full of adventures.

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Alvarez

Dates for your diary

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

[Amazing Acorns](#)



Another fabulous week in Acorns.

The children have been continuing to work hard on our text, Dear Zoo. On Monday, We had a special parcel delivered from the zoo, so we have been making predictions as to what might be inside. In phonics, we have been looking at the digraphs ai and ee, see if your child can remember how to write these at home?

Thursday was world book day, I absolutely loved seeing all of the children's amazing costumes. We even had a special performance from Just Imagine.

In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of numbers to 10. We are working hard to be able to recall our number bonds.

In science, we have been thinking about different animals and their habitats and to deepen our learning, went to forest school to see which mini-beasts live there.

Please can all children's PE and forest school kits be in school by next week. Please remember to put their name on each item.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Bliss and the EYFS team.

PE days- Monday

Dates for your diary

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am







Awesome Ashes



The children have had a great week writing their own poems based on 'Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace' by AA Milne. I'm sure they may be solar powered! We have also worked on addition in Year 1 and finding part, part whole to make numbers 5,6 and 7 in EYFS.

In our topic, we have worked hard in Science and enjoyed our taste testing finding out about the tastes of bitter, sour, sweet and salty.

Parents Evening

Letters have gone out for parents evening, which is taking place on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March. If you require an appointment time, please send the reply slip into school as soon as possible so a convenient time can be arranged.

Forest School

Our next Forest School takes place on Friday 14th March. Please ensure kits are in school on this date.

Diary Dates

Parents Evening - Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March

Infant Easter Service @ St Paul's Church - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

Super Sycamores



In Sycamores we had great fun celebrating World Book Day and enjoyed the drop everything and read challenge. Please return any sponsorship money as soon as possible. Everyone looked amazing in their costumes and lots of new words have been added to our working wall to use in our writing.

Parents' Evening

Letters have gone out for parents evening, which is taking place on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March. If you require an appointment time, please send the reply slip into school as soon as possible so a convenient time can be arranged.

Dates for your diary

Science week beginning 10th March

Next Forest session Tuesday 11th March

Parents Evening 18th and 20th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am

PE is unchanged for the next half term and remains on **Thursday**.





Outstanding Alders



What a fantastic week we have had in school. The children loved celebrating World Book Day yesterday and we even had a visit from Alice and the Mad Hatter. The children also enjoyed being able to drop everything and read. Please return any sponsor money as soon as you can.

We also had a visit from Firemen who came to talk to us about Fire Safety. The children learnt how to exit their homes safely and what to do if there was a fire.

Curriculum News

In Maths this week we have started our work on multiplication and division. We have been sharing numbers into two groups and looking at arrays.

In English we have been writing from the viewpoint of the horse in our story and explaining how we are feeling. We have also been acting the story out.

Parents' Evening

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Dates for your diary

Science week beginning 10th March

Next Forest session Thursday 13th March

Parents Evening 18th and 20th March

Infant Easter Service - Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am





Enchanted Elms



Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and as always, the children really made the effort in dressing up as a word of their choice. I loved all their models for 'Character Roll' Competition. There were some really creative ideas.

In English we have been continuing our novel 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children have written a setting description for the harbour. They have been writing predictions about what might happen in the story. Also, they have thought about feelings and thoughts for our character Tranio and how he feels about his city.

In Maths, we have been doing column method for addition and subtraction. The children have also been problem solving with missing digits from the calculations which they have found tricky when we have been exchanging a ten or a hundred.

In R.E we have started our new unit Hinduism. This week we have listened and watched a story called 'Rama and Sita' and the children created puppets to re-enact the story.

PE Kits

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 10th March 2025 and Monday 24th March 2025

Dates for your diary

Junior Easter Service - @ St Paul's Church - Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 10.30am

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



What an amazing World book day we had. The children looked fantastic and took part in some reading tasks throughout the day.

We are continuing reading 'The Boy who grew dragons' and are really enjoying it. We have started gathering words and phrases to describe one of the characters. We are particularly focusing on using expanded noun phrases and a range of openers.

In Maths, we have been looking at fractions. The children have done really well with this. We are able to find fractions of amounts using the bar model and also adding fractions with the same denominator.

In History, we have been continuing to look at maps to identify the changes in Rawtenstall since 1890. We found a range of buildings that are still there now, but also identified how much Rawtenstall has grown since then.

Parents' evening letters have gone home. If you still need an appointment, please send your slip in. Parents' evening is on Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school as there were over 10 children without kits this week. Just a reminder. our PE days are Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).

There will be a prize for the person who has done the most reads in a week (one read = 10-15 minutes) and also for the person who has spent the most time on TTRS.

Next forest session: Thursday 20th March

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

Dazzling Elders



Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and as always the children really made the effort in dressing up as a word of their choice.

In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on fractions. The children have been as keen as ever to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars and last half term the children won the school competition. Please keep encouraging them to continue with this. In RE , the children have been learning about the stations of the cross.

We have been continuing with our new text in English - Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. The children are really enjoying the narrative.

Parents' Evening

Letters have gone out for parents evening, which is taking place on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March. If you require an appointment time, please send the reply slip into school as soon as possible so a convenient time can be arranged.

Forest School

The next Forest School takes place on Wednesday 12th March. Please ensure kits are in school on this date.

Indoor PE will be on Monday and Outdoor PE will be on Friday.

Diary Dates

Parents Evening - Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March

Junior Easter Service @ St Paul's Church - Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan

[Wonderful Willows](#)



What a fantastic week we have had in Willow's class, it has been wonderful witnessing the children working so hard in their English topic, collecting lots of information about the Victorian times and putting them together in an informative Non-Chronological report. Ask them to tell you a fact about the workhouses at home.

World Book Day was fantastic, so many of you put in a lot of effort to create some unique outfits and we thoroughly enjoyed our sponsored event of 'Stop, drop and read'. To finish off our day we were surprised with an interruption in our worship which resulted in a fantastic performance by the Just Imagine team - what a treat! Please bring sponsor money into school by Monday - Many Thanks.

PE - In PE we have started our new area of learning which is cricket. We have been focusing on the under arm throw which then developed into our bowling arm. Through this we have been looking at the bowling coaching tips which would enable us to bowl successfully. We had a great afternoon in the sunshine on Thursday, putting this into practice.

Parents' Evening

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Forest School

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Diary Dates

Parents' Evening - Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March

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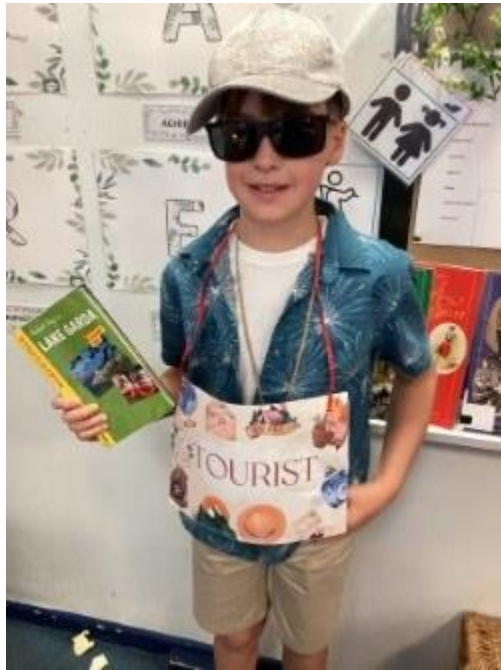
PE is unchanged for the next half term and remains on a **Wednesday (Indoor)** with **Swimming** continuing on a **Monday**.

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.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd







Mighty Oaks



It's been another busy week in Oaks class and it's been lovely to see the first signs of Spring with the sunshine.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and as always the children really made the effort in dressing up as a word of their choice. Year 6 were also visited by the Lancashire Fire Safety team on Wednesday with discussions about staying safe on the roads and surrounding areas.

In Maths, we have started our new unit on fractions and will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Our arithmetic skills are improving all the time and it is great to see children applying this learning when reasoning and problem solving.

We have been continuing with our new text in English - *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. Our inference skills have been put to the test when reading this book as it has no words. The children have looked at the meaning of symbolism and how this relates to the message of the book.

Parents' Evening

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Forest School

The next Forest School takes place on Tuesday 18th March. Please ensure kits are in school on this date.

Diary Dates

Parents Evening - Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March

Junior Easter Service @ St Paul's Church - Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am

Our **PE days** are **Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)**.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lee

[St. Paul's PTA](#)



PTA News

Thank you all for your continued support! Our February disco was a success, and I am pleased to say that we were able to raise **£600**.

For our next event, we are organising an 'Easter Hamper' raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a non perishable Easter related item for the hampers (a sell by date of at least 30th April 2025) 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 21st March 2025 (appropriate clothing for the weather please).

Please see our letter that will be sent out by ParentPay on Tuesday of this week. Donations could include items such as Easter eggs, chocolate or Easter themed crafts.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on ParentPay - £1 each.

The draw will take place week on Monday 31st March at around 7pm, and this will be live on our Facebook page. We will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections before school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April 2025.

Remember, you can also sign up for our school lottery from as little as £1 per week. It is really easy to join, you just need to go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk, click "buy a ticket" and search for "St Pauls Rossendale". You then need to click "support" and "buy tickets". There are cash prizes every week!

Bonnie Smith

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

