



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

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

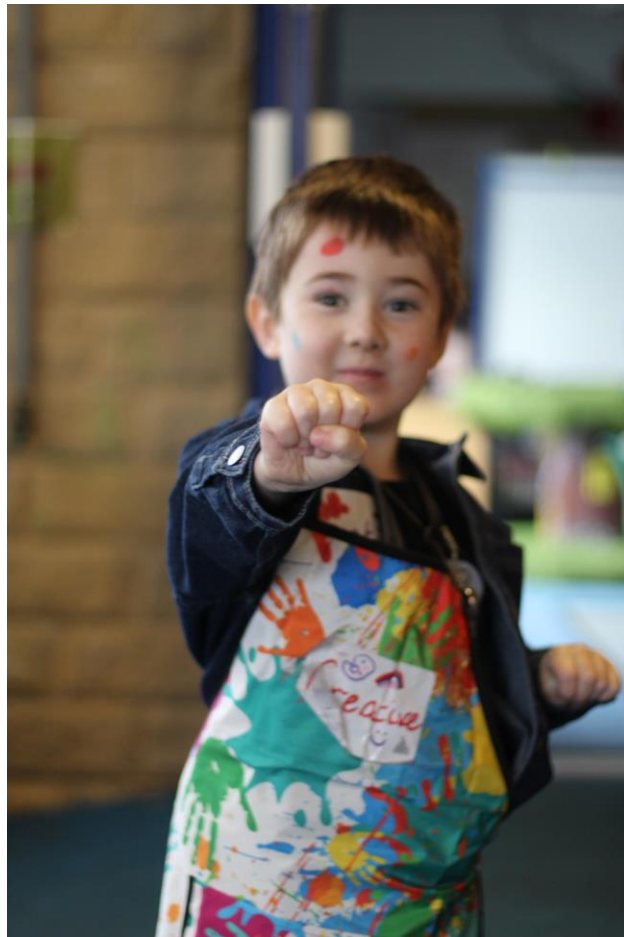
Parents evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for our Spring term Parents' Evening which will take place on **Tuesday 19th March** and **Thursday 21st March** for all classes. These meetings will take place in school.

The purpose of this Parents' Evening is to discuss your child's progress this academic year including social and emotional progress. The appointment system allows **5 minutes** for each meeting, and we ask in consideration of others, that you do not exceed this time. We urge you not to leave any concerns you may have or issues you may want to discuss until Parents' Evening. Please make a separate appointment on another day to allow us to give you the time needed.

Mrs Horrocks (Inclusion Manager) or Mrs Ormerod (Deputy Head) will also be available for anyone who wishes to seek any advice or support for their children. Appointments can be made through the school office. If you require another copy of the letter, please ask at the school office.

World Book Day 2024













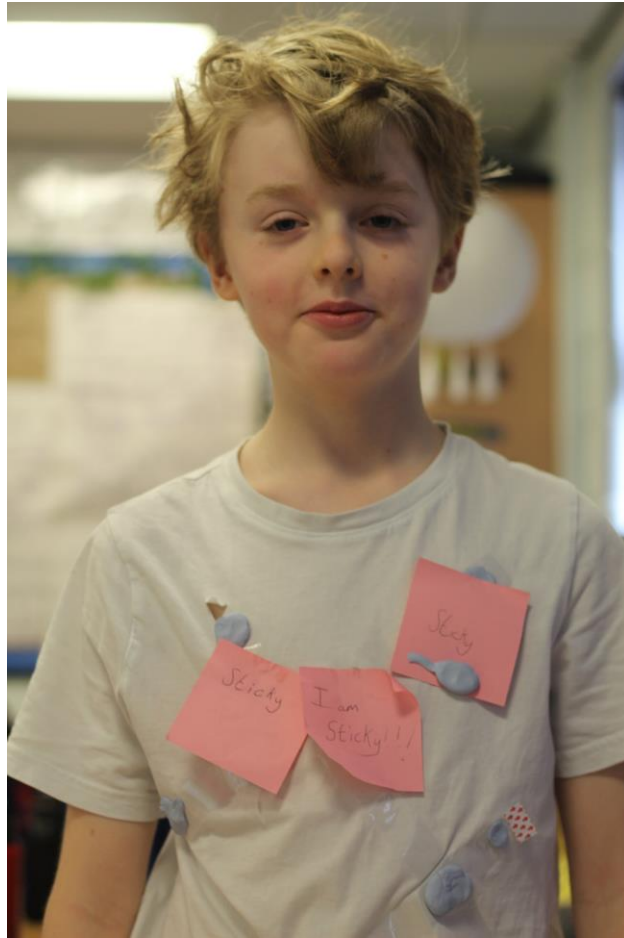


















PTA Easter Eggstravaganza - Jar Tombola

The PTA are organising an Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday 28th March 2024 from 1:35pm - 2:15pm.

We are looking for your support by filling jars for the Jar Tombola.



Find an empty, clean jar. Please leave some in the school office if you have spares.

Fill the jar with something your child would like to win e.g. chocolate, sweets, pencils, hair bobbles etc. Please make sure they will be in date. If you want to decorate the jar feel free. No citrus, nuts or sesame please.



Return your jar to the school office by Monday 25th March.

For every jar you fill and donate put your child's name and class on a piece of paper and put in the box provided in the school office.

A name will be chosen at random on Wednesday 3rd May and the lucky winner will win an Easter Egg.

Thank you for your support and don't forget to join us at the Easter Eggstravaganza and play the jar tombola and other games!

PTA News

🔥 EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE 🔥

🦋 We've got 3 lovely hampers for you to win this Easter. Also one of schools fantastic parents has donated 2 amazing balloon stacks which will also be raffled off. 📺 Tickets can be purchased now on ParentPay at £1 per ticket. Entries will close 9am Monday 25th March. 🕒 We'll draw the winners on Facebook live on Monday 25th March at 7pm.

😊 GOOD LUCK EVERYONE 😊

🔥 EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA 🔥

We also have our Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday 28th March 1:35pm - 2:15pm in the school hall. There will be activities such as jar tombola, cake sale, hook a duck, guess the weight of the cake and so much more. To make this event a success we need YOU!! We need volunteers on the day, Cakes on the day for our cake stall and jam jars filled with goodies for the tombola (details on the letter, but please ask if unsure about these).

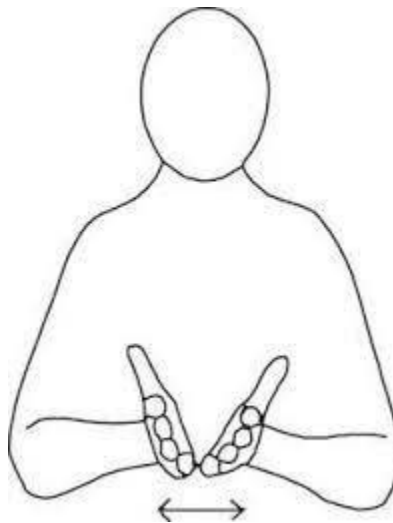
Thank you all for your continued support.

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair



Word of the week

Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 learn a new word in Makaton. We thought it would be lovely if we shared each week's new word on the newsletter so that we can all learn together. This week the infants are learning how to sign the word 'Book.'



Apply for support for with childcare costs.



From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Winter weather



It's that time of year...

As part of our winter preparation, I would like to inform you that we take Health and Safety very seriously in school and in the unfortunate event of extreme weather we will aim to remain open.

If we have to close school due to dangerous weather conditions, we will update our school's **Twitter page @StPaulsCESch at the earliest opportunity**. We will also update our PTA Facebook page, our school website and we will inform BBC Radio Lancashire.

Whilst waiting around our school grounds in your cars we would ask that you turn off your car engines in order to help to keep the air around school cleaner.

Dates for your diary...



- Each Thursday - Couch 25k starts at 3.45pm from the school office.
- Friday 15th March Sing up Concert at King Georges Hall
- Tuesday 19th March & Thursday 21st March - Parents evening
- Thursday 21st March Maples class trip
- Friday 22nd March Elders Class ukulele concert 2.40pm
- Wednesday 27th March Easter Service at St. Paul's Church - Infant service 9.30am and Junior service 10.30am

Have your circumstances changed? Apply for free school meals.



1 - Have your circumstances changed?

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...



Amazing Acorns



Acorns have had a ball this week. We really enjoyed World book day and wowed our teachers with our wonderful outfits.

Brilliant Berries

What an exciting week in Berries. In English we have been role playing the story and innovating our own version of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We enjoyed world book day, particularly looking at all of the amazing costumes. In science, we went on our first visit to forest school to spot signs of spring. We loved finding all the different wildlife, our favourite was the frogs and their frogspawn. We are very lucky to have 6 chick eggs in our classroom. On Wednesday, we put them in the incubator to keep them nice and warm.

This week we have been practising the skill of zipping up our own coats. It would be really beneficial if this could be continued at home.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

Awesome Ashes



This week we have started to innovate our Dino hunt story from the Bear hunt story. We have explored stinky swamps, gigantic jungles and large lakes to innovate the settings. We can't wait to start writing and 'publishing our own books next week! In maths we have been exploring measuring weights with Year 1. Why not try out some baking with them this weekend to support their learning practically. The reception children have been learning the opposite to last week and working on addition. The children can recall, make and manipulate almost every number sentence within 10 and recall the answer without the need to even count the amounts out 1 by 1. Finally in science we have continued to look at our 5 animals categories. Ask your child a fun fact about mammals, amphibians, birds, fish and reptiles you will be amazed at their knowledge!

If your child has come home with a line for the Easter service please can you practice this at home to help them learn without the paper in front of them.

- Reminders: PE has returned to Mondays, please come dressed in your PE kit.
- Forest school sessions for this half term , Wednesday 13th March, Wednesday 27th March.

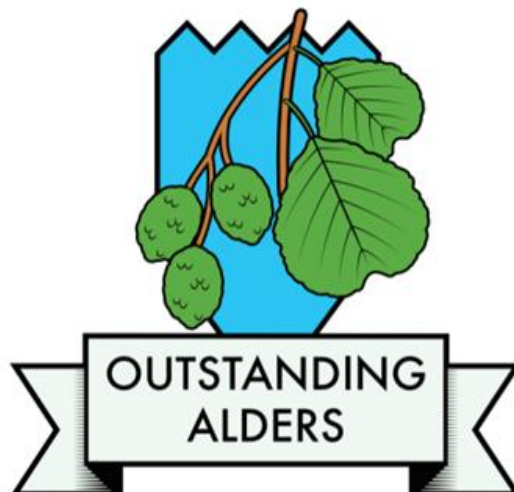
Super Sycamores



Sycamores enjoyed our geography week this week, following and creating routes and simple maps and using fieldwork skills to find locations. We completed our non chronological reports about keeping healthy and learnt about the inverse of sums in maths. What a busy week Sycamores!

Forest School will take place on Monday 11th March. PE will take place on a Tuesday (indoor with our coach) and Wednesday outdoors.

Outstanding Alders



Alders have had a fantastic week. We have particularly enjoyed the sunshine this week and taken every opportunity we can to enjoy it. It has been lovely to be able to enjoy snack outside and do outdoor PE without being put off by the rain and cold. In English we finished our story Man on the Moon and compared Bob's life to ours, we have also started our new book Bob and the Moon tree mystery. We are excited to see what happens to Bob in this story and to see if we see Sam the man on Saturn and Billy the man on Mars join Bob for his Moon mystery. In maths we have continued our work with multiplication and division, we have been sharing and grouping and finding remainders. At forest school we enjoyed looking at the different plants that had started to appear and looking at the changes that had started to happen now the weather has started to change. On Tuesday we had our next session with Kids rock. We love Kids rock days, we get very excited at the different songs and the different instruments we get to play. For World book day, the children had lots of opportunities to drop everything and read and enjoyed sharing their books with each other. Throughout the day they completed lots of activities to celebrate World book day.

If your child has come home with line for the Easter service, please practice these at home to help them to learn them. Also a quick reminder about homework, if you are unable to access spelling shed or TT rockstars please come and let me know and I can get paper copies for you to ensure your child is not missing out.

Our PE days will remain the same. Thursdays - outdoor Friday - indoor

Forest school will be on:

- **Monday 8th March**
- **Monday 18th March**

[Enchanted Elms](#)



This week we have finished Anansi the spider story. We have been doing lots of scaffolded writing for the children to write their own innovative story based on Anansi the spider. In maths we have been learning about division using the 8 and 4 timetables. Just a reminder children should be learning their 3,4,8 this can be done on TTRS. In Science we have been looking at a variety of light sources e.g. artificial and natural. We investigated objects to see if they were reflective. For World Book Day, the children had lots of opportunities to drop everything and read and enjoyed sharing their books with each other. Throughout the day they completed lots of activities to celebrate World Book Day. The children were dressed in fantastic outfits. They were so imaginative.

P.E coach is on Tuesday, please can we ensure all children have their kits in school because many children didn't have their kits this week.

Forest School is now Monday this half term due to us having the coach on Tuesday. So our sessions are:

Monday 11th March 2024

Monday 25th March 2024

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

[Marvellous Maples](#)



WOW! What a busy week Maples class have had! Everybody looked fabulous on World Book Day with amazing vocab including absorbent, prehistoric, vibrant, bright, artistic, sporty and magical.

Edge Hill have also been back in school and the children have enjoyed completing all the different challenges, especially the Dragon Challenge. The children are wearing their watches again, please wear these at all times for the next seven days and return to school on Friday 15th March. Thank you for your continued support.

If not already done so, please return the permission slip for the class trip to the Whitaker on Thursday 21st March. The children are looking forward to learning more about the history of Rawtenstall and completing Geography fieldwork.

- **Maples class trip - Thursday 21st March. Please see letter sent out on Thursday.**
- **Forest school - Friday 22nd March**
- **PE remains on Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor) after the half term.**

Dazzling Elders



It's been another very busy week in Elders. In English, the children have been busy planning an alternative version of Beowulf and writing the opening to their narrative. In Maths, the year 4's have been dividing using chunking and the year 5's have been comparing and ordering fractions. At forest school this week, the children created a model of the Mead-hall from Beowulf or a mythical beast like Grendel. In Science, we have been studying animals and their habitats so the children were fascinated by the frogs and the frogspawn in the forest school wetland area and enjoyed seeing the other signs of spring in the woodland. Much fun was had using the mud slide. The children all enjoyed dressing up on Thursday for World book day, they all looked fantastic, they enjoyed having lots of opportunities to drop everything and read. Ukelele Concert On Friday 22nd March at 2.40pm parents of the Elders class are invited to watch them perform a few songs that they have been learning with Mr Williams the music teacher.

Please can you ensure your child has their **P.E kits in school for Monday and Thursday**. This week a lot of children have been without their kit.

- **Outdoor PE is on a Monday and indoor PE is on Thursday.**

- **Our next Forest school session is Wednesday 6th March.**

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nolan, Miss Yates and Mrs Kelly.

Wonderful Willows



What an exciting week we have had in Willow's class this week. Thank you for your support with our World Book Day costumes and competition entries. It was fantastic to see your hard work and creativity.

Every child has worked so hard this week in Maths, it hasn't been an easy ride with Fractions being our topic but we have shown great resilience and determination. From equivalent fractions to adding and subtracting them we are now competent at solving many calculations.

On Thursday we enjoyed joining a zoom delivered by Burnley Youth Theatre. Where we shared a book called, 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' with over one hundred schools. Our children listened attentively and asked many inquisitive questions. We continued this theme down at forest school where we attempted to create scenes from our favourite book. The adults were very surprised by the innovative settings that were created.

In Science, we have begun our new topic of electricity. We had to remember all the symbols we have used previously for the electrical circuits. Then, we were given the task to predict if a circuit would work or not before recreating it. It was brilliant to see many sensible children conducting these experiments.

Please ensure you have given permission and paid for our school trip on the 17th April. Also ensure that you returned your parents evening letters. Many thanks

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

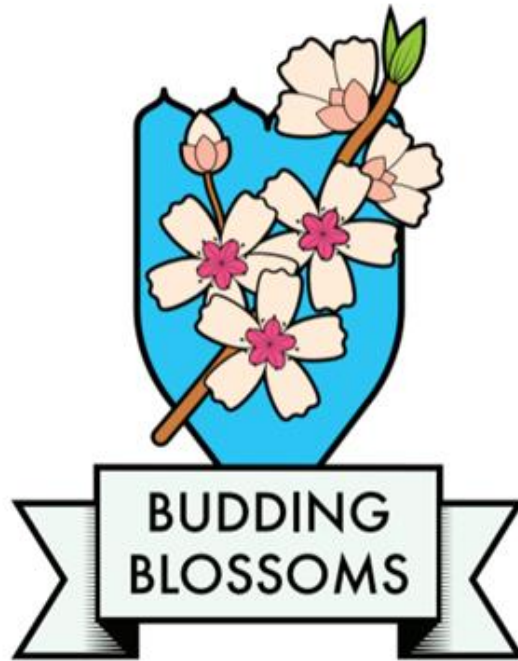
Mighty Oaks



Our Year 6 children continue to make us proud this week having worked their socks off in our Assessment week. Each and everyone of the children have shown resilience and perseverance and it has been wonderful to see the progress that they have all made. Yesterday was World Book Day and the children took part in lots of different activities throughout the day to celebrate this annual event. It was lovely to see them so engaged in reading and sharing their book knowledge with others. In English, we have continued with our story of Macbeth and have been learning how to add, subtract and multiply fractions in maths. Our next Forest School is on Thursday 14th March - please make sure that kits are in school so your child can fully access the session.

- **Our PE days remain as Tuesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school.**
- **Our next Forest School session is Thursday 29th February.**

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms have had a wonderful week; in maths we started off our weight and measure topics making some gingerbread men! Lets just say they did not turn out the best, but we have great fun using the weighing scales and practising reading the scales. We then took our maths learning outside and use the measuring jugs to find different amounts of water, the children have really enjoyed maths this week.

In English, we have been describing characters and different settings from 'The Barnabus Project', the children have worked really hard and I am very proud of the progress in their writing so far this year. The children looked fabulous in their 'vocabulary' words, we had silly, magical and lots of sporty and sleepy children.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.























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> |
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| Amazing Acorns | Luke | Kobe | Bryanna |
| Awesome Ashes | Jessica | Armaan | Sabahat |
| Super Sycamores | Evelyn | Thea T | Hannah |
| Outstanding Alders | Holly-Rose | Lola-Mae | Amelie |
| Enchanted Elms | Marley | Lucy | Millie |
| Marvellous Maples | Fraser | Jack P | Louie |
| Dazzling Elders | Joshua | Jessica | Ava |
| Wonderful Willows | Adam | George | Dylan |
| Mighty Oaks | Joe | Tabbi | Eliana |
| Brilliant Berries | Sama | | |
| Budding Blossoms | Theo | | |

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid.

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](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/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.

Holiday list 2024/25





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School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

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| Staff Training Days | Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 |
| Re-open | Wednesday 4 th September 2024 |
| Mid Term Closure | Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2024 (inclusive) |
| Re-open | Monday 28 th October 2024 |
| Closure after school on | Friday 20 th December 2024 |

SPRING TERM 2025

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| Re-open | Monday 6 th January 2025 |
| Mid Term Closure | Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive) |
| Re-open | Monday 24 th February 2025 |
| Closure after school on | Friday 4 th April 2025 |

SUMMER TERM 2025

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| Re-open on | Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 |
| Staff Training Day | Friday 2 nd May 2025 |
| May Day Closure | Monday 5 th May 2025 |
| Mid Term Closure | Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive) |
| Re-open on | Monday 2 nd June 2025 |
| Closure after school on | Friday 18 th July 2025 |
| Staff Training Days | Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 |



St Paul's Church news



We are really looking forward to our Easter service at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday 27th March

- Infant service 9.30am
- Junior service 10.30am

Lancashire Family Hubs Network

SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Children & Family Wellbeing Service teams are planning special activities for relationship week in February. If you would like to find out more or get involved, please contact your district relationship champion Janet.Whittaker2@lancashire.gov.uk or michelle.Herbert@lancashire.gov.uk

Reducing Parental Conflict E Learning: 4 Modules, 30-40 minutes per module completed in your own time and at your own pace. To access register on astute:

- LCC - <https://lancashire.astute-elearning.com/>
- Schools - <https://lccschools.astute-elearning.com/>
- External/public - <https://lccexternal.astute-elearning.com/>

Healthy Parental Relationships course

For any parent or carer

Thursday 22nd February – Thursday 28th March

1.15pm-2.45pm

The Maden Family Hub Bacup

For further information call 01706 237 780

Relationship Toolkit: Reducing Parental Conflict A day's course exploring what parental conflict is, how this differs from domestic abuse, what the research tells us and exploring the pan-Lancashire evidence-based toolkit to use in practice. To sign up: **Early help training for practitioners - Lancashire County Council** (Copy and paste link into Google)



Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a wonderful weekend filled with fun and laughter.

Mrs Charlesworth