

St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

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

Friday 8th September 2023

Headteachers News



I would like to wish you all a warm welcome back and hope that you and your loved ones have had an enjoyable summer break. We hope you are all relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. This week has been an absolute joy to see all members of our school family again.

It has been a great pleasure to see our new reception children in school and in our Forest School this week. We offer a very warm welcome to those who are new to our school family this term. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions about our school, rules and routines.

We have all greatly missed our summer Year 6 leavers this week and hope they have a wonderful first day as year 7's. Always remember -

'You are amazing, be your own champion and never give up on your dreams.'

Back to school preparation for September

Lunchtime & snack reminders from September

Friendly reminder for parents when packing snacks and lunches. We have pupils with severe airborne allergies in school, therefore please can you ensure that you only pack food **without Sesame, nuts and citrus** to enable us to keep children safe and healthy. Please note that staff will remove any items of food or drinks that contain these ingredients in order to safeguard children and staff.

All children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water with their name marked on the bottle filled with water. Children have access to refilling their water bottle at key times of the day to ensure they

are hydrated. Should you wish to buy a school water bottle please pay on Parentpay and then collect the bottle from the school office.

We also provide toast as a morning snack at a cost of 20p per day.

Uniform & Kits - All children will be expected to wear our full school uniform from September this includes school shoes NOT trainers or trainer style shoes. Our school uniform list can be found at <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/school-uniform/>

The PTA have a 'Good as new' uniform store. Details for this can be found on the PTA Facebook page. If you require uniform and are struggling to pay for school uniform - Please contact Mrs Charlesworth or Mrs Horrocks for a confidential discussion to gain access to free 'Good as new' school uniform.

PE Kit - All classes other than Acorns and Ashes will keep their PE in school. Please bring into school in a drawstring PE bag.

Please can we remind you that children must not wear earrings to school on PE days if they are unable to remove them independently. Please ensure that long hair is tied back to keep your child safe.

PE hoodies are only to be worn for outdoor PE and sporting events. **Not as part of our daily uniform.**

Forest Kit - Forest school kit can be brought in on the day. A timetable of when PE and Forest days will take place are listed within this newsletter.

Please make sure that all items of clothing have names written/sewn into the labels.

Please can all children use the school-book bags to bring their reading records daily. Trying to store 284 rucksacks is taking up lots of space and making our corridors dangerous.

Pencil cases and stationery are not required. The children have all the stationary that they need on their table.

Change of details

Please can all parents inform us of any changes to mobile numbers, email addresses, home address and in addition make the changes on your Parent pay account. We cannot access your account to update this for you.

Communication

As mentioned in our summer newsletter we have moved away from class newsletters. Information for all classes will be on the whole school newsletter, which will continue to be sent as a link to your personal email address and on our school website. If this does not arrive in your email folder please check you junk/spam folders, so that you have the most up to date on our weekly whole school newsletter to hand.

All of our online communications will be sent through ParentPay.

School Meals

The weekly cost of school meals as of September 1st has **increased to £12.50 per week** (£2.50 a day). **Payment is due weekly in advance via ParentPay. ****

School meal information for parents of children in EYFS & KS1. (Berries, Acorns, Ashes, Sycamores and Alders)

Your child is eligible for Universal Free School Meals, which means that your child will get a free school dinner everyday. Although this is great news for you, please could we ask that all parents who are entitled to any of the [qualifying benefits](#) that you apply using the following link as that provides us with an essential funding stream called pupil premium. *We are able to utilise these funds to support your child's education whilst at St. Paul's, this could be used for additional learning support and providing extra-curricular activities.* Please [apply](#) here.

School meal information for parents of children in Years 3-6.

If your child has moved up to Year 3 this week, **they will no longer be eligible for 'Universal' Free School Meals** unless you are eligible for free school meals.

You can check if you are eligible by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium. We are able to utilise these funds to support your child's education whilst at St. Paul's, this could be used for additional learning support and providing extra-curricular activities.

We're starting the year with a celebration or two...

During the school holiday we had been notified that we had again gained the 'Gold Standard School Games' award and the very prestigious Eco Schools Green Flag award. A huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Lee & Mr Rush for all they do to arrange our school sporting events and to Miss Pounder and the Eco Warriors for all the work they have completed to gain the Green flag for the third time. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for all that you do toward achieving these awards. **We truly do have an amazing school family!**



Green Flag Award

Word of the week

Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 have been learning a new word in British sign language. 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 'School.'



Dates for your diary...

<i>Dates for your diary for the summer term ...</i>	
Monday 4 th September	New academic year starts Welcome back everyone! 😊
Wednesday 27 th September	Book Fair Arriving
Thursday 28 th September	EYFS Welcome service at St. Paul's Church
Tuesday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day - Information to follow
Monday 16 th October	Flu Vaccinations 10am
Tuesday 17 th October	Harvest Service
Monday 23 rd October	Half term break
Monday 30 th October	School re opens for Autumn 2

PE timetable - Autumn 1

St. Paul's PE.					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Amazing Acorns			Indoor PE		
Awesome Ashes	Indoor PE				
Super Sycamores		Indoor PE with Sports coaches	Outdoor PE		
Outstanding Alders		Indoor PE with Sports coaches		Outdoor PE	
Enchanted Elms	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Marvellous Maples	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Dazzling Elders	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Wonderful Willows			Indoor PE		Outdoor PE
Mighty Oaks	Swimming				Indoor PE

If you child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependent) Suncream, water bottle, PE hoody.

All classes other than Acorns and Ashes will need to bring their PE kit and leave it in school. Acorns and Ashes can come to school for the day in their PE Kit which consists of Navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoody/school jumper and pumps.

Forest School timetable - Autumn 1

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 11/9/23		Acorns	Ashes	Oaks	Sycamores
Week 18/9/23	Alders	Elms	Willows	Elders	Maples

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 \(stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk\)](http://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/School-Holidays-23-24.pdf)

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.

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	All our new EYFS children.		
Awesome Ashes	Charlie	Louie	Benjamin
Super Sycamores	Emilia	Evelyn	Hannah
Outstanding Alders	Ethan M	Annabel	Harriet
Enchanted Elms	Oscar	Luca	Orla
Marvellous Maples	Freddie T	Hattie	Monroe
Dazzling Elders	Ava	Cali-Grace	Thomas M
Wonderful Willows	Mysha	Charlie	Lucy
Mighty Oaks	Ellesia-May	Bella	Alfie
Blossoms	Ruby		

Starting Reception in 2024 or moving onto high school ...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application. You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications – 31st October 2023

Primary applications – 15th January 2024

PTA

I hope you have all had a fantastic time over the summer holidays. We would like to welcome back existing parents/carers and all those who are new to our fantastic school. We have some wonderful events planned this term. Our first will be the Macmillan coffee afternoon which will be held on Friday 29th September and then our school disco in October. It would be lovely to see familiar faces and new ones at these events. We will post details on our Facebook page when we have more details and we can be contacted via email stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Kath Mc Arragher (PTA chair)

Reflective Friday

"I think it's time to be
gentle and patient with
yourself."



'Friends give pleasant, sincere advice, seeking the highest good.' Proverbs 27:9, 12:26

Wishing you all a wonderful first week back in school.

Mrs Charlesworth