



St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

Friday 8th February 2024

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

Midday mindfulness...









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 'love.'



Half term fun at The Whitaker



Board games session

Drop into our board game session during the half-term holidays.

We'll have lots of games for you to try – or even bring your own and play with friends! [Click here to book tickets](#)

Wednesday 14th February 2024 11:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Tickets: £4

Recommended for age 6+

Saturday 17th February

Performances at 11am – 12pm & 1pm – 2pm

Tickets: £8

Recommended for age 5+

For as long as tales have been told, the character of Jack has been a constant presence in stories.

Now, in this new musical for families and children, discover the truth behind the original fairytale hero. Join Jack in his many guises as he seeks his fortune, finds the love of his life and, of course, takes on the fearsome giant. JACK! features traditional stories, original songs and storytelling. With lots of opportunities to join in, plus brilliant live music, families will be singing along before you can say Fee Fie Fo Fum!

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[Click here to book tickets](#)

[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.
- Thursday 29th February - PTA disco 6-8pm
- 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.

Student Voice

Thank you for all your kind donations for the cake sale. It was an extremely busy afternoon and we managed a total sell out. We have raised £111 and will update everyone once we have decided how to spend the money on stationary for each class.

The Student Voice Team

PTA

Apologies for having to cancel the disco at short notice last night, but we couldn't take a risk with the weather.

The good news is that we have rearranged it for Thursday 29th February 2024, 6pm - 8pm for all children. I have attached the previous letter for all the other details.

If you were due to volunteer at last night's disco and you are able to volunteer on 29th instead can you please let us know as soon as possible so that we have an idea of numbers.

Adults who stay cannot use Mobile phones during the disco.

Thanks again for your support and we hope you have a lovely half term break 😊

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Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

PTA Second Hand online uniform: We have an abundance of almost new uniform. If you need any uniform, please contact us or email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk stating what you need, and we will arrange for it to be delivered to the school office.

You can access the shop online at the following link

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/227>



February Disco Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear parents / carers

The 2024 February Disco is held at school on **Thursday 8th February**.

The doors open for all children at **6.00pm** and **ALL** children need to be collected from school **by 8.00pm** by a responsible adult.

Please note that only children that currently attend St. Paul's are allowed in the Disco. We realise this may cause inconvenience for some parents with younger children, however it is a rule for the safety of our children.

The price is £2 per child. If you wish to stay with your child at the Disco, then the cost per adult is £2.00. Please note that adults do not need to stay as the children will be supervised by staff and PTA volunteers. Adults who stay cannot use their mobile phones during the disco. This is a strict rule for safeguarding reasons. We will have to ask you to leave if this rule is ignored.

A list of volunteers will be made prior to the disco and volunteers should arrive at 5.45pm and entrance is free. Please leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the Facebook page. We will not be accepting volunteers on the night.

As well as the Disco, where the children can boogie in their best dresses or party pants, there are other activities such as lucky dip, crafts and games. Refreshments in the form of hot dogs are available to buy plus juice, water, crisps and sweets. Face painting and temporary tattoos are also available on the night. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil. Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.

The children have a wonderful time and grow in confidence with each school Disco, however if you have any concerns please seek out a member of the PTA or ask at reception.

No mobile phones or any electronic recording devices are allowed at the disco (children or adults) for the safety of all the children.

Let's celebrate together. Any questions please ask via the PTA Facebook and twitter pages or via email.

Thank you for your continued support.
St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

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This week we have been learning...



Amazing Acorns



I cannot believe we have finished another half term and that we are halfway through the year.

In English, this week we have been learning all about penguins and have written our own fact files. Ask your child to tell you an interesting fact.

In Maths we have been exploring shorter and taller. We have also been measuring how many pasta shapes long are different objects. If you would like to practise your size vocabulary, then this is a great game: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/lets-compare>

In PE we have used our climbing frames and equipment, we have been balancing and climbing over.

I hope you all have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

Miss Cavaney.

Brilliant Berries

Berries have had a fantastic last week of spring half term. We have been finishing our story Handa's surprise and enjoyed exploring and describing the setting. In history, we have started our new topic: The Great Fire of London. We have been thinking about the differences between modern and 17th century life. We dressed up in 17th century clothing, had a Stuart banquet and even made our own Stuart bread.

Have a lovely half term. We can't wait to hear about what you get up to.

Miss Bliss and Mrs Parkinson.

Awesome Ashes



This week in Ashes we have had a busy week. In English we started to learn about poems. We explored lots of different poems, matched rhyming words and have written our own innovated poem and performed them to the rest of the class.

We have started to explore our Art topic of sculptures using playdoh, clay and junk modelling. We will continue this into next half term to create a model village linked to our history topic. We took a trip down to forest school and used our investigation skills to see if any of the winter/ spring flowers had started to show. We found snowdrops, crocus and the stems of the daffodils.

I hope you have a lovey half term and can't wait to see you all back in school after the holidays.

- PE will return to **MONDAYS** after half term. Please come dressed in your PE kits.

- Please can you ensure that any uniform or bottles that are brought into school are labelled with your child's name on as we have had quite a few jumpers and bottles going missing.

Super Sycamores



This week the children have been creating and evaluating their fruit salads after taste testing and designing them last week. They were great at chopping, grating and peeling the fruit and enjoyed tasting some new flavours. In Maths, we have been working on multiplication and in English we have been writing our instructions (including instructions for fruit salad).

- PE next half term will take place on Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor). We have a Sports Coach in on Tuesday.
- Forest School dates for next half term will take place on Friday 1st March and Friday 15th March.

Outstanding Alders



We have had a fantastic last week of the half term. We started the week by making pancakes, we measured out the ingredients and worked in groups to mix the mixture. We then went and cooked the pancakes ready to do a taste test. We all choose a savoury pancake and a sweet pancake. We enjoyed chopping up the fruit for our sweet pancakes, but our favourite part was eating the pancakes. After we have made the pancakes, we wrote instructions to follow ready for pancake day next week. In maths we continued with adding and subtracting with exchange using tens and ones to help us. In history we enjoyed learning more about what characteristics a good leader. We are looking forward to learning more about what characteristics Basil Arthur Horsfall had.

Next half term our PE days will remain the same. Thursdays - outdoor Friday - indoor

Forest school will be on:

- **Monday 19th February**
- **Monday 8th March**
- **Monday 18th March**

Enchanted Elms



This week children have wrote shape poems on their favourite animals, they have done an amazing job. Maths we have been learning how to use the grid method and problem solving, the children have found this quite challenging, but they have persevered. In History the children have been learning about Roman roads, what were forts for and about Boudica and why she is important in our history.

Next halt term we have the coach on Tuesday afternoon please can we ensure P.E kits are in school.

Also due to us having the P.E coach our Forest School slot has been changed to a Monday.

- **Monday 26th February 2024**
- **Monday 11th March 2024**
- **Monday 25th March 2024**

Hope you have a lovely half term.

Marvellous Maples



We have reached the half term so quickly and Maples have kept focusing on their learning and have been busy. In Maths, the Year 4s have been learning about hundredths and linking this to pound and pence. Year 3s have been learning about division through repeated subtraction in the first step towards understanding chunking. In English we have written our own independent story - a sequel to The Boy Who Grew Dragons. The children have loved this story, and we are going to read the next book, The Boy Who Lived With Dragons as our class reader at the end of each day. Please note the correct date for the next Forest school is Friday 23rd February and PE remains on Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor) after the half term.

- **Our next Forest is Friday 1st March - please ensure full kits are in school after the half term holiday.**

Dazzling Elders



In History this week, we have looked at where Anglo-Saxon cemeteries have been found and how local place names are derived from Anglo Saxon words. In our science lessons, the children have been learning about food webs and created a food web for the plants and animals in the Arctic eco system. The children been reading poetry and writing their own similes and metaphors. They really enjoyed reading "The Slithermonchowchuck" by Aoife Mannix.

- Our forest school session will continue to be on a Wednesday. Our first session after the half term will be Wednesday 21st February 2024.
- Outdoor PE will be on Monday and Indoor PE will be on a Thursday.

Gentle reminder: Please ensure all uniform and school kit/ bottles are named and labelled.

Have a lovely half term. Mrs Nolan, Miss Yates and Mrs Kelly.

Wonderful Willows



We have certainly ended our Spring half term 1 on a high in Willows!

The children have impressed us so much in Swimming. The amount of progress they have made, especially our non - swimming children in the group, has been amazing! They have made us so proud. We look forward to continuing with our lessons on the first Monday back after half term so please remember your kits.

In our English lessons we have rounded off our unit on 'Streetchild' by writing our own stories based on the book. The children have worked so hard on their narratives.

After half term our new unit of work in English will be based on the mystery / crime genre. We will be reading 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. It is most useful if your child can have their own copy of the book so they can text mark in English and Guided Reading Sessions.

This week your child should have brought home their trip letter for our Victorian Day at Tatton Park. Payments for this can be made via parent pay. We have added the option to pay in installments should you wish.

Also some additional information for our Year 6 children as Robinwood draws ever closer:

Our Robinwood residential is growing closer as we depart on the first Friday after the holiday. Parents are reminded that children are to come to school on Friday 23rd in their own clothes. A packed lunch will not be required as we will be having lunch on our arrival at the centre. Please remember that if your child requires medication, this is to be handed to the teacher on the Friday morning in a labelled bag with the dosage clearly specified. These will be handed back to the children on Sunday to be placed in their luggage. Pick up time is **2pm** on Sunday 25th Feb from the designated meeting point in Todmorden, as shown on your letter. If you do have any further questions about the weekend, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

[Mighty Oaks](#)

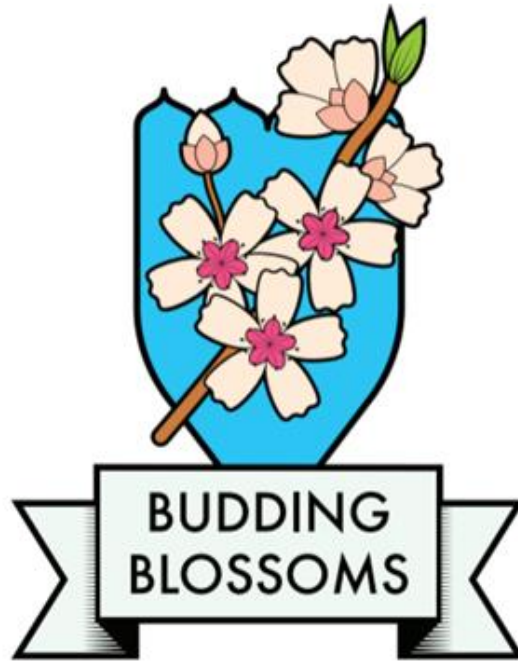


The half term ends on another busy week in Oaks. In maths, we have been looking at using a four-quadrant grid to plot coordinates, translate and reflect shapes. The children have all persevered so well with the tasks, linking learning and showing their ever-growing knowledge. We have watched the film 'Holes' in English to help us understand the themes within the story. The children have written a discussion about whether juvenile detention camps are beneficial and what purpose they have. Some very convincing arguments for both sides!

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After the half term holiday, PE will still be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure kits are in school on both days.

Budding Blossoms



Blossoms have had a lovely final week of the half term. We have written our own stories for Lights on Cotton Rock which are absolutely amazing, they have blown me away. We have used lots of features that we have been learning about, including inverted commas.

In maths, we have been handling data, we have made bar charts of our favourite pizza toppings and also read bar charts to find the answers to tricky questions, the children have worked really hard and I am very proud of them.

We have enjoyed a little treat in class today to celebrate all their hard work this half term.

Have a lovely week off and I hope you all have a wonderful adventure in the coming week.

Mrs Taylor

Here's our learning in action.







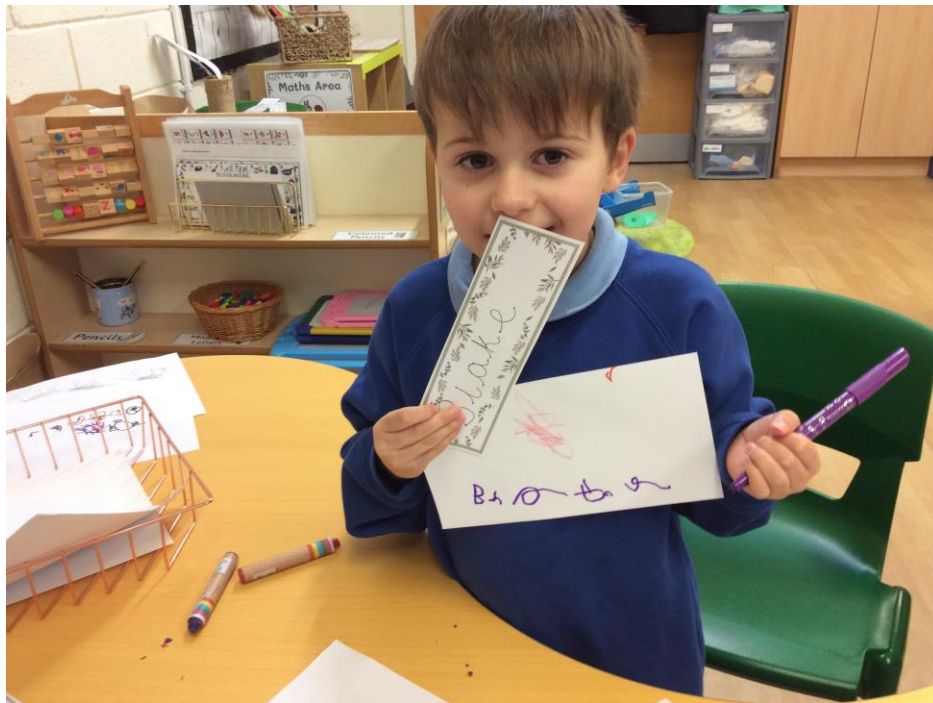






Joseph used his pincer squeezing to create a moose animal sculpture.











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	Ivy	Ralph	Jack
Awesome Ashes	Bradley	Heidi	Maria
Super Sycamores	Emmie	Teddy	Jacob
Outstanding Alders	Rupert	Henry	Jenna
Enchanted Elms	Louis	Sophie	Logan
Marvellous Maples	Monroe	Alfie	Heidi
Dazzling Elders	Declan	Sebastian	Freddie
Wonderful Willows	Martha	Ben	Miley
Mighty Oaks	Isobelle	Sienna	Freya
Brilliant Berries	Kaira		
Budding Blossoms	Eesa		

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

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

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

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

FOCUS ON 2 YEAR FUNDING

Join the thousands of parents across Lancashire who already use **funded childcare for their 2-year-olds**.

Check eligibility: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-educationfamilies/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/payingfor-childcare/play-learn-and-grow-with-a-funded-place-for-2-year-olds>

If any further support is needed come and join us at our –

One Stop Shop every Thursday morning 10am-12pm at the Maden Family Hub Bacup.



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

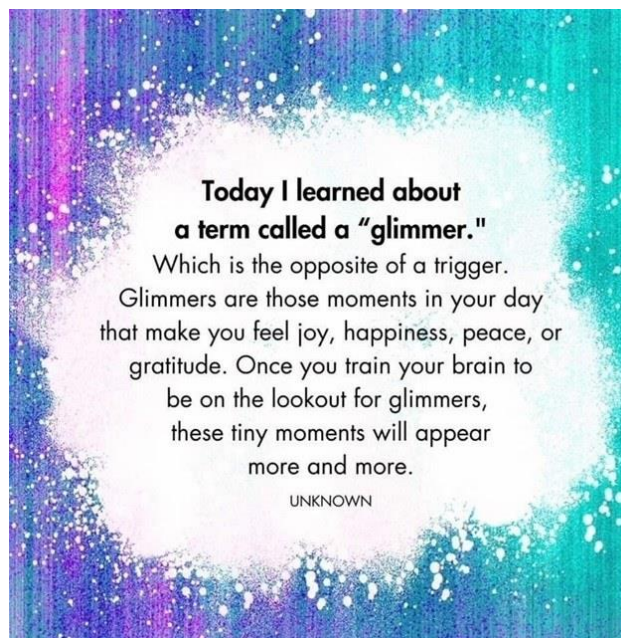
1.15pm-2.45pm

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 half term filled with fun and laughter. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Charlesworth