

St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter



Friday 9th May 2025

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

Headteacher news

What a wonderful day we had celebrating VE Day! I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for this special occasion. It was truly heartwarming to see our school community come together, sharing in the spirit of remembrance and gratitude.

We began our day with a whole school celebratory worship, where we reflected on the significance of this historic day. Together, we explored the knowledge of how, 80 years ago, Winston Churchill announced the end of the war in Europe. It was a poignant moment, as we acknowledged that while it marked a victory, it was also a day of great sadness and reflection for the millions who had lost loved ones in the conflict.

Our pupils then immersed themselves in a variety of engaging activities designed to deepen their understanding of World War II. We placed a special emphasis on local history, helping our

children connect with the experiences of those who lived through the war in our very own community. The thought-provoking artwork created by our pupils was particularly moving, showcasing their empathy and understanding of this significant period in history.

The highlight of our celebrations was undoubtedly our festive lunch, our wonderful choir and the joy to welcome so many of our families to join us in this celebration. Together, we enjoyed delicious cakes and refreshments, creating a wonderful atmosphere, whilst providing a perfect opportunity for us all to reflect on how fortunate we are to live our lives in peace, fostering a sense of respect and appreciation for those who came before us. It's through experiences like these that we help shape our children into thoughtful, empathetic citizens who understand the value of peace and the cost of freedom.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making our VE Day celebrations such a success. Your participation and support mean the world to us and help create lasting memories for our pupils.

Choir

Our school choir will soon be joining other schools for a grand concert, showcasing their wonderful talents. It's an opportunity we're all eagerly anticipating.

A gentle reminder to all choir members: **please return your permission slips by Friday 16th May**. We can't wait to see our pupils shine on stage alongside their peers from across the area

Class photographs

*Have you ordered your school **group** photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 12th May 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Slip, slop, slap, and slide



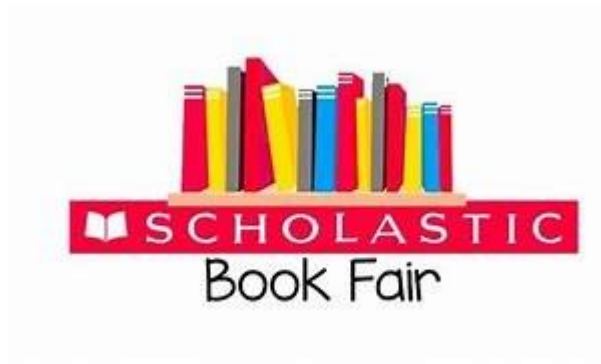
As we are starting to come into warmer sunnier weather you may start to think about additional items for your child.

- 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.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all the families who have visited our book fair this week. It has been lovely to see so many children excited over new books. We really do appreciate your support and also continuing to foster a love of reading amongst all our pupils.

Year 6 End of Key Stage assessment information

Please find the timetable for the Year 6 SATs that will begin in school on the week commencing **Monday 12th May**.

- **Monday 12th May - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**
- **Tuesday 13th May - English Reading**
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Dates for your diary...



- SAT's week beginning 12th May
- 16th May- PTA to start selling ice lollies after school every Friday
- End of summer 1 - school closes at 3:10pm Friday 23rd May
- Multiplication Times Tables Check week beginning 2nd June- 13th June
- Phonics Screening Checks- week beginning 9th June
- Choir concert- 2nd July
- A Night at the Movie Concert (parents invited) 11th July- more details to follow
- Reports out to parents- Monday 14th July
- End of Year parents' evening- Wednesday 16th July
- End of Year PTA disco- Thursday 17th July
- End of summer term at 1:35pm - Friday 18th July
- INSET days- Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July- school closed

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)
- 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



Please find links to our school holiday dates. 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



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call 0300 123 6720



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



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visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/



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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.

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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.

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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 8.30pm - 8.30pm & online
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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This week we have been learning...



Amazing Acorns



What a lovely, but short week we have had. We have continuing with the text Superworm and enjoyed creating our own super mini-beast. The children have been getting ready for year 1 by doing whole class writing. They were absolutely amazing and remembered to use their phonic fingers to sound out tricky words. Could your child write a shopping list with you at home?

In maths, the children have been continuing to look at numbers to 20. We have been partitioning 13-16 into tens and ones. We have also been working hard to recall our number bond and double facts to 5 and 10. Ask your child if they can remember any of them over the weekend.

In RE we have been looking at special places and what they mean to different people. We have learnt that a Mandir is special to Hindus and a church is special to Christians. We even had a special visit from Claire from St Pauls church to tell us more about this.

The children had a lovely VE day celebration. WE made flags and bunting and even ate some cakes.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Bliss and the EYFS team.







Awesome Ashes



What a short, but busy week back in Ashes class! We have had a wonderful week, finding out about the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Thank you for supporting the event on Thursday.

In addition to this, the children have finished their work in English on The Tiger Who Came To Tea, writing diary entries and letters from the main character. In Year 1, the children have been learning to add using the bridging method in Maths. Children in Reception have been working on number 16.

Forest School

We enjoyed our Forest School session on Friday, finding out about the wild flowers we have in our local area.

Dates for the diary

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Fielding

[Super Sycamores](#)



It has been a lovely short week in Sycamores and we have been super busy as always. Thank you to all the parents that supported our VE day celebrations yesterday and hope you enjoyed the cakes and treats. In class the children showed their understanding of this event and were able to link different emotions to the events.

In Maths we have been working on more/fewer up to 50 and placing these numbers in the correct place on a number line. In English we have written our non-chronological report all about school making sure we are using sentence openers and conjunctions. We have also begun to plan our independent report about our very own pet train by designing our own train.

Just a reminder about phonics homework. This will be sent home weekly to practice real and alien words. This is in addition to normal reading and spelling homework. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary -

Next Forest session - Thursday 22nd May

Thursday 10th July - class trip to Bring Yer Wellies, please see email and complete forms asap.

School closes for half term - Friday 23rd May

Enchanted Elms



Even though this week has been short we have been super busy.

We have started to learn how to use the grid method for Multiplication. In English we have thought about characters feelings and thoughts they might have been feeling when a series of unfortunate events happened to them.

In History we looked at the Ribchester fort and what they found out about Romans from the excavating the area and what role the fort played in helping the Romans maintain rule in Britain. In R.E we looked at the big freeze and if we could find the stories we have read and talked about its representation of the People of God.

Thank you for coming and commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day it was lovely to see you all. It was a treat to enjoy eating cakes and ice lollies, whilst reflecting on the significance of the day.

Roman Experience

Last week a letter was sent out for the Roman workshop on Monday 16th June 2025. This is a super learning opportunity for your child. Please complete the forms and make a voluntary contribution on Parent Pay as soon as possible.

PE changes

- Outdoor PE session will now be on Tuesday afternoon.
- Indoor PE session will be each Wednesday afternoon.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are in school on these days.

Forest School

- Monday 12th May 2025
- Monday 19th May 2025

Dates for the diary

- Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Cowgill

[Marvellous Maples](#)



Maples have had a very busy week. The children have shown some great retrieval and inference skills during guided reading. The children are really getting used to finding evidence to support

their ideas. This is a skill that can be practised when the children have read their books at home.

In PE, the children are learning how to play the game Boccia. They have been practising their accuracy when throwing- gauging how hard to roll the ball.

In maths, we have looked at calendar problems and how to work them out. Some children are still practising learning their months of the year, so please can I ask that you go over this at home, so they are secure in this for the future.

Please ensure your child is reading at home at least 3 times per week. We only had 16 children read this week, which is such a low number. Reading can have such a positive impact on progress and knowledge of the world. Please encourage this at home- if you need any support with this, please come and speak with me.

Thank you for everyone that came to celebrate VE day on Thursday. It was a great success and something, I hope, the children will remember for a long time.

Next forest session- Thursday 15t May

Plague workshop- Thursday 26th June (Please pay via parent pay)

Have a great weekend.

Miss Yates

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Dazzling Elders



It may have been a short week, but Elders class has certainly been full of activity! Yesterday, the entire school came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day during a special afternoon event. It was a real treat to enjoy cakes and ice lollies while taking time to reflect on the importance of the occasion. In addition to this, in English the children have been using subordinate clauses in our grammar work and writing setting descriptions focusing on creating an atmosphere. In Maths, the children have been using compensation methods and column addition and subtraction. In our science lesson, we have been investigating water resistance and thinking about why some shapes float and why some sink.

Ancient Greece Workshop A letter has gone out this week with details of the Ancient Greece workshop on Wednesday 11th June, which will give children a view of what life was like in Ancient Greece. Payments can be made on Parentpay.

Forest school Our next outdoor learning session will be Wednesday 21st May. Please ensure your child's kit has a long sleeve t-shirt and trousers or leggings so that arms and legs are covered.

PE- Swimming Monday afternoon (starts 12th May) Outdoor PE- Friday afternoon.

Dates for the diary

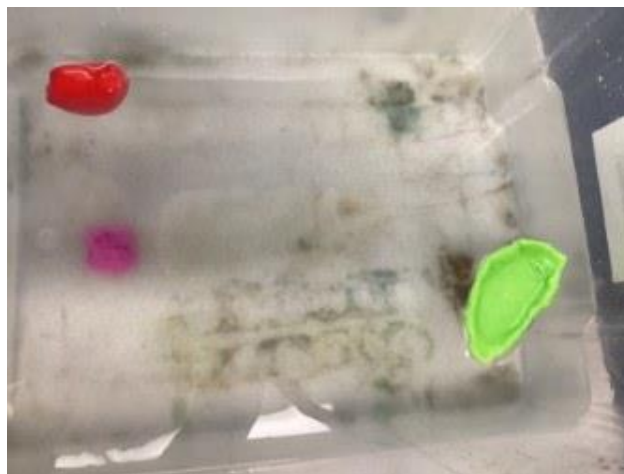
Wednesday 12th May - Elders swimming lessons start

Wednesday 11th June - Greek Day

Friday 23rd May - School closes for half term

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nolan



Wonderful Willows



Thank you to everybody that helped with our VE day celebrations. In class, we looked at the reasons behinds this historical event reflecting through artwork and poetry. Our Artwork was based on pencil drawing so we had to focus on the fine details. Willow's class were totally absorbed in their learning and have produced some fantastic pieces.

In other news, we have been busy preparing for the end of key stage two assessments next week. These will take place from Monday to Thursday, with the timetable as follows:

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As a reward for all their efforts, the Year 6 children will be having a day off timetable on **Friday 16th May**. On this day, children may come to school in their own clothes.

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- Snacks and drinks to enjoy in the afternoon (no citrus or nuts please)

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Year 6 visit to Manchester Cathedral (further information to follow) - Tuesday 17th June

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd



Building the VEDAY

VE Day Poetry

V

Victory because the deed was done,

E

End to the wicked deed will be the reward,

D

Death will never be the end of the world,

A

All the world's with a new dawn,

Y

Yes we can do it.

Thank You May 25

VE Day Poetry

V

Victory in Europe 'saying the day'

E

End of the day and freedom from the fight

D

• Freedom from the people and freedom from the fight

A

When the first the world started and got in 1945

Y

Young men and women from 18 and the division



Mighty Oaks



Even though it has been a short week, yet again it has been action packed. The whole school took part in commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day yesterday at our afternoon event and it was a treat to enjoy eating cakes and ice lollies, whilst reflecting on the significance of the day.

We also have been recapping on the four operations in maths through our arithmetic and problem solving and learning how we see things in science.

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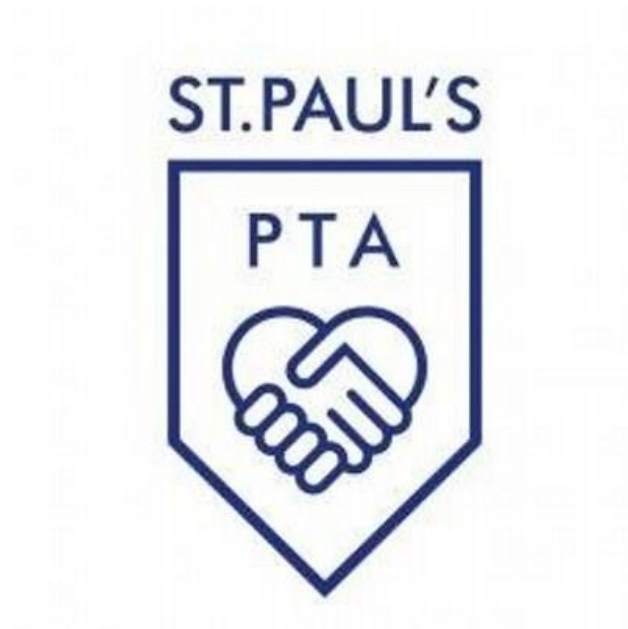
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Mrs Lee

St. Paul's PTA



Many thanks to everyone who was able to come and support our VE Day celebrations on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many families come together, and the children had such a lovely time. We are so grateful for your support.

Now that this sun is shining, we are pleased to say that ice lolly Fridays will be back from next Friday, 16th May, after school in the hall. Ice lollies will be limited to one per child and are priced at 50p-80p each.

For those children attending BYT they will have an opportunity to attend after school so please send some money with your children if you would like them to take part.

Thanks again for all of your support. We really appreciate it. Have a wonderful weekend!



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.

