

St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter September 24

Monday 9th September 2024

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

Headteacher news

Welcome back, we hope you have had a wonderful summer break filled with love, laughter and wonderful memories to treasure. It has been an absolute delight to see you all again this week.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and all the wonderful things we have planned for the year.

As a friendly reminder, following our school day timings consultation last term, we will be implementing an earlier start time **from Wednesday 4th September. Classroom doors will open at 8:40 am, with registration at 8:45 am.**



Congratulations



A huge congratulations to Miss Pounder, her partner and her family who have welcomed two beautiful new members to their family, twins, Margot and Jasper. Margot and Jasper are absolutely gorgeous and we are really looking forward to seeing them in school.

Another sporting success

This week we have been notified that we have surpassed our 'Gold School Sports award' and gained the very prestigious 'Platinum Standard School Games' award.

A huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Lee & Mr Rush for all they do to arrange our school sporting events. 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!

Just Imagine

It's not too late to register.

Just Imagine UK
DREAMS BECOME REALITY

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY
ROSSENDALE
ST PAULS SCHOOL,
RAWTENSTALL, BB4 8HW

TUESDAY
6PM-8PM

AGES 4+

New classes launching in September! Enrol today!

INFO@JIUK.CO.UK

Get fit for Christmas - Take some time just for you.



Join us to complete Couch25K

Last academic year Mrs Alvarez led a number of Couch25K programmes with lot's of parents and staff completing the programme.

This year Mrs Alvarez is starting it again, starting Thursday 12th September.

We would love for you to come and join us. If you would like to join us please email BYT@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk and come to meet us outside the school office at 3.30pm, where Mrs Alvarez will talk us through the programme and collect emergency information from you.

You won't regret it!!!

Back to school preparation for September

Parking

The vast majority of pupils at St Pauls and Alder Grange arrive on foot to school, however there are still a significant number of pupils who are dropped off - in private cars and taxis. Having so many pupils arriving at the same time, an increased amount of cars on the road means we do need to enforce the

use of the one way system around the school complexes at critical times. This is especially relevant in the morning.

It is not acceptable to park in the bus stop area, disabled bays, staff parking areas, in front of neighbours driveways or on the double yellow lines around school - this poses a significant risk of harm to our children

The schools have always asked parents to follow the one way system around the complex, and not to use the roundabout access at peak times. This will add a small amount of time to your journey, which we feel is acceptable to ensure we keep our pupils as safe as possible. There have been too many near misses where drivers have come too close to pupils and parents on and around the crossing and roundabout for us to allow the practice to continue.

Neither schools will put up with abuse directed at any member of staff going about their duty, and giving up their time to support our pupils. We will report, to the police, all incidents of abuse and of illegal parking. We are working with the local council to request more traffic calming measures and parking enforcement, and hope to see wardens out each week.

We hope that you will continue to support us, and we are really grateful for the many positive messages we have received - which shows that if all cars use the one way system traffic flows much better.

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 ingredient's 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. This is paid for each half term in advance. So please ensure you pay on ParentPay within the given deadlines. (Reminders are sent via email).

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 ParentPay account. We cannot access your account to update this for you.

School Meals

The weekly cost of school meals as of September 1st has **increased to £13.50 per week** (£2.70 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.

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.

Dates for your diary...



- Couch25k - Every week starting from Thursday 12th September - Meet at the office at the front of school
- EYFS Welcome service at St. Paul's Church - Thursday 26th September
- EYFS Road Safety - Week 16th September
- Scholastic book fair - Arriving 25th September
- Macmillan Coffee afternoon - Thursday 26th September - If you would like to volunteer to help at the event please email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk
- Year 6 children Robinwood - Friday 27th September
- Hello Yellow day - Thursday 10th October - wear something Yellow - Donations to Mind can be paid on ParentPay
- Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 28th November

- **Individual photographs - Wednesday 13th November**
- **Harvest Service - St Paul's Church - Thursday 10th October infants 9.30am, Juniors 10.30am**
- **EYFS - Phonics and reading workshop - Friday 4th October 9 am**
- **EYFS Early number workshop - Wednesday 16th October 9 am**
- **Half Term break - Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October**
- **Return to school for the 2nd part of our Autumn term - Monday 28th October**

PTA

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are excited to be back in school this week!
Welcome to our new parents and children who have joined our wonderful school this week!

We are already making plans for some fantastic events for this school year! Keep up to date with the PTA news and events on our Facebook page. If you would like to contact us you can also do so on our email address stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to another great year! 😊

Bonnie Smith

PTA Chair

Fundraise for school that does not cost you anything.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate **££s** to schools.

HERE'S HOW

- 1** Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today
- 2** Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3** Shop, scan and we donate

With **Parentkind**

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Parentkind – the charity that supports schools and PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, 'opt in' through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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

Starting Reception in 2025 or moving onto high school ...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 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 2025 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications – 31st October 2024

Primary applications – 15th January 2025

Just Imagine Musical Theatre Workshop after school club.



The poster features a central logo for 'Just Imagine UK' with the tagline 'MAGIC BEING EVERYWHERE'. Below it, the title 'Musical Theatre Workshop' is written in a cursive font, accompanied by an illustration of a pair of glasses. The background is decorated with a path of footprints, a witch's hat, a broom, and various magical items like a cauldron and a wand.

The School of Witchcraft & Wizardry is set to open its doors to all magical creatures as we create a unique showcase perfect for anyone with magic in their hearts!

Our Musical Theatre workshops are designed to enhance & nurture many skills giving our young people the confidence to step outside their comfort zone and enhance their imagination. It also nurtures reading, writing, rhythm, coordination, memory, public speaking skills and overall fitness to name just a few benefits!

Classes are led by members of the Just Imagine Performance Team & Directors who currently produce quality showcases performed across the UK for Children & Grown ups alike! Should you wish to find out more about our productions, simply get in touch!

Dates: Wednesday
11th, 18th, 25th September
2nd, 9th & 16th October
(6 week course)
3:30-4:30pm
Cost: £36.00
£6.00 per session
(Payable in termly blocks)

Important Information
Classes are open to Reception - Year 6
Please prepare to stay for an additional **15 minutes** after the last session to watch our performance.

New Sign Ups
Register Here

Existing Students
Book Here

Full payment is required on or before the invoice due date.
Late payments will receive a 10% late payment charge.
Cancellations must be made before the due date, failure to do so will result in full payment being required.

INFO@JIUK.CO.UK

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, all children must attend every day unless they are ill.

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.

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.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices from September 2024

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the **Department for Education** has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

Please note that school does not receive any money for penalty notices.

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period^[1]. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

[1] A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Holiday list 2024/25



School Holidays 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Re-open Wednesday 4th September 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 21st October -

Friday 25th October 2024 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 28th October 2024

Closure after school on Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open Monday 6th January 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 17th February –

Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open Monday 24th February 2025

Closure after school on Friday 4th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Staff Training Day Friday 2nd May 2025

May Day Closure Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)

Re-open on Monday 2nd June 2025

Closure after school on Friday 18th July 2025

Staff Training Days Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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/>

because **FAMILY MATTERS** *life*

Time out for parent courses

new era enterprises

Call or text 07877 714693

Scan to book - in the drop down box, please make sure you select the course and date required

4 X 2hr Sessions

*Believing in you
Believing in Better*

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

Promoting healthy tips with our children & family members and strategies to handle anger better.

September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD

Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

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

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS

The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Reflective Friday

BEING HUMBLE
MEANS RECOGNIZING
THAT WE ARE NOT ON
EARTH TO SEE HOW
IMPORTANT WE CAN
BECOME, BUT TO
SEE HOW MUCH
DIFFERENCE WE CAN
MAKE IN THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.

Hope you all have a wonderful week ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Charlesworth

