



St Paul's News



St Paul's Church of England Primary School vision :

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me' Matthew 19:14.

We are all equally important, listened to and loved by God.



Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. This week we began the second term of the school year; the Spring term. Ironically named, as it is often the coldest time of year and starts in the middle of winter. It has been incredibly cold, with temperatures going below zero on most days. We expect our children to be dressed appropriately for such weather, and would ask that all children are sent in with suitable clothing, such as sweaters and coats please.

Last Sunday St Paul's Church held their second Hope worship meeting in school. Thank you to those of you that attended this. Thank you also to the church team and members of the congregation that, once again, organised, ran and led this.

Finally, on your return to school on Tuesday, you may have seen some alterations to our main front playground area. This area has now been opened up and made more spacious, allowing the collection of children at the end of the day to be a little easier. It has also had a good clean and tidy. This is all thanks to our PTA. This was their idea which they co-ordinated and funded. Many thanks to our fantastic PTA for their support and kindness. Thank you also to all of you for supporting our PTA and helping to raise the funds necessary to make such improvements.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Spreading Hearts Prayers

You will need: cups with about an inch of water at the bottom; strips of kitchen roll; felt-tip pens (cheap and cheerful are good and definitely not permanent markers - you need the ink to run). Draw a heart about two inches up the strip and colour in with pen. Slightly above and outside of the heart you have drawn, write the initials of someone (or draw a face of someone!) that you would like to get to know Jesus. Put the end of the strip in the water and pray that they will come to know that Jesus loves them. Watch as the water slowly climbs up the strip, and the ink in the heart spreads out to cover and absorb the initials/face.



House Points



St Andrew: 521



St David: 486



St Patrick: 569

St George: 449



Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Monday 13th January

Friday 7th February

Thursday 6th April

Tuesday 1st April

The meetings will take place in the Breakfast Club Room at 9.00am - 9.30am.

FOOD BANK

We would like donations of instant mash, squash (smaller bottles), tinned vegetables, and washing up liquid. There is a box outside the school office where you can place your donations. Thank you.

Lateness

This week there have been **340** minutes late recorded (over 5.5 hours). This is a huge increase - especially as it is only over 4 days.

We are carefully monitoring each individual pupils' time-keeping, working with Warwickshire County Council's Attendance Officer. Please see the chart below to show how this affects learning.

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Final Reminder

Applications for Reception 2025

If you have a nursery child who will be moving into reception in September 2025, this is a final reminder that the closing date for on-time applications is Wednesday 15th January and offers will be made on Wednesday 16th April 2025.

Below is a link for the Admissions Department. It contains clear instructions on how to apply, and also gives information on local schools and contact details for the department.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

Fair Access and Vulnerable Learners Coordinator
School Admissions
Warwickshire Council

Connect for Health

Connect for Health will be visiting the school on the 20th January 2025 to carry out a Health Needs Assessment with our Year 6 pupils and also carrying out Heights and Weights Assessments with Reception and Year 6 pupils. An email was sent out towards the end of last term to all Reception and Year 6 parents/carers giving all the relevant details.

Recycle with Michael



As some of you may be aware, the Salvation Army have removed their clothes recycling facility that was situated in the corner of the staff car park. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

Data Collection Sheets

Some Data Collection Sheets were today handed out to parents/guardians of new starters and also parents/guardians of pupils who have not yet checked their child's information.

Please check, sign and date the form, and return it to the school office. It is essential that the information we hold is correct and up-to-date. Thank you.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Girl Power Mentors!



Let me introduce you to our Year 5 Girl Power Mentors!

As a school, we have entered into a national programme called "Girl Power" whereby our Year 5 mentors will work with up to 15 Year 3/4 girls to encourage their increase and enjoyment in physical activity.

Our mentors were trained on Wednesday and are now keen to plan sessions.

The programme will start after Easter. Exciting times ahead!

PTA

Happy New Year to all of you!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. After a busy run up to Christmas this half term will take on a slower pace (at least from our PTA perspective!).

You may have noticed the changes to the front playground. The wonderful Owen and his team from Parker Webb have started the improvements. The first stage has been to remove the circular walls to allow more space for the children leaving school. We know lots of you used these for seating so we will shortly be installing a couple of benches along with new bins and some planters - one in each house colour.

If anyone has any contacts who may be able to donate some plants to add to the planters then we would be very grateful.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to help with the second hand uniform container. This would consist of helping to sort the donated uniform and/or to run the shop (alongside a PTA member) once a half term. If you could spare just an hour each half term then please let one of us know, or email in to chair@stpaulspta.org.uk.

Next meeting

Our PTA meeting this half term is on Monday 20th January at 8pm in The Somerville Arms. We'd love to see some new faces there so please do come along.

Thank you for your support as always

Sent on behalf of the PTA Co-Chairs
Deb Gunn and Kay Gaywood

St Paul's C of E Primary School PTA
Charity No. 505453



Reminders

Monday 13th January - Parent Prayer Meeting - 9.00am

Monday 20th January - Heights and Weights for Reception and Year 6 Pupils

Monday 20th January PTA Meeting at 8.00am at The Somerville Arms

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * For this week's Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqpps-8827653?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Family Information Service Special Edition Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-8827334?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Family First Magazine go to <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-1-2025/>
- * Link to a padlet put together by EMTAS designed to support newly arrived/EAL families - <https://padlet.com/emtasadmin/warwickshire-support-networks-for-newly-arrived-families-17w1oinhjbndi0yc>
- * St Paul's Church January 2025 Newsletter
- * Presto Music flyer
- * Fit 2 Dance flyer