



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

This week I had the pleasure of playing a part in year 5 and 6's English work on persuasive letters. The children received a letter from me to inform them that, as a result of tight budgets, they would be asked to come into school on Saturdays to help clean the school. Then they were tasked with writing a reply to me to give their opinions and persuade me otherwise. On Tuesday they presented them to me in their classes. The children had some very clear reasons why they thought this was a poor decision and, in the politest way possible, told me so. I think we may have some future politicians! It was a fun piece of work to be involved in, and thank you to the teachers for thinking so creatively about this learning opportunity. To be clear, we are not opening on Saturdays for child labour purposes; it was simply a creative writing task!

This week I also met with the 'Helping Hands' charity. This is the local charity we supported earlier this academic year by donating shoeboxes. I am now exploring other ways we, as a school, can work with them to support their work helping local homeless and vulnerable people in our community. I look forward to sharing more on this after half-term.

This Sunday there will be another Hope worship session. A flyer was sent home on Monday, but please see it above if you did not receive this. If you have not yet joined this but would like to, the church team would very much like to see you, so please come.

Finally, thousands of children nationally aged between 6-14 were recently surveyed by Oxford University to identify their choice of word for 2024. The word most popular and chosen as the word of 2024 was 'kindness', one of our school values. How fantastic that kindness is so important to the younger generation.

Please enjoy your weekend and try and share some kindness.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

TSP Prayers

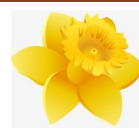
Get a teaspoon, and pass it around your family. As you do, think of a Thank you, Sorry and Please prayer to say. You might like to go round three times, taking one at a time, or you might want to say all three in one go!



House Points



St Andrew: 916



St David: 1058



St Patrick: 1008



St George: 1064

Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Friday 7th February

Thursday 6th April

Tuesday 1st April

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

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.

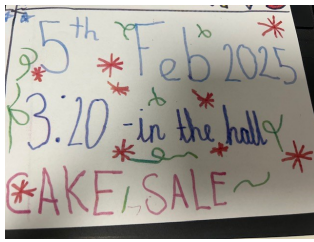
Lateness

This week there have been **171** minutes late recorded (nearly 3 hours of lost learning). This is a substantial improvement on last week - but these minutes do not include those pupils who came into school after registers close at 9.25am - as they have a different code.

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

School Council Cake Sale



There is a cake sale happening on Wednesday 5th February, after school, at 3.20pm in the school hall.

This will be run by the School Council. If you would like to make or donate any cakes/biscuits or sweet treats for this, then please bring them into school on Wednesday morning where they will be stored until the end of the day. The treats will be priced at either 50p or £1.00. The money that is raised will be going towards two Buddy Benches on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

Sports News by Mrs Newbold

Cross Country Event



On Wednesday, Mr Challis accompanied eight Key Stage 2 children to a cross-country event organised by Kingsley School and held at their playing fields. A boy and a girl from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were invited. The children's behaviour and attitude were fantastic. For many, it was their first cross-country event representing the school and, without exception, they encouraged each other to persevere and perform to their best. Each race had approximately 20 competitors and the results were as follows:

Josh-16th, Hattie-6th, Artem-7th, Ruth-3rd, Elwood-6th, Eleri-4th, Jack P-6th and Izzy-14th.

Well done all. Mr Challis was incredibly proud to watch you all enjoying your running.

PTA

Hi All,

Lots of planning going on in the background here for fun and engaging events for everyone.

How can I help ...

Sunday 6th April is the Regency 10km Run. If we supply a team of 5 volunteers we will get a donation of £250. We are usually allocated to be Road Marshalls and are needed from 8am to 12noon.

If you are available to volunteer please let your year group rep know ASAP on Whatsapp. **If we get at least 2 volunteers from each year we could get up to £750!** You can do it as a family, or alone, and each volunteer team of 5 will be allocated the same road space so you won't be alone. So far we have 3 volunteers, can we get another 7.....?

* We are forming a working group to start to plan the summer fair. If you have any ideas or want to be involved in the planning stage then please let us know.

* We will be running the Summer Fair Raffle and would be grateful if you know of any raffle prizes that could be donated that you let us know.

* We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to spare an hour per half term to help sort the second hand uniform (you get first dibs on items!).

Coming soon ...

- 7th Feb - back by popular request - **Express Yourself Day** - see attached flyer for details, pay on the day or at the link <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=92651>

- 3-7th March - We have decided to swap out the second hand book sale for the Big Wish List Buy - Miss Wilshee has been adding books in to this shopping list at the request of pupils and this week is your opportunity to look through with your child and see which book(s) you might like to buy for the school library.

DATE CHANGE: 28th March - Easter Fair, 3.30-5 in the school hall - Non-uniform day in exchange for an easter egg

PTA (AKA your donations) spends:

subsidising Years 3/4 trip to RSC with the Year 3/4 fund allocation for this year

Fundraising 2024/2025:

- library
- playground games
- a second gazebo for KS2

Save the date!

If like me you like to get dates in your calendar, here they are:

- 16th May - Disco
- 5th June - Bags2School
- 5th July 2025 - PTA Summer Fair

Thank you for your support as always

Sent on behalf of your PTA Co-Chairs

Deb Gunn and Kay Gaywood

St Paul's C of E Primary School PTA

For the latest news, please check out our [Facebook Page](#)

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ST PAUL'S
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reminders

Wednesday 5th February - School Council cake sale after school

Friday 7th February - Parents Prayer Meeting - 9.00am

Friday 7th February - PTA Express Yourself Day

Monday 10th February - Year 6 SATs Information Meeting for Parents 3.30pm School Studio

Tuesday 11th February - NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 11th February - EYFS Parents Evening from 3.40pm

Thursday 13th February - EYFS Parents Evening from 3.40pm

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half Term (School Closed)

Monday 24th February - Return to School for the Second Half of the Spring Term

Monday 24th February - Vision Screening for Reception Pupils

Wednesday 26th February - Young Voices in Birmingham

Friday 28th February - St David's Day

Friday 28th February - Class 3/4B Trip to the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * For this week's Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8827905?e=3e5007f40c>
- * 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>
- * PTA Express Yourself flyer
- * Let's Play February Fun Days @ Newbold Comyn flyer
- * Go4Goals February 2025
- * Happy News Issue 83