



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 was Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, and this year's theme was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. On Tuesday I led a whole school Collective Worship for the children in Years 1 to 6. This Collective Worship looked at coping with stress and pressure, and how resilience plays an important part in helping us to cope during these times. We looked at some examples of how famous young people have both coped and struggled with this. A key message I gave to the children was that, just like our physical health, our mental health is equally important. I emphasised the importance of talking to others at home or school if they needed to regarding their mental health. Today, the week finished with the children participating in the PTA's 'Express Yourself Day' in which they dressed in a way to express themselves, and some also brought in a book to share with others. A very fun way to finish Children's Mental Health Week. Thank you for the donations made for our PTA. Please find a link below which will take you to a website with more information on this week and Children's Mental Health, should you wish to know more: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Earlier this week our children in Years 5 and 6 had a very hands on science lesson, in which they have been learning about the function of the different organs of the body. A lesson that gave the pupils an experience of what science will be like once they get to secondary school. The children were given the opportunity to dissect a sheep's heart. The children were fascinated, and asked lots of interesting questions, as well as getting enthusiastically involved in the dissection of the hearts. A huge thank you to Pete Wallis (parent and governor) who is a secondary school science teacher who supported these lessons.

Next week we will be celebrating two other themed days, Internet Safety Week and the NSPCC Numbers Day. Throughout the week staff will be delivering lessons and Collective Worship focusing on online safety for the internet safety theme. On Tuesday we will be taking part in the NSPCC Numbers Day. We are asking children to 'Dress up for Digits' by coming to school wearing something with a number on it.

The children will have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games whilst raising money to support services such as Childline and Speak Out Stay Safe. If you would like to support this event by donating to the NSPCC, you can do so using the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>

Finally, well done to the School Council who held a cake sale on Wednesday. The children were fantastic; very organised, helpful and polite from start to finish - a real credit to themselves and the school. They raised £193.00 towards the Buddy Benches for KS1 and KS2 playground. Thank you to all the parents/carers who brought cakes into school, also to Miss Hammond who helped to organise this, and to all the staff that helped man the sale.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Neive's Arc



As always, Neive Warwick and her family are in our thoughts at St Paul's. Last Saturday, we were more than happy to attend a fundraising quiz in Neive's name organised by Sarah, Neive's mum, in Leamington. There's always a bit of pressure on teachers to perform well in quizzes, and even with the added pressure of using technology to record answers, we managed (somehow) to come out as winners. Surprised was an understatement. Our team also included Mr Hawkins and Miss Hammond. Neive's legacy goes from strength to strength.

<https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/neive-warwick/>

Christian Ethos Group

Prayer Walk

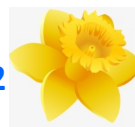
As a family, walk around your local area (or your holiday town, if you're going away). Pray for the things that you pass, or the people you see as you walk. You might like to plan a route around houses of people you know so you can direct your prayers to them.



House Points



St Andrew: 1012



St David: 872



St Patrick: 736



St George: 1077

Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Thursday 6th March

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 **253** minutes late recorded (over 4 hours of lost learning). This is a substantial increase 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

One World Link



In OWL club, our children have been delivering assemblies on Global Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production. As a collective, we have decided to focus on plastic use and felt that 'refusing' a plastic bag would be a great place to start. We would like to thank our generous parents/carers for donating so many lovely fabric tote bags. 125 bags and 364 pens will be heading to Bo, Sierra Leone, later this month.

Threadworms

We have had a few cases of threadworms reported in EYFS. Please check your child regularly and ensure that they thoroughly wash their hands.

Attached is an information sheet with how to treat threadworms.

Warwick Castle

Warwick Castle is offering a special 40% discount on gate price tickets for residents in postcodes B, CV, MK, and OX. This means tickets start from £17.40.

The offer is valid until March 31st (excluding February Half Term and Saturdays). Please click here for further details <https://www.warwick-castle.com/tickets-passes/extras/locals-offer/> or see attached poster.

PTA

Hi All,

We hope your children enjoyed Express Yourself day today. It was lovely to see some very excited children going into school. We'll let you know how much your donations raised next week. If you didn't remember your change this morning, and you still wanted to donate, the link for online donation is here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=92651>

How can I help ...

Regency Run: We still need volunteers for the Regency 10km Run on Sunday 6th April. Thank you to those who have signed up already but we need a minimum of 5 to form one team to get a donation of £250. We are usually allocated to be Road Marshalls and are needed from 8.00am 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,.

Summer Fair: 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.

Raffle Prizes: If you are in a position to donate a raffle prize, or know of anywhere we could ask, for the Summer Fair please do let us know.

Second hand uniform: 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!).

Fundraising 2024/2025:

- playground games
- a second gazebo for KS2

Save the date!

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

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

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](#)

Charity No. 505453



ST PAUL'S
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reminders

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

W/C 10th February - Online Safety Week

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

Monday 3rd March - Class 3/4A Trip to the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon

Wednesday 5th March - Years 1 - 6 Parents Evening

Thursday 6th March - Parents Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Thursday 6th March - Parents Evening

Thursday 13th March - Young Carers Action Day

Friday 14th March - Comic Relief

Friday 14th March - Class 3/4C Trip to the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon

Monday 17th March - St Patrick's Day

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-8827986?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Family Information Service Special Edition Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-8828005?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>
- * Threadworms Information Sheet
- * Warwick Castle 40% off poster
- * Warwick District Council Cost of Living leaflet
- * FACE February 2025 Newsletter
- * Emmanuel Church Holiday info please go to www.emmanuel-church.org.uk/liftoff or see attached flyer
- * Happy News Issue 84