



St Paul's News



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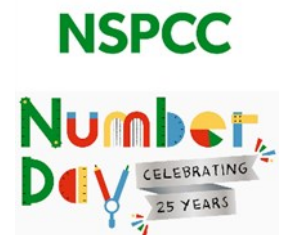
Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me' Matthew 19:14.

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



Dear Parents / Carers

On Tuesday the school celebrated NSPCC's Numbers Day. The children, and many staff, came into school dressed in their 'Dress up for Digits' clothes to celebrate this day. The day began with a Collective Worship and was followed by the children being mixed together in groups to take part in maths games. It was lovely to see our older and younger children working together and having fun. I know a number of people also donated online to the NSPCC; thank you for your kindness. Thank you also to our maths leaders, Mrs Bown and Mrs Williams for organising this day; and to Mrs Newell for helping with the groups.



This week was also Internet Safety Week. On Wednesday the children had another themed Collective Worship, with a focus on this. Our children being safe online is something we take seriously, and I know from your feedback that this is something you would like us to support you with at home.

As well as the Collective Worship, the children also had lessons that took place with a focus on being safe online. This week offers you, as parents/carers, a great opportunity to ask about what they have been told this week about being safe online, and asking about their behaviour online and what sites/apps they are using. As a parent myself, I know it is very easy to just assume we know what our children are doing online. However, it is vital that, from time to time, we check in with them and speak about what they have been doing. This week offers you the perfect opportunity to do this. Thank you to Mr Broad and Mr Hawkins for helping to organise this week for us.

Continuing with the theme of online activity, over the last few weeks our school website has been updated and tidied up. You should now be able to find all up to date school policies, as well as current information on our school. A reminder also, to ensure you're up to date with what's happening each half term, please make sure to visit your child's class page on our school website. This page will provide you with important information, including PE days, Forest School sessions, swimming lessons, and any upcoming meetings for your child's class or phase.



What you will not yet find on the website are the term dates for the 2025/26 academic year. These will be put on next half-term. However, I know many of you are keen to know these in order to plan holidays and other family occasions. So, attached to today's newsletter, are the dates for next academic year, including all teacher training days. Can I remind you, in line with current DfE guidance, please do not plan holidays during term time. Where I have the freedom, I have put additional training days attached to already agreed WCC holiday dates; therefore trying to help you as much as I can with these arrangements.

Finally, when we get back, it will be World Book Day. Preparations are already taking place and later, in this week's newsletter, you will find details on some of these plans. Can I point out, with half-term next week, there is the opportunity to take part in a family challenge this year. A crafty fun challenge that you can all get involved in. Please see further details later in the newsletter.

I hope on this Valentine's Day you are able to share some love and kindness with others.

Happy half-term!!

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Fizzy Explosion Prayers

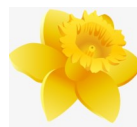
Mix food colouring into white vinegar to colour it. Keep each colour of vinegar in a separate cup and assign a dropper to each cup. Cover the bottom of a baking tray or roasting tin with bicarbonate of soda. Add a drop of coloured vinegar on to the soda and watch the explosion! Invite everyone to choose a colour of vinegar that represents someone they would like to pray for. As they drop the vinegar on to the soda, pray that the power and love of Jesus will touch that person's life.



House Points



St Andrew: 749



St David: 819



St Patrick: 641

St George: 771



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 **340** minutes late recorded (over 5.5 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

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March 2025



Get Ready for World Book Day!

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we're excited to invite all our children (and school staff too!) to get creative and dress up as their favourite book character or, if they prefer, wear comfy clothes that are perfect for a cosy reading day on **Thursday 6th March**.

If possible, please can children bring along their favourite book to share with friends. We can't wait to enjoy the day filled with reading, fun and imagination.



Family Challenge

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to recreate a scene from their favourite story inside a box (shoe box/cereal box etc). You might want to show the houses of the three little pigs; recreate Hogwarts from Harry Potter; or make an underwater scene from The Snail and the Whale. The choice is yours! For inspiration, please see below examples of stories in boxes. Please note that this is an optional activity. The story boxes should be brought back to school by Thursday 6th March. There will be lots of prizes to be won. Good luck! We can't wait to see your work!



PTA

Hi All,

Just a quick update from us this week.

Thank You

Thanks to you all we raised a fabulous £478.36 from Express Yourself Day.

Thank you to those who have volunteers for marshalling at the Regency Run. We have entered one team.

How can I help

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!).

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

We hope everyone has a lovely half-term break!

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 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-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8828066?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Connect for Health latest health and wellbeing newsletter go to <https://compass-uk.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efc6fb025a420bf354133fa1f&id=5087f76578&e=5dc215174c>
- * 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>
- * Term/Holiday Dates - 2025/2026
- * St Paul's Church February Newsletter
- * Barnardo's Half Term Activities
- * Barnardo's Spring February - April timetable
- * Happy News Issue 85