



St. Paul's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Jesus said,

**'Let the little children
come to me.'**

MATTHEW 19:13-15

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



Friday 16th January 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

This week I was visited by the local Community Police team regarding parking during drop off and pick up times. Some of the parking during these times is considered unsafe and, as a result, the Community Police team are now going to patrol more regularly around the school to monitor and deal with this. They have asked me to remind you that they may issue fines. Some of the main areas of concern are:

- ◇ Parking on the road in marked / lined areas;
- ◇ Parking on pavements, making it difficult or not possible for pedestrians to use the footpath;
- ◇ Blocking of residents driveways or restricting their access;
- ◇ Blocking of roads, which may not allow vehicles to pass by, including emergency services.

I understand parking is an issue outside our school, as with most other schools, during these times. However, consider walking (if you live near enough) or park a little further away from the school. Some of our visitors are directed to park at the Newbold Comyn car park, which is a five minute walk away, so is also a good option for parents. As a school, with thoughtful as a key value, could I encourage you to park safely, legally and with consideration to others.

On Wednesday, Mrs Newell and Mrs Newbold accompanied eight Year 5 girls to a Girl Power training event at Stratford Leisure Centre, organised by our local School Sports Partnership (CWSSP). The girls learnt about the importance of physical exercise for our long term physical and mental health. They are now equipped to run a lunchtime club for some Year 3/4 girls after February half term, offering fun PE based activities. We encourage all children to be active, but data tells us that many girls stop sports once they start secondary school. If we can encourage good habits in primary school, hopefully this will carry on into secondary school. I am sure these girls will have a positive impact on their peers and enjoy the responsibility of leading activities for them.

Enjoy your weekend.

Matthew Bown - Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Pray into the News

If you watch, listen to or read the news each day, say a quick prayer for the things that you are learning about.



House Points



St Andrew: 461

St David: 477

St Patrick: 407

St George: 385



Parents Prayer Meetings

The next parents prayer meetings for next term will take place on:

Thursday 5th February
Monday 2nd March

The meeting 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 **515** minutes late (over 8.5 hours lost learning). 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

PTA News

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a good break for Christmas!

We're meeting on the 19th January (this coming Monday), 8pm at the Somerville (in the back room) to discuss forthcoming events and plans - be great to see you there if you can spare an hour-ish.

If you are booking a holiday this month please bear easyfundraising in mind as they will often donate a % of your booking to StPauls Pta via their app, please see attached flyer for how to do so.

Sent on behalf of the 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

Reporting Pupil Absences or Lateness



Can we please remind parents/carers, once again, that you need to report to the school office if your child is going to be absent or late to school. If we do not receive a reason for their absence - the absence will be unauthorised. You can either email or telephone before 9.00am to report an absence, giving your child's name, class and reason for their absence.

If your child is going to be late into school (arriving after 9.15am) and will require a school lunch, you will need to inform the school office the reason why they will be late and which choice of dinner you want ordering for your child. The office need to be notified before 9.15am.

If your child comes into school late, and arrives after 9.15am, and you have not ordered a school dinner, then they will need to bring in a packed lunch.

Reminders

Saturday 17th January - Years 5 & 6 Cross Country - Edmondscote Track - 10.15am - 11.15am

Thursday 5th February - Parents Prayer Meeting - 9.00am

Friday 6th February - PTA Express Yourself

Saturday 7th February - Years 5 & 6 Cross Country - Myton Fields - 9.30am

Monday 9th February - SAT's Parents Meeting - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 10th February - NSPCC Number Day

Friday 13th February - Last Day of the Spring Half-term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half-term - School Closed

Monday 23rd February - School Re-opens for the second Spring Half-term

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-8831670?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>.
- * Winter Wellness Hybrid information click <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/virtual-family-space-coventry-warwickshire>
- * PTA Raise Funds flyer
- * Winter Wellness flyer for Lillington area
- * Para Football flyer
- * Netball flyers (x4)
- * Super Star Sports February half-term flyer
- * GoGo Makers February Half-Term flyer
- * Happy News - Issue 119