



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

Today, a very special Collective Worship took place for our children in Key Stages 1 and 2. They were told of the background and history about Coventry's symbol of the Cross of Nails. This is the symbol used on our school logo. Mr Hawkins' father was involved, as part of his maritime role, in the recovery of the Cross of Nails after HMS Coventry was sunk in the 1980's. The diver who recovered it, commissioned a painting of this important historical event, which Mr Hawkins Snr has a copy of, which he showed the children. During the Collective Worship Mr Hawkins Snr showed a video made by the diver, who now lives in Australia, to the children sharing his experience of this recovery mission. We were also joined by the Director for Education from the Coventry Diocese, as well as our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors. A huge thank you to both Mr Hawkins Jnr and Snr for thinking about our school and sharing this interesting historical story.

This week a number of children in Key Stage 1 worked with Katy from the St Paul's Church to make the artwork for the up and coming 'Hope' worship opportunity. The logo competition has now closed and a winner will be announced next week. The first 'Hope' session will take place on Sunday 1st December at 3.00pm, and will be held in our school.

Finally, next week is the final opportunity to send in your Christmas shoeboxes for the 'Helping Hands' charity. If you are making one of these, please make sure we receive it by next Friday at the latest. These will then be passed on to the charity to distribute over Christmas. Please see attached for further information.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mathew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

House Points

Grace at Mealtimes

If you don't already, why not try saying a thank you prayer before each meal? It could be something as simple as 'Thank you Jesus, for our food', or it could involve thinking of something you are grateful for and sharing it before you eat.

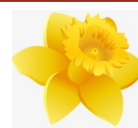


St Andrew: 507

St David: 570

St Patrick: 610

St George: 546



Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 3rd December

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 **271** minutes late recorded - that is 4.5 hours of lost learning.

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

Let It Snow!!



On Tuesday morning the children in Early Years were amazed by the snow! They had great fun making a snowman on the school field, as well as rolling giant snowballs.



Yesterday was the official cut-off day for opting your child out of having a Christmas dinner. The food order will now be placed by the catering staff on Monday morning.

Hollie, a local childminder, has vacancies for morning and after school provision for immediate starts.

If you require childcare, Hollie can be contacted on 07593 186768.

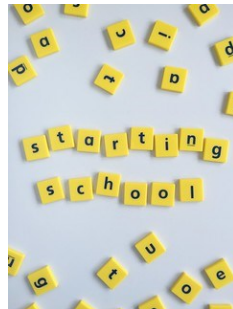
Sickness and Diarrhoea

A reminder that if your child suffers from a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for a clear 48 hours from the last episode. Please keep the school informed when your child is off.

If your child will be coming into school because of an appointment, please let the school know - and if they require a school dinner, the office need to be informed before 9.20am. If your child comes in after this time and the office have not been informed about ordering a school dinner, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Applying for a Reception Place for September 2025

A Message from Warwickshire Admissions



The national deadline to apply for a reception school place is 15th January 2025. You will find some helpful information on our website including a short video with some tips and things to consider before making your application. Go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions to help make the move easier on your family.

To apply please visit <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>.

If you have applied in recent weeks there is no need to reapply - if you want to check the details of your applications, you can do this by logging into your parent portal. Please remember the deadline to apply is 15th January 2025. When applying, please ensure you list several preference schools, ideally including your local catchment school as one of your preferences. This will reduce the likelihood of you getting an unplaced offer.

If you apply after the national deadline your application will be considered as late and will not be processed until after primary offer day of the 16th April 2025.

Reminder



Another reminder that bikes, skateboards, scooters etc are not to be ridden on school premises (even if the playground is empty). These micro-mobility vehicles can reach extremely high speeds and can cause serious damage if contact is made with a child or adult.

Also, dogs are not allowed on the school premises, even if they are being carried.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Dodgeball



On Wednesday 13th November, eight Year 5 children represented St Paul's at a dodgeball competition at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre. After each game, the teams rated their opponents on the values of honesty, teamwork and respect. The two teams with the highest marks would represent Central Warwickshire at County event. Out of a total of 24 teams, St Paul's came 5th. Well done to all who took part, and thank you to Mr Challis for taking the children and organising the teams.

Market Hall Museum, Warwick

Market Hall Museum in Warwick is hosting a range of Christmas events and activities for families to enjoy over the next few weeks. The weblink to their 'special events' is here <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats>

Carols at Warwick Castle

This annual event is a festive favourite, with carols led by St Mary's Choir and Royal Spa Brass in the beautiful Castle Courtyard. It is a lovely way for families to gather, enjoy seasonal treats, and start the holiday season together. Tickets are £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children, with all proceeds supporting local charities.

This years' event will be on Saturday, 21st December at Warwick Castle. Gates open at 6.30pm. Please go to the link below or see the poster attached for further details.

<https://carolswarwick.org.uk/>

PTA

A reminder about the great incentive that Froggle Christmas Trees are offering St Paul's parents. For every three pre ordered before the 6th December, they will give our PTA £7.00. The process is:

Follow the QR code on the attached flyer

Choose the size of tree you want, enter St Paul's PTA as your "good cause" and pay online.

Go any weekend from 23rd November to the Rugby Tavern to choose your perfect tree.

You get a fantastic quality tree and the PTA benefits too!

See the attached flyer for the QR code to pre order your tree.

Upcoming Events:

29th November: Wreath Making Workshop. Tickets are on sale via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/index.cfm>. Please feel free to bring friends (the event is not restricted to St Paul's parents) - six tickets remaining at time of writing. Below is an example of one of last year's wreaths. If you cannot make the wreath workshop but would like to buy one, then email or Facebook message us. The cost will be £30.00.



6th December - 2nd hand Christmas Jumpers

If you have any you wish to donate, these can be left at the office and will be sold at the Craft Fair ready for Christmas Jumper Day on the 13th.

6th December - Toy Sale and Christmas Craft Fair. We are still collecting donations of new or nearly-new good quality toys and games, suitable for primary aged children and clean glass jars (big enough to fit a tea-light in).

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We would also appreciate any baked goods to sell at the Christmas Craft Fair. Please could these be brought in on the morning of the 6th December.

13th December: Christmas Disco tickets are now on sale. The timings are as follows:

Nursery to Year 2: 3.20pm - 4.20pm **Nursery and Reception children require an adult to accompany them**

Years 3 - 6: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Tickets can be bought at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/index.cfm>. We also need volunteers for this event, so please sign up via the same link.

As always, thank you for your support.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/438367989531064/>

Charity No 505453



Reminders

Friday 29th November - St Andrew's Day

Friday 29th November - PTA Wreath Workshop

Tuesday 3rd December - Parents Prayer Meeting 9.00am - 9.30am

Friday 6th December - PTA Second-hand Toy Sale

Friday 6th December - PTA Christmas Craft Fair

Tuesday 10th December - KS1 Nativity at 9.30am (1st Performance)

Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Nativity at 9.30am (1st Performance)

Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Nativity at 2.15pm (2nd Performance)

Thursday 12th December - KS1 Nativity at 2.15pm (2nd Performance)

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13th December - PTA Christmas Disco

Wednesday 18th December - Years 1-6 trip to the Pantomime

Wednesday 18th December - EYFS Christmas Seasonal Crafts and Refreshments from 2.00pm

Thursday 19th December—Church Service St Paul's Church at 9.30am

Friday 20th December - Last day of the Autumn term

Monday 6th January - Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 7th January - First Day of the Spring 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-8827047?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>
- * Shoebox Appeal information flyer
- * PTA Christmas Tree poster
- * Christmas at Market Hall Museum Warwick information
- * Carols at Warwick Castle 2024 poster