



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 Sunday the first Hope worship meeting will be taking place in the school from 3.00pm to 4.30 pm. This has been organised and is being led by St Pauls Church. The timing of this should leave enough time for people to get to the start of the Lantern Parade if they wish. The winning logo for Hope was chosen by the Church last weekend; and on Monday Heidi, the winner, received her prize and house trophy. See the winning logo above. Well done Heidi!

A big thank you to everyone that donated a shoebox to the Helping Hands Shoebox Appeal. Today, Mr Hawkins had the pleasure of dropping off a number of shoeboxes to the collection point. I know this act of kindness will mean a great deal to many local people in need over this Christmas period.

Finally, with Christmas in mind, this week I have shared an interactive Advent calendar with the teachers to use in school. This is the 'Light in the Darkness' - Interactive Advent Calendar for Schools from the Diocese of Guildford. This Advent calendar does not contain pictures of elves and snowmen, instead each day takes you to a picture by an artist from a variety of cultures. Also, a story from the Bible in which we ask the pupils to look for light, and a video of that story and some questions to wonder about together. At the weekends it can also be opened at home, revealing a picture or video for families to enjoy watching together, and some questions to wonder about at home. The videos are a mixture of thought provoking and fun! The calendar runs from 1st - 20th December, the last day of term. Sunday 1st December is just an introduction to this year's theme, which you can open this weekend.

Click here to enter the Primary Advent Calendar 2024

<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=1uiwq8a1ta0c7dn76sridohrumzys9yd>

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mathew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Prayer Advent Calendar

For each day on your Advent calendar, write the name of someone you would like to pray for.

When you open your Advent calendar each day, make sure you pray for that person!

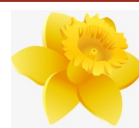


House Points



St Andrew: 589

St David: 776



St Patrick: 502

St George: 780



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 **247** minutes late recorded - that is over 4 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

Recycling of Plastic



I am delighted the council have improved the recycling of plastic, and we are now able to put all plastic wrappers in the recycling bin at home.

In Collective Worship this week I spoke to the children about how we can recycle more, and they are keen to help at home with the washing of plastic wrappers before they are put in the recycling bin.

The children, who have packed lunches, will bring home all their plastic wrappers from Monday 2nd December. Children in KS2 now have a designated bin for recycling snack wrappers.

Please see our Certificate above for Stage 1 in becoming a Plastic Clever school.

Thank you for all your help.

Mrs Jefferies

Breakfast Club

We are still getting parents/carers bringing their child(ren) into Breakfast Club after 8.15am. If your child requires breakfast they must be through the door by 8.10am in order to be served by 8.15am. After that time staff need to be tidying and clearing away before the start of the school day. If you are regularly or running late, please keep a stock of healthy breakfast snacks at home and give your child a snack to have when they arrive at Breakfast Club.

School Photographs

Aperture Portraits



We have received a message from Aperture Portraits to say send a gentle reminder to parents/families to place their school photo orders please. Every year they receive calls into the office after the order deadline and it becomes impossible to despatch orders before they close for the Christmas break. They hope a final reminder will help avoid any disappointment.

We have been told that 23 families haven't currently logged in yet. If QR cards have been misplaced please call their office Monday to Friday from 8.00am - 4.00pm on 0121 439 3211 and provide the name of this school, child's name and class. They can then share student access codes with us to then pass on to parents/carers.

Please note the following:-

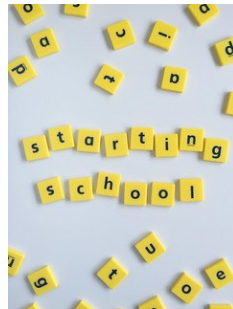
- * Tuesday 10th December 2024 is the last order date for delivery of orders before Christmas - however, they cannot guarantee Royal Mail delivery in time so please order as early as possible.
- * Aperture Portraits will be breaking up for Christmas on Friday 20th December 2024 and will return on Monday 6th January 2025.
- * All images will be taken offline in January 2025.



St Paul's School raised £133.38 for this year's Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all those who contributed.

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.

Autism Conference

Please see below a [CASS](#) session which would be worthwhile sharing with your communities.

[Online drop-in for parents/carers and professionals | CASS Tickets, Wed 5 Mar 2025 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

A session by  cass community autism support service Online drop-in An open space for parents and professionals to find out more about autism For Coventry and Warwickshire residents only	Online drop-in for parents/carers and professionals CASS An online, open space led by parents and professionals for anyone wanting to find out more about autism. www.eventbrite.co.uk
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[Leamington Spa In-person: Together with Autism Conference Tickets, Sat 7 Dec 2024 at 09:45 | Eventbrite](#)

Vacancy at Heritage and Culture, Warwick

A vacancy has arisen which may be of interest to parents who want to work school hours, or teaching staff who are part time or approaching semi retirement:-

Relief Group Leader based at St John's House, Warwick

Closing Date: 7th January 2025

Salary: £15.58 per hour

Brief details:

Work with Heritage and Culture Warwickshire's (HCW) Learning and Community Engagement Team on a zero hours contract basis to deliver their school workshop programme. HCW is looking for individuals who enjoy working with people and are friendly and welcoming. Good organisational and time keeping skills will help you succeed in this role. Teamworking and communication is key to this role. Willingness to deliver workshops in schools around the county is key for this round of recruitment.

For more information please visit Relief Group Leader - School Workshop Delivery job with Warwickshire County Council | 216535 or search for Relief Group Leader, ref 0860268dwp, on WM Jobs (wmjobs.co.uk)

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Netball



On a very cold Wednesday night, our Year 5/6 netball team played two league matches at Leamington Netball Club. We lost against a strong and very well organised Coten End team, but rallied to win against Bishops Itchington. Everyone showed great determination to do their best and they never gave up. Well done all!

Pantomime Money

A reminder that if you haven't yet paid for your child's panto ticket, payment needs to be made as soon as possible. All pupils from Years 1-6 will be going on Wednesday 18th December. Please pay and give consent via Schoolcomms.

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:

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).

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

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 - National Christmas Jumper Day - Voluntary Donations

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

Friday 13th December - PTA 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-8827149?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>
- * FACE Winter Newsletter
- * FACE Winter Timetable