



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

Last Sunday St Paul's Church ran the first Hope worship session in school. Thank you to everyone that attended and to St Paul's Church for organising and running this. There will be another one in January.

The children in Upper Key Stage 2 have been inundated with visitors this week. On Monday afternoon Owen Powell spoke to the children about his work as a cartographer. He showed various maps that he has worked on, even showing a map related to The Beatles. This was an invaluable opportunity for the children to see how their geography topic on maps relates to the real world. On Tuesday, the children were then joined by Katie Mobeb. Katie is a sport psychologist who has worked with a variety of teams and sports people. She spoke to the children about her work as a psychologist and specifically about the book that she wrote in partnership with Marcus Rashford. It was a brilliant talk, and the children were fascinated by what they learnt. Katie spent a lot of time talking about our school values of kindness and bravery and how they link in with the work that she does.

This week has also had a nature focus. On Tuesday we were visited by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. They were in school to work with us to help create an even more nature friendly environment around our school grounds. The School Council worked with them in preparing the ground in various areas around school and planting wild flowers. We will continue to work with them in the new year developing our grounds.

Ms Berte, our Forest School teacher, and Mrs Newell were invited to join the Leamington in Bloom celebration of their Gold Award on Wednesday at the Pump Room conservatory. This was in recognition of the developing of our school pond, which was highlighted as something which contributed to this Gold Award.

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Next week Christmas will be in full swing. The children will see the productions of both the Early Years and KS1 nativities. We will have two performances of both for parents, carers and family. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school for this special treat.

Next Friday will be a very festive day in school. We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner. If you would like to donate to Save the Children, we be collecting on this day. The PTA discos will also take place after school next Friday. A huge thanks to the PTA for all they do, including today's toy sale and Christmas crafts fair. Your support and fundraising is very much appreciated by us all.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Warwickshire Young Carers



Warwickshire Young Carers is here to help improve the lives of Young Carers across Warwickshire by offering free and confidential support. If you think your child is a young carer, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Newell for additional support or to establish more of an understanding of what a young carer is.

Christian Ethos Group

Lego Prayers

Build a home out of Lego. As you do, pray for those who don't have a home, or don't feel safe where they live. Pray that God would be with them, and help them to find safe shelter.



House Points

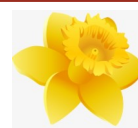


St Andrew: 617

St David: 735

St Patrick: 573

St George: 857



parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Monday 13th January

Friday 7th February

Thursday 6th April

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 **295** minutes late recorded - that is nearly 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

2025 Spring Term Clubs

The new list of after school clubs for Spring 2025 was sent out to parents/carers of pupils in Years 1-6 on Wednesday evening. Please read the information carefully. The **closing date** to request a place in any club is Monday 9th December.

Threadworms

We have received notification that there is a case of threadworms in EYFS. Could you please check your child(ren) regularly and treat as necessary. Attached is an information sheet giving advice.

Homemade Bracelet Sale

Thursday 12th December from 3.15pm

A group of children will be selling homemade bracelets on the front playground next Thursday in order to raise money for the Food Bank. Prices range from 10p - £1.00.

Christmas Colouring Competition - Message from Blythe Liggins

We are a local firm of solicitors and, in the lead up to Christmas, we usually like to run a little competition within the local community. This year my firm is running a Christmas Colouring competition for primary school children and there is a prize for each of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Part of the winning prize is a book voucher for the school. Please see flyer attached.

Christmas at the Castle

Message from The Warwick Castle Team

Christmas at the Castle is a completely magical experience from ice skating under the lights of the majestic Guy's Tower, the enchanting light trail through the beautiful grounds to stories with Santa in the stunning state rooms.

This is our way of sharing the joy of Christmas with our local community to make this a Christmas to cherish forever!

Ice Skating (up to 50% off) NOW from £5.50 (usual price £11)

<https://www.warwick-castle.com/?keyword=SkatePromotion>

Festive Light Trail (20% off) NOW from £14pp (usual price from £17.50)

<https://www.warwick-castle.com/?promocode=ESTrail>

Happy Christmas!

Fully Funded School Support Course

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3 starting on 2nd December!

Our next course starts on 6th January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13th December.

Sessions will be available with our employment engagement officers after course completion!

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term / end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website.

www.studysmartuk.online

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available.

Please go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information or see the attached flyer.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Hockey Festival



On Wednesday, Mr Challis accompanied eight Year 5/6 children to a hockey festival organised by Kingsley School held at St Nicholas Park, Warwick. This was the first time in many years that St Paul's has entered a hockey tournament, but we feel children should have opportunities to compete in lots of sports. They were fantastic, especially as it was the first match they had ever played and with wooden hockey sticks! St Paul's won one and lost two and finished second overall. Mr Challis said our team worked well as a team and improved in each game. They represented St Paul's admirably. A shout out to Hattie, who caught the eye of the Kingsley hockey coach as a future hockey talent. Three cheers to our hockey team!

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

Hi all

We had a fabulous Wreath workshop last week with 18 attendees and quite a few ready made wreath orders as well - it was a lovely way to ease into the festive season.

By the time you read this we will have had our yearly nearly-new toy sale, thank you for all your generosity in donating. We hope that plenty of families have enjoyed a good browse and got lots of Christmas presents sorted.

Thanks to all the people who brought a fantastic selection of cakes and sweet treats in for the Christmas Craft fair - and also a special shout out to Mr Broad for his fantastic efforts in bringing Christmas fun to the craft fair.. did you spot him?

Upcoming Events:

13th December: Christmas Disco and non-uniform day - Ticket sales close on Monday!

The timings are as follows:

Nursery to year 2:

3.20 - 4.20

****Nursery and Reception children only****

As you will be aware your child will require an adult to accompany them so please collect as normal at the end of the day and wait in the playground for the reception/office doors to open at 3.20. Please don't take any photos in the hall for safeguarding reasons, thanks.

Years 3 - 6: 4.30 - 5.30 - there will be a tuck shop so if you want to send your child with an appropriate amount then they can enjoy the delights of the disco tuck shop.

Tickets can be bought at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/index.cfm>. We still need 1 volunteer for the KS2 disco. Please sign up at the link above if you are able to help.

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

Charity No. 505453



Reminders

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-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8827251?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>
- * Connect for Health December Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/f4743809759f/read-your-latest-health-wellbeing-newsletter-13865839?e=5dc215174c>
- * St Paul's Church Newsletter - December 2024
- * Threadworms information
- * Blythe Liggins Christmas Colouring Competition flyer
- * Christmas Tree Festival flyer
- * Warwick Castle - Christmas at the Castle flyer
- * Fully Funded School Support Course flyer
- * Young Adult Carers and Children flyer
- * Carers Trust Caring Together flyer
- * Are You A Young Carer flyer
- * J C Soccer flyer
- * PTA Frog Trees flyer
- * Happy News Issues 77 and 78