



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 week we had a number of performances of our Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativities. A large number of parents/carers and their families joined us. On behalf of the staff, thank you for all your kind comments. The children were wonderful and really did us all proud. Thank you also to the staff who put in a great deal of time and effort in to arrange and rehearse these nativities; you did a terrific job.

Yesterday, we celebrated the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and today again we all dressed festive and enjoyed Christmas dinner. Thank you to those which donated to this charity, we shall pass on these donations.

Also, a big thank you to Ms Randall and her midday staff for organising today's Christmas dinner. Tables covered with red and white table cloths, small Christmas trees and Christmas songs playing all lunchtime. Also thanks to Educaterers for organising over 300 Christmas dinners for pupils and staff.

Next week is our final week before the Christmas break and the children will have a number of festive treats to enjoy in school. Among them will be the pantomime for KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday and our whole school Christmas Church service on Thursday. This is also the nursery children's first time joining us at Church. If you are a nursery parent / carer and are able to support us walking to and from Church, your help would be much appreciated. I look forward to the children enjoying a nice week next week in the build up to Christmas.

Have a lovely festive weekend.

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

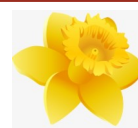
House Points

Wax Resist Painting

Write the name 'Jesus' or draw Jesus on the paper with a white wax crayon or candle. You could use one of his other names, from Isaiah 9: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Pray that people who don't know who Jesus is will come to discover how much he loves them. As you pray, paint over the wax and the picture or writing will be revealed in the midst of all the colour.



St Andrew: 862



St David: 598



St Patrick: 750

St George: 683



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 **178** minutes late recorded. This is less than last week—but there have been a lot of absences through illness.

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

Autumn Clubs

ALL after school clubs for this term have now finished.

You should have received emails confirming your child's choices for the Spring term yesterday.

Could you please remind your child(ren) of the expected behaviour in these clubs. If behaviour is disruptive or disrespectful, you will be contacted to discuss this further.

Coming Late into School

Yet again another reminder that if your child will be coming into school late (whether you overslept, travel problems, medical appt etc) - and they would like a school meal - you will need to inform the school office before 9.20am of your child's meal choice to enable it to be included in the numbers given to our catering staff.

Leamington Tennis & Squash Holiday Camps

Please find attached the Leamington Tennis & Squash Club flyer for the New Year 2025 sessions at the club. These sessions will be held on:-

Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th January (the teacher training day).

Separate primary school and secondary school programme

All standards and ages welcome

Indoor back up in the case of bad weather

See: <https://www.iltsc.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Merry Christmas from the coaching team

Warwickshire County Council has launched its festive countdown calendar which will serve up daily messages full of kindness, warmth, wellness, and community spirit.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5785/wcc-s-christmas-countdown-goes-live>



Festive safety tips

Having already had our first snow of the season, Christmas will soon be here, so Warwickshire County Council and partners are sharing some top tips and advice to make sure you stay safe this December.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5782/festive-safety-tips-to-make-sure-you-stay-safe-in-december>



Warwickshire Holiday Activities & Food Programme

Warwickshire County Council is thrilled to announce that a wide range of fun and free activities to children and young people eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the winter break from school.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5793/warwickshire-holiday-activities-food-programme-offers-winter-fun-for-children-and-young-people>



Kind Communities – Kind Food Grant fund last chance

There's less than one week remaining for residents involved in community food projects in Warwickshire to apply to Warwickshire County Council's Kind Communities – Kind Food Grant fund.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5790/last-chance-for-community-groups-to-apply-to-the-kind-communities-kind-food-grant-fund>



PTA

Hi all

By the time you read this your children will have enjoyed the Christmas Disco, the last of our seasonal events - we hope you've all had fun!

Thank you so much to those of you who have volunteered your time at this, the craft fair and the toy sale this half term. We appreciate all of you as without your support we cannot run these events.

Exciting projects happening in the background with improvements to the collection area happening over Christmas and other projects in the pipeline to enhance your child's experience at St Pauls.

Thank you for your support as always

Sent on behalf of the PTA Co-Chairs
Deb Gunn and Kay Gaywood

St Paul's C of E Primary School PTA

Charity No. 505453



Reminders

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-8827318?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>
- * Leamington Tennis & Squash Holiday Camps flyer
- * Let Me Play Holiday Club Flyer
- * Happy News Issue 79