

Friday 28th February 2025



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

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term.

This week many of our Key Stage 2 pupils travelled to Birmingham to join the Young Voices choir. A number of parents also attended to watch, listen and even join in. The staff that took them told me that they were a credit to our school and were very proud of them. I was particularly delighted to hear that our children learnt to do Makaton sign language for two of the songs (which was an option for all schools) and we were the only school out of about 6,000 children that did this on the night. A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Lee, Miss Gilbert and Miss Curran for giving up their time to support this.

Since September the office and myself have been keeping a close eye on children arriving late to school, in line with the new DfE guidance on attendance. As we reach half way through the school year, we have noticed some familiar faces arriving almost daily into school late. I understand that, on occasions, there may be a very good reason why your child is late; however, if this is a regular occurrence, then this is not acceptable. This is not something we tell the children off for, as it is a parent's responsibility to make sure that their child gets to school on time. It is also not the best start to the day for your child, and can sometimes cause embarrassment for them. If your child is regularly late for school can I ask you to try to ensure this gets sorted out please. This is in the best interests of your child. If your child walks to school by themselves and they are late, we will contact you to let you know.

I am delighted to tell you that on Monday, I expect the work to turn our courtyard into a spiritual/ memorial area to begin. Today the preparations began and on Monday the company will continue the hard work. They are also kindly doing much of the removal work, that I would have been setting up a working party for. I expect this work to be completed before our Easter break, and look forward to sharing news about this with you.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Pray for someone you know in need

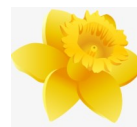
If someone in the family talks about a difficult situation at work or at school, similarly pray for it briefly and matter-of-factly out loud there and then. Ask their permission first! If that scares you, tell them you will pray for them and do it later when you feel happy to do so.



House Points



St Andrew: 648



St David: 806



St Patrick: 689



St George: 726

Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Thursday 6th March

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 **153** minutes late recorded (over 2.5 hours of lost learning). This is a decrease on last week - but 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

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March 2025



Get Ready for World Book Day!

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we're excited to invite all our children (and school staff too!) to get creative and dress up as their favourite book character or, if they prefer, wear comfy clothes that are perfect for a cosy reading day on **Thursday 6th March**.

If possible, please can children bring along their favourite book to share with friends. We can't wait to enjoy the day filled with reading, fun and imagination.

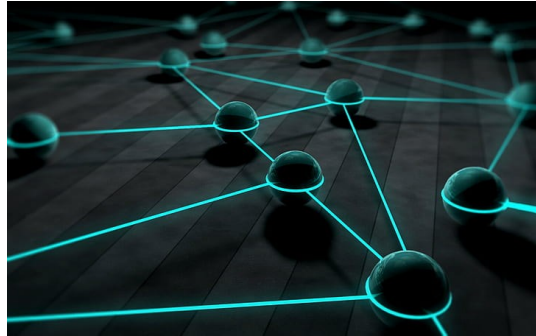


Family Challenge

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to recreate a scene from their favourite story inside a box (shoe box/cereal box etc). You might want to show the houses of the three little pigs; recreate Hogwarts from Harry Potter; or make an underwater scene from The Snail and the Whale. The choice is yours! For inspiration, please see below examples of stories in boxes. Please note that this is an optional activity. The story boxes should be brought back to school by Thursday 6th March. There will be lots of prizes to be won. Good luck! We can't wait to see your work!



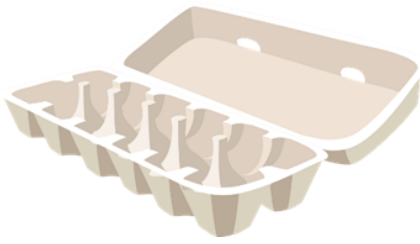
Science and Technology



For Science week the whole school will be taking part in a Science and Technology investigation. We will be setting the children on a mission to design and create a parachute and carrying container to safely transport a fragile object from the sky to the ground. The children will be working in mixed aged groups to complete their mission. Please talk to your child about suitable materials they may like to use; these can be brought into school and used within their group on Tuesday 11th March. Please do not bring in any packaging that has contained dairy products. Thank you.



Design and Technology Home Project 2025



Change and Adapt



As Part of Science and DT week 2025 we have created a Design and Technology Challenge for you to complete at home.

There will be three prizes: **Key Stage 1, Years 3 and 4** and **Years 5 and 6**.

Your challenge is to **Change and adapt** an egg box

What do you need to do?

Create a design for your product, explain what is going to be and who it is for.

Make your product. Mark, measure, assemble and join different parts.

Evaluate the success of your project.

You will be awarded points for each stage of the project, not just the final piece. Designers make mistakes and adapt before they reach their final product. Your ideas, designs and evaluations are important.

The design sheet for your year group will explain what the judges are looking for.

Bring your designs and products into school on Friday 14th March. They will be displayed in breakfast club.

If you would like to take part, please ask your teachers for the design sheet.

WCC Road Safety



Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers. By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users, and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

- The competition is open to everyone
- The closing date for entries is 31st March 2025
- You can suggest a name for one of our cycles per entry
- All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors

They will share the new names for the 20 cycles once they have been chosen and let the winners know that they are using their name. They will provide a small, age appropriate prize for the winning names.

Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

Please see the flyer attached. This is the link to the entry form - <https://forms.office.com/e/PHUzdvsqPi>

PTA

Hi All,

We hope you all had a good half term break!

Coming up

The second hand uniform shop will be open next Friday, 7th March, from 3.00 - 3.30pm.

Our next PTA meeting is Monday 3rd March, 8.00pm, in the Somerville Arms. Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be lovely to see some new faces there.

How can I help

World Book Day: The school has created an amazon wish list of books they would like to add to the library and they would be grateful for any support. You can purchase one from the list if you feel able and it will be sent directly to the school. Please see the list here -

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1ZH58J2KSMEYR?type=wishlist>

Summer Fair: We are forming a working group to start to plan the summer fair. If you have any ideas or want to be involved in the planning stage then please let us know.

Raffle Prizes: If you are in a position to donate a raffle prize, or know of anywhere we could ask, for the Summer Fair please do let us know.

Save the date!

- 28th March - Easter Fair, 3.30pm-5.00pm, in the school hall - non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter egg
- 16th May - Disco
- 5th June - Bags2School
- 5th July 2025 - PTA Summer Fair

Sent on behalf of your 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

Monday 3rd March - Class 3/4A Trip to the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon

Wednesday 5th March - Years 1 - 6 Parents Evening

Thursday 6th March - Parents Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

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Thursday 13th March - Young Carers Action Day

Friday 14th March - Comic Relief

Friday 14th March - Class 3/4C Trip to the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon

Monday 17th March - St Patrick's Day

Friday 28th March - PTA Easter Fair - 3.30pm-5.00pm

Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April - Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 1st April - Parents Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

Tuesday 8th April - Lower KS2 Production at 2.00pm (1st Performance)

Wednesday 9th April - Lower KS2 Production at 5.30pm (2nd Performance)

Thursday 10th April - Easter Church Service at 10.00am

Friday 11th April - Last Day of the Spring Term

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * For last week's Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8828140?e=3e5007f40c>
- * For this week's Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8828203?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>
- * WCC Road Safety Education Team flyer
- * St Paul's Church Year 4 Venture flyer
- * UK Health Security Agency flyer on Norovirus
- * Stratford Upon Avon Family Events May 2025 flyer
- * Happy News Issue 86