

Friday 21st March 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

Today we wore odd socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. This morning I led a Collective Worship on this, supported by Kate from St Paul's Church. During the day the children also undertook the suggested World Down Syndrome Day activity of planting a sunflower. I look forward to seeing these around the school grounds over the summer. Thank you all for your kind donations to this charity, as well as Comic Relief which was also supported today.

On Tuesday many families joined us for two maths workshops that were held in school, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. These were very well attended. Thank you to those of you that gave up your time to join us. Thank you also to Mrs Burke for arranging these and to Mrs Williams for her impromptu input, when the instructors were running late.

I am pleased to tell you that yesterday the majority of the courtyard work was completed; see the photo above. On the weeks now leading up to Easter, and possibly a little afterwards, we will be finishing the final touches. Until the work is completed, including the installation of two memorial benches for Neive and Miss Reading, this area will remain closed to the children. I am hoping, after Easter, we will have an official opening of what is likely to be a very special area of our school.

Finally, congratulations to one of our St Paul's members of staff, Miss Gilbert. This week Miss Gilbert was crowned as the Leamington Spa Women's Dart Champion. In order to win this title, she had to compete and beat a number of players, including two county players. Well done Miss Gilbert from the whole of the St Paul's family.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Hill Top Prayer

As you set out on your walk, gather as a family and ask God to help each person think of a friend with whom you would like to share the love of Jesus. Search around and find a stone that represents that person. Put the stone in your pocket and set out on your adventure. There will be moments on your journey when your family find the walk easy, and times when the going gets tough. Make use of these moments to pause, hold your stone and reflect on how there are times when sharing your faith can be easy and times when it's really hard and you might prefer not to be carrying anything extra! As you reach the top of your hill or mountain, enjoy the moment of elation, the view and the bigger picture in front of you. Find a cairn (a stack of stones) or start your own. As you add your stone to the pile, pray for the people you have metaphorically been carrying. Ask God to show you how best to connect with that person.



House Points



There were no housepoints collected today as we held a special Collective Worship. Points will be doubled next week



Parents Prayer Meetings

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Tuesday 1st April

Friday 2nd May

Monday 9th June

Tuesday 1st July

The meetings will take place in the Breakfast Club room and then (hopefully) in the Courtyard Prayer Garden (when opened) 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 **120** minutes late recorded (2 hours of lost learning). This is a slight increase 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

Reporting Illnesses

To save any misunderstanding - when emailing or phoning the school to leave an absence message - could you please clarify what the illness is. Please do not say "ill" or "sick" but explain whether they have a cough, cold, high temperature, stomach ache etc or have been physically sick. This will help us to determine if there are any bugs going around certain classes or year groups.

Cake Sale



There is a cake sale happening on Wednesday 26th March, after school at 3.20pm in the school hall. This will be run by the School Council. If you would like to make or donate any cakes/biscuits or sweet treats or any gluten or dairy free treats for this, then please bring them into school on Wednesday morning where they will be stored till the end of the day. The treats will be priced at either 20p, 30p, 50p or £1.00. The money that is raised will be going towards two Buddy Benches on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The children are really close to achieving their target to get the two Buddy Benches; they are only £200.00 away.

Online Safety Advice

A reminder that there is a huge amount of information about online safety on our website which can be accessed using the link below...

<https://stpaulswarwick.secure-primariesite.net/online-safely-advice-for-parents/>

We have added the most recent online safety advice issued by Warwickshire Education Services.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Cross Country



The final Central Warwickshire Cross Country race took place on Saturday 8th March at Myton Fields. It was a beautiful morning with a good turn out from St Paul's. It was especially pleasing to see many first time runners in races with an average of 90 runners in each race. Everyone gave their all and supported each other well. Thank you parents and carers for taking time out on your Saturdays to support our runners.

The final positions were:

Year 5 Girls: Ruth 5th, Miriam 25th, Viena 28th, Sofia 66th, Pearl 78th

Year 5 Boys: Charlie 27th, Jordan 49th, James 53rd, Bledi 56th

Year 6 Girls: Hattie 16th, Julianna 31st, Bettany 34th, Bea 36th

Year 6 Boys: Finlay 5th, Klajdi 12th, Cory 23rd, Gethin 31st

After successes in both cross country races, Ruth and Finlay were selected to represent the Central Warwickshire Area at the County Finals on Saturday 22nd March at The Pingles, Nuneaton over a longer 2 km course. Each team consisted of the best eight runners in their year group, so Ruth and Finlay did fantastically well to be selected, pushing themselves to achieve their highest position.

Ruth finished 14th and Finlay 8th. As part of the Central Warwickshire squads, they also won the team events.

Finlay will now represent Warwickshire in a squad of 10 at the National Cross Country Finals this Saturday to be held at Stoneleigh. We all wish him the best of luck and look forward to hearing how he performed.

Finally, a big thank you to Moses, Ruth's brother, for volunteering to run at the back of each race (8 km in total) supporting those needing a little extra encouragement.

Sports News (cont)

by Mr Barnes

Girls Football



On Wednesday, St Paul's girl footballers travelled to Barford for their first game in the summer league. The weather was lovely; our hosts were charming and the football was pretty good too!!

After a frustrating start, we finally broke the deadlock as half-time approached, and from then on it was all one-way. Four goals from Hattie, two from Layla and one from Joanna secured a comprehensive 7-0 victory. It was a rare foray out of goal for Joanna, and we were delighted she managed to get on the scoresheet.

Many thanks to Bea for deputising. I had a really nice message the next morning from the Barford Headteacher praising the girls' talent, enthusiasm and all round attitude. Well done girls!!!

PTA

Easter Fair

A huge Thank You to those of you who have volunteered to run a stall at the Easter Fair on Friday 28th March 3.30 - 5.00pm. We really appreciate your time to help run this fun event for the children!

We now only need a couple more volunteers for the 4.00pm - 4.30pm and 4.30pm - 5.00pm slots, especially from Years 2 and 4. Please let your PTA year rep know, or email chair@stpaulspta.org.uk if you are able to help for half an hour. You'll be in pairs with full instructions on what the game/activity is and how to run it.

There will be a cake sale as part of the fair, so we would appreciate any donations of cakes to sell. Please could these be brought in on the morning of Friday 28th March.

The Easter egg tombola will be back again this year so we are asking for a **donation of an Easter egg in return for a non-uniform day on Friday 28th March.**

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
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Charity No. 505453



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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reminders

Friday 28th March - KS1 Trip to the Butterfly Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon

Friday 28th March 2.00pm - EYFS Mother's Day Craft Afternoon

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

Thursday 3rd April - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Meeting in the Hall at 3.30pm

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

Monday 14th - Friday 25th April - School Closed - Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April - St George's Day

Thursday 1st May - Class Photos

Monday 5th May - Public Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May - SATs week

Thursday 15th May - Year 4 Residential Parents Meeting

Friday 16th May - PTA Disco

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - Summer Half-term Break

Monday 2nd June - Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

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-8828426?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>
- * St Pauls Church Muddy Church Easter Trail flyer
- * Easter Family Fun at Sydni flyer
- * Trinity School Easter Bingo flyer
- * Cubbington Easter SMASH flyer
- * Leamington Athletics Academy Easter Camp flyer
- * Happy News Issue 89