

Friday 28th 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

This week our school hall has never been busier. Our Year 6 pupils have had mock SATs most mornings, whilst in the afternoons our Year 3/4 children have been practicing for their up and coming production. Then, after school, as well as clubs, we have had staff training and a governor meeting being held here also. To finish our week off, after school today, we had our annual Easter Fair, to which many of you will have joined us.

I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA for all their hard work organising today's Easter Fair. I know this is something that the children look forward to and it raises valuable funds for our school. I would like to shine a light on Debs who leads the PTA. This week I received a lovely email from an organisation that she had been in a meeting with. She supported and offered help and was an excellent example of our schools' value of kindness. It's always a joy to hear about our adults also setting a great example to others. Thanks Debs for being a great ambassador for our school.

Finally, a year tomorrow, we sadly lost Miss Reading. There is not a day that goes by in our school in which her name is not mentioned and she is thought about. Miss Reading will always remain an important part of our St Paul's family and will never be forgotten. So, if you can remember Miss Reading's smiling face and the kindness she always shared, tomorrow please remember her. Say a prayer, raise a glass or both in memory of a wonderful person that we had the pleasure of knowing.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Planting Seeds

You will need: some seeds such as cress, mustard seeds or sunflower seeds; small flower pots; small stones; compost; water. Fill your plant pot with a small layer of stones to help with drainage and then fill up the pot with compost. Take some seeds - for younger children or those that like to see quick results, choose some quick growing seeds such as cress or lettuce seeds. If you have more time and patience, go for sunflower seeds. As you plant your seeds in the pot, think about when Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed.



House Points



St Andrew: 1482



St David: 1630



St Patrick: 1185

St George: 1474



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 **131** minutes late recorded (2.1 hours of lost learning). This is an 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

Reading Challenge

During this half-term, Miss Willshee set the children a reading challenge to be completed in school.

In order to reward those children who have completed the challenge, she would like to give them a certificate.

This is where we need you!!!

Miss Willshee would like the children to create some fun, colourful and creative designs for some library certificates.

Certificates will need to include:

- ◆ Our school name or school logo
- ◆ Congratulations, Well Done or Great Work
- ◆ Reading Challenge or Excellent Reading

All designs are to be completed and handed to Miss Willshee by Friday 11th April 2025.

Parking on the Side Lane

On Tuesday we received a telephone call from a company who regularly drive and use the side lane leading to Newbold Comyn. This lane is a private lane and only authorised vehicles should be parked there. They cannot get the large vans through sometimes and are left waiting until drivers return to their vehicles. Please only park legally on the public highway.

Also, we have been asked that parents/carers who park their car do not leave the engine running causing unnecessary air pollution.

Cake Sale



Well done to the School Council who held an Easter cake sale on Wednesday. The children were brilliant, very enthusiastic, polite and organised. They raised £156.70 towards the Buddy Benches for KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Thank you to all the parents/carers who donated cakes. We do love our cakes!!!!

Kids' Bikeathon

Kids' Bikeathon Sunday 4th May 2025

Victoria Park, Leamington Spa

10am - 12 noon

£10 for the first child and £8.50 for siblings

This sponsored event will be fun for children and help to raise money for Blood Cancer UK; it's organised by Anne Oliver from Warwick.

Anne's daughter, Sophie (7), died of leukaemia in 1998 and the family have been raising money for the charity ever since.

Children can cycle or scoot around the tarmac track in Victoria Park as many times as they wish; it's NOT a race; all must wear a helmet.

For more information, and to register, please use this link, or the QR code on the poster:

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/blood-cancer-uk/kids-bikeathon-leamington-spa->

New Rainbow Unit

I am part of a team of leaders who are opening a brand new Girlguiding Rainbow unit in the local area.

We are advertising the new unit and looking to recruit girls aged 4-7 to begin their Girlguiding journey.

Details can be found below and also on our poster attached.

Details:

Brunswick Rainbows

Girls aged 4-7

Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm

Brunswick Hub

Starting 8th May 2025

Register at [Girlguiding.org.uk](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Alaya and the team at Brunswick Rainbows

Sports News

by Mrs Newell

Netball Festival



On Wednesday afternoon, I had the pleasure of taking eight of our girls to Kingsley Playing Field to compete in a Netball Festival. The team played five matches in total - unfortunately, they lost the first two, but their determination paid off as they went on to win the final three matches.

For some of the girls, this was their first tournament as a team of seven, and I was incredibly impressed with how they communicated and supported each other throughout the event. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, learning from one another and showing significant progress over the course of the afternoon.

A huge well done to each and every one of them for their hard work, dedication, and fantastic team spirit! We couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

Bicycles & Scooters

There are a large number of bikes and scooters that seem to have been abandoned in the bike sheds.

If they belong to you can you please come and collect your property.

If any bikes, scooters, skateboards etc are still there when we break up for Easter, they will be taken to the recycling centre.

PTA

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Fair today, whether that was volunteering time to plan stalls, run stalls, number eggs, set up the hall, provide cakes, Easter eggs, or provide non-uniforms - your time made it happen! We hope that all the children enjoyed the crafts, games, cakes and the ever popular tombola (a big thank you to Mrs Newell and Mr Hawkins for running the tombola).

Coming up

Tea towels Your child may have already drawn their face to go on their year group tea towel, or will be doing so in the next week. We have gone back to the burgundy print on cotton after feedback from the last time we ran the project and the order form is now open (is it too early to order these for Christmas presents?). Click on this link to order from [Tea towel order form](#)

Planters for collection playground With our new planters nearly ready for our collection playground, we are hoping to fill them with fragrant evergreen plants and vibrant seasonal flowers, for a multi-sensory experience. To help make this project a reality we would be grateful for any donations you may be able to give or if you prefer to add a plant (see attached flyer) to your basket next time you are getting some plants then everyone will appreciate it. Link for plant donation [Plant donations](#) (benches are coming)

Summer Fair

We have formed a working group 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, please do let us know.

Save the Date!

- 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
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reminders

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

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

Monday 28th April - St George's Day

Thursday 1st May - Class Photos

Friday 2nd May - Parents Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

Monday 5th May - Public Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May - SATs week

Thursday 15th May - Year 4 Residential Parents Meeting 3.30pm

Friday 16th May - PTA Disco

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - Summer half-term week

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-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8828510?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Family First Spring 25 Magazine <https://familyfirst.co.uk/>
- * Raring2go! Magazine <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/spring2025/>
- * 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>
- * PTA Plant Donations poster
- * Kids' Bikeathon - Leamington 2025 poster
- * Brunswick Rainbows poster
- * Kingsway Children and Families Centre Nurturing Programme flyer
- * Matilda The Musical - at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick flyer
- * Happy News Issue 90