

Friday 4th April 2025



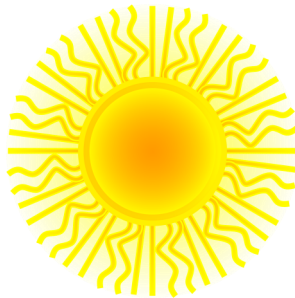
St Paul's News



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

A huge amount has been happening for our pupils at St Paul's this week.

We started by waving off our Year 6's on their five-day residential. They have been truly blessed with fantastic weather, which I know will have made this experience even more wonderful for them. A big thank you to all the staff that took them and worked these long days. I hope this weekend the pupils and staff have an opportunity to have a good rest before the last week of term next week.

Our Years 3 and 4 have been continuing to rehearse for their production next week called 'Rock Pool'. In Tuesday's Collective Worship Mrs Newbold told the whole school that, during the day, a paddling pool - filled with water - would be set up on the stage for the production next week, and emphasised the importance of not touching it. This was not something I had been made aware of so, after Mrs Newbold had spoken, I also very much emphasised this message, as I had some big concerns about this decision. It was only after Collective Worship had finished that Mrs Newbold reminded me of the date, 1st April! So, if you are attending the production next week, you will not see a pool of water on stage, just a very gullible Headteacher. During this Collective Worship I also gave out the prizes from last Friday's PTA Easter fair. Well done to all the winners and thank you once again to our fantastic PTA for organising and running this.

Earlier in the week some of our Year 4 pupils travelled to Myton School to take part in a local school sports competition. Later in the newsletter you will read more about this. However, I am pleased to tell you that, not only was the behaviour great, they also won! Congratulations to all that took part and thank you to Mr Challis for taking them.

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Finally, whilst the Year 6's have been away, some of our Year 5's have also been outside enjoying the weather taking part in the Bikeability Programme; a cycle safety course. I was delighted when, a couple of days ago, one of the instructors asked to speak to me to tell me how brilliant they had been; how well they had listened and how well-mannered and well behaved they were. When we have such strong values such as kind and thoughtful, I am always pleased to hear such comments from visitors; knowing our pupils are sharing these with others. Well done to our Year 5's. I am very proud of you all.

Next week is our last week before our Easter break, so I look forward to seeing many of you at our Easter Service at St Paul's Church on Thursday, starting at 10.00am.

Enjoy the lovely weather this weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

School Class Photos



A reminder that on Thursday 1st May the school photographer, Aperture, will be coming to take our class photos in the morning. Please send your child into school wearing school uniform and, if they have Forest School/PE, to bring in their change of clothing. Swimmers will be photographed later in the morning.

If your child attends our Nursery **BUT** does not usually attend on a Thursday morning, and you would like your child to have their photo taken with their class, please bring your child into EYFS by 9.00am and stay with them until they have had their photo taken. You will then be able to take your child home.

Christian Ethos Group

Prayer Spinners

You will need: circles of card (one for each child); felt-tip pens; string. Stick a pen or pencil through the middle of the circle to make a hole. Ask everyone to use the colouring pens to decorate the circle with bright colours. When they have done this, write the names (or draw a face) of each person you want to pray for. Thread a string through the hole and hold tightly to each end. Give a wrist flick and the circle should start to spin on the string. The coloured prayers will all blend together as the circle spins and you can picture leaving those prayers and those people with Jesus.



House Points



No House Points



this week as House Captains



are on the Year 6

Residential



parents Prayer Meetings

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

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 **350** minutes late recorded (almost 6 hours). Wow! What a massive increase on last week. Was it something to do with the clocks going forward? 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.

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month

Leamington Athletics Academy (LAA) are hosting a **Cerebral Palsy Athletics Day** at Edmondscote track, Leamington Spa on **Sunday 18th May 2025**. The day will include **ambulant** running, jumping throwing, **frame running** and **wheelchair athletes** with **CP**. They hope to engage more young people in track & field and to link to local clubs and coaches.

Check out the day and share to help grow our community.

- o Click for more information about the day

<https://www.leamingtonathletics.co.uk/cp>

- o Click and tell us you want to come & about your disability

<https://eu.jotform.com/build/250693565653365?fromMyWorkspace=1>

Warwick Castle

Warwick Castle are offering a special 20% discount on Easter dates from 5th to the 27th April.

With over 15 live shows and attractions, along with the return of Zog and the UK's largest bird of prey display, this is a fantastic time to visit.

You can find more details here: <https://www.warwick-castle.com/?promocode=Easter20off>. Also attached is a poster giving details.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Panathlon Event



On Wednesday morning, Mr Challis took seven Year 4 children to a Panathlon event at Myton school. They were not only introduced to new sports such as boccia, curling, table cricket, volley bat and obstacle courses, but also competed against six other local schools. I've never seen such proud and happy children arrive back to school, laden with gold medals, certificates and a rather heavy trophy!

Mr Challis commented on their great teamwork, as well as their thoughtfulness throughout, as the children helped set up bowling pins for others, supported and cheered other schools and helped (without being asked) to put equipment away at the end.

Congratulations to Nataniel, Oliver, Elyas, Lily-Rose, Kyra, Prisha and Divsheen.

Healthy Start Vouchers

A balanced, healthy diet is key to making sure children get all the vitamins, proteins, and minerals they need.

Parents could qualify if they are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have at least one child that's under 4 and would be eligible for support towards milk, fruits, vegetables, and vitamins with this NHS scheme.

Vitamins can be collected from Kingsway, Lillington, and Westgate Children & Family Centres!

For more information and to apply, families can visit: www.healthystart.nhs.uk or see the attached flyers.

PTA

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 C of E Primary School PTA

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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reminders

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

Thursday 5th June - PTA Bags2School Collection

Monday 9th June - Parents Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

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-8828582?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Family Information Service Newsletter Special Edition go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-8828592?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>
- * About Family magazine go to <https://allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine/>
- * Leamington Tennis Easter 2025 flyer or go to <https://www.lltsc.co.uk/holiday-camps/>
- * WCC HAF poster
- * NHS Healthy Start Vitamins flyers (x2)
- * Emmanuel Church Easter Holiday Bible Club flyer
- * Cerebral Palsy 'Try Athletics Day' for Children new to the sport: 8-14 years old flyer
- * Cerebral Palsy 'Train to Gain' for experienced CP athletes flyer
- * Places where children can eat for free (or for £1.00) Easter Holidays 2025 flyer
- * Warwick Castle Easter 2025 poster or go to <https://www.warwick-castle.com/?promocode=Easter20off>
- * Happy News Issue 91