

Friday 23rd May 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 saw the end to an incredibly short half-term, although much has been accomplished.

Not only have the teachers and pupils had to complete a lot of work in a short space of time, but we have had trips out; visitors in; tests; sporting fixtures and much more.

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in being kind and thoughtful and, due to their fundraising, we have seen a number of further improvements to our front playground. The raised beds and benches really make a difference to this space (see the photo above). The term also started with the opening of our new spiritual / memorial garden. This is now being used by pupils and staff and, again, has really made a difference. I am delighted that this beautiful area can be viewed and enjoyed in many areas of the school throughout the school day.

Next term is a longer half-term, seven weeks, with much to look forward to and many things you will be invited to. We are looking forward to sports days, a Year 4 residential, an Open Evening, trips out, a Year 6 production, a summer fete and a Year 6 Leavers Church Service. I look forward to seeing many of you at these.

I hope our pupils enjoy the rest over half-term, as it is a busy one when we get back. Also, please remember that we return after half term on Tuesday 3rd June, as the Monday is a teacher training day.

Enjoy the half-term.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Fan Prayers

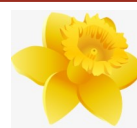
Set up an electric fan, or make one from paper. As you feel the wind moving, talk about what you know of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God would fill you anew with his Spirit to help and guide you.



House Points



St Andrew: 625



St David: 653



St Patrick: 737

St George: 660



parents Prayer Meetings

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Monday 9th June

Tuesday 1st July

The meetings will take place in the Breakfast Club room/Prayer Garden 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 **241** minutes late! Another very disappointing week but at least it is an improvement of just over 30 minutes on last week. 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

Illness and Absence



We have noticed an increase in illness and absence over this half term. Although we, of course, understand that there are often reasons for children to be off school (particularly when it is illness) - but can we remind parents that if your child will not be in school, and it is not due to illness or a medical appointment, then you must complete a Leave of Absence Form (which are available from the school office).

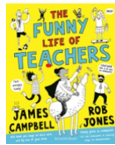
Warwickshire Attendance Service closely monitor attendance and regularly meet with Mr Hawkins through his role as our Attendance Lead. They will query absences and will ask for evidence if a child has been ill for a period of time, and we have had no communication from parents.

As a school we also have a legal obligation to know where our children are when they are not in school. We take safeguarding extremely seriously, and if we have been told that a child is ill and are at home and they are, in fact, on holiday - we have to report this. We would always encourage parents to be honest with us about absences.

Athletics Cancelled

Reminder that the Athletics after school club will be cancelled on Monday 9th June as staff have to attend a meeting. The next athletics after school club will be held on Monday 16th June.

Story-Writing Competition



Do you have a hilarious tale just waiting to be told? We are running a competition in conjunction with North Leamington primary schools. Please see attached poster for further information.

Library Sponsorship

Thank you to those who have returned their sponsor forms and donations this half-term.

If your child would still like to take part, they can do so during the half term holiday.

The sponsorship form is still available to download.

Hula Hooping Workshop



Upper Key Stage 2 would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for funding our Hula Hooping workshop with John the Hoop Guy! We had a fantastic time learning how to hula hoop and how to impress with lots of different skills. We are hoping to buy some hoops for the school so that we can share our new found love of hooping with everyone else in the school.

Thank you PTA 😊

Hope Church



Hope Church is meeting at St Paul's School on Sunday 1st June at 4.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

Sports News

Boys Football by Mr Barnes



On Wednesday our B team boys footballers travelled the short distance to Lillington for our now traditional fixture. The match was competitive and fun to watch with maximum effort from the boys and an excellent attitude shown. For the record we lost 3-0, which was a bit harsh to be fair, but for me this was more about giving an opportunity to as many of our Year 6's as possible to represent the school at football 21 individual players plus this year - by my reckoning!!

PTA

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped at last week's summer disco. The children had a fantastic time and we really appreciate your support that allows us to run these events.

Bags2School

This is an eco-friendly fundraising scheme where you can donate any unwanted clothing/textiles and the PTA will get a donation, depending on how much is collected. Perfect if you are having a clear out over half term.

You can use any bag, but there are bags by the school office if you would prefer to collect one to use. The collection date is 5th June, so please bring filled bags to the front playground on 5th June before 9.00am. A full list of what Bag2School can collect can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Monday 9th June at 8.00pm. We meet in the back room of the Somerville Arms and we'd love to see some new faces so do come along!

Year 5 and 6 Only—Grow A Pound

Today we launched a new project for Years 5 and 6 only, called Grow a Pound. They have been given £1 and challenged to grow it as much as they can/want to over a few weeks next half term. Your Year 5/6 child will bring home a letter explaining the project and we hope you can support them, if they wish to take part. There is no obligation for them to do so. If you have any questions about this please email the PTA at chair@stapulspta.org.uk.

Save the date!

- 9th June at 8.00pm, Somerville Arms - Next PTA meeting
- 5th July - 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 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

Friday 13th June - EYFS Father's Day Invite

Tuesday 17th June - Day of the African Child

Wednesday 18th June - EYFS Sports Morning - 9.30am

Thursday 19th June - KS1 Sports Morning - 9.30am

Friday 20th June - Year 4 Residential Weekend

Friday 27th June - KS2 Sports Morning - 9.30am

Friday 27th June - Reports Out to Parents

Monday 30th June - Class Lists Out to Parents

Tuesday 1st July - Parents Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

Wednesday 2nd July - Warwickshire Transition Day

Wednesday 2nd July - Open Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday 5th July - PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 8th July - Year 6 Production - 1.45pm

Wednesday 9th July - Year 6 Production - 5.30pm

Friday 11th July - Year 6 Activity Day

Thursday 17th July - Leavers Church Service 9.30am

Friday 18th July - Last Day of the Academic Year



Monday 1st September - Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of the New Academic School Year

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-8829109?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>
- * For Financial Support for Children and Families within the Warwick District go to https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20845/cost_of_living_support
- * For Parenting Advice from Child Mental Health Experts go to <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>
- * Story-writing Competition poster
- * Library Sponsorship flyer
- * Armed Forces Day June 2025 poster
- * Barnardos May half-term activities flyer
- * Financial Support for Children and Families within the Warwick District Part 1
- * Financial Support for Children and Families within the Warwick District Part 2
- * Warwick Pursuits Festival flyer
- * Happy News Issues 96