

Friday 27th September 2024



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

Although it has been very wet recently, the weather has not dampened our spirits, and we have had another lovely week at St Paul's.

Last Friday the school wore gold or yellow to support Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and raise money for the Neive's Arc Charity. I am delighted and proud to tell you that we raised an amazing £464. Thank you all for your support and generosity; your kindness is appreciated by the charity. After school today we are hoping for the Neive Warwick Cup girls football tournament to take place. There will also be an opportunity, once again, for donations to be given should anyone wish to. Thanks again to Mr Barnes for organising this.

The kindness and generosity continued today as, this afternoon, we hosted a Macmillan coffee afternoon. Thank you to those that were able to attend this.

We also saw kindness this week in the form of fish. Our fish tank, in the reception area of the school, has been looking a little empty for some while. Earlier this week it sprung back into life thanks to a number of girls in KS2. Last year a group of our, now Year 6 girls, raised money out of school for some fish for us all to enjoy. This week, Mrs Gunn kindly bought the fish and they are now happily enjoying their new home. Thank you also to Beth and her family that also donated some baby fish to join them. I know the children in school are delighted to, once again, have a lovely fish tank to enjoy.

I hope you enjoy your weekend

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Read the Bible

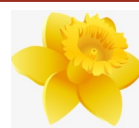
Choose a Bible story (any children's Bible will do!) and read it as a family. Talk about the story together, and then ask what your children would like to say to God now. Give them time to say that to God!



House Points



St Andrew: 641



St David: 564



St Patrick: 814



St George: 517

C T Skills

Please see below a link to a range of free courses that you may find useful when supporting your children, in particular there are courses available on Children's Mental Health, Autism and Managing Behaviour that Challenges.

<https://www.ctskills.co.uk/free-online-courses/>

Headlice

We have been informed this week of a few cases of headlice. Once again, can we ask all parents/carers to check their child(s) hair regularly and treat as necessary. Attached is further information on how to treat your child's hair.

Lateness

Now that we have settled into the new academic year, we continue to monitor lateness in school. This week only there has been 159 minutes (2.65 hours) of lost learning. Since the beginning of term there have been a total of 344 minutes of lost learning (5.73 hours) which is disappointing.

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



Missing Tortoise FOUND

The owner of “Fritz”, the missing tortoise, phoned the school office yesterday to say that he had been found in a garden opposite the school. He was a bit cold and a bit underweight, but has been safely returned to his home to be well fed ready for him to hibernate for the winter.

The owner wishes to thank everyone who kept a look out for Fritz.

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.

Music Lessons with Warwickshire Music



This term there are music lesson vacancies for both brass and woodwind for pupils in Year 2 and above. If your child would be interested in learning one of the above instruments, please ask for further information at the school office. Thank you.

The Brakes Community Foundation



The Brakes Community Foundation, who are the charitable partner of Leamington Football Club, are delighted to announce that it has been awarded the FA Para Talent Hub licence for the 2024/25 season. This prestigious recognition highlights the Foundation's ongoing commitment to fostering talent and providing opportunities for para-athletes across the region.

The FA Para Talent Hub licence is awarded to organisations that excel in the identification, development, and support of para-athletes, enabling them to reach their full potential in football. The Brakes Community Foundation's receipt of this licence reflects its dedication to inclusivity and excellence within the sport. A reflection of the achievement is that of 14 licences granted nationwide, we are the only non-league body chosen for delivery of the programme, with all the remainder associated with either FA bodies or professional clubs.

"We are honoured to have been granted the FA Para Talent Hub licence for the upcoming season," said Chris Knott, Head of Football Development at Leamington FC. "This achievement is a testament to our team's hard work and our mission to empower para-athletes through high-quality training and development programmes."

With this licence, The Brakes Foundation will continue to expand its efforts in nurturing the next generation of para-football talent, by hosting two England talent days and 11 coaching sessions ensuring that all athletes have the opportunity to succeed regardless of their physical abilities.

For more information, please visit <https://www.Englandfootball.com/play/Disability-Football/England-Para-Talent-Pathway> or contact Balvinder.Shekhon@leamingtonfc.co.uk.



Warwickshire Year 6 children are invited to apply for their secondary school place

Parents and carers of children who have just started in Year 6 are being asked to apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline of 31st October 2024.

Last year, there were 7,172 children who applied for a Warwickshire secondary school place by the deadline, with 81% being offered their first-choice school and a further 14% being offered a place at another of their top three school choices.

Parents and carers have plenty of useful resources on Warwickshire County Council's website to help them decide on which schools to include on their application form. This includes a priority area map, a list of all local schools and a handy video to help them to make realistic choices of schools:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryplace.

Families are also being encouraged to take some time to research their school options before applying, to make sure their choices are realistic.

Secondary school applications can be made online from the 1st September and must be submitted by 31st October 2024. National Offer Day for secondary school places is 3rd March 2025.

PTA

PTA Meeting Monday 30th September 2024

The first PTA meeting of the new year (and the AGM) will be on Monday 30th September at 8.00pm at the Somerville Arms in the Garden Room to the rear of the pub. Please do come along if you would like to find out more about what we do, or if you have a small amount of time to spare to help the PTA raise much-needed funds for the school - we'd love to see some new faces.

Some dates for your diary:

Bags2School (see more info below) 8th November 2024

Second Hand Toy Sale 29th November 2024

Christmas Disco 13th December 2024

Bag 2 School

This is where you can bring in good quality, unwanted clothing, accessories and some household linen and the PTA will receive a donation, based on the amount that is collected on that day. You can use any bag to put unwanted items in or collect a bag from the school office the week before. A full list of items that are accepted can be found on the website along with more information about the scheme. They do not take school uniforms - <https://bag2school.com/>

Sent on behalf of the PTA Co-Chairs

Kate Murphy and Rachel Bowcutt

St Paul's C of E Primary School PTA Charity No.
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ST PAUL'S
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reminders

Saturday 28th September - Years 5 & 6 Cross Country in Kenilworth

Thursday 3rd October - NHS immunisation team visit for Reception - Year 6 Pupils

Tuesday 15th October - Years 5 and 6 trip to the Space Centre, Leicester

Friday 18th October - Years 3 and 4 trip to Bosworth Battlefield

Monday 21st October - Individual School Photos

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening

Thursday 24th October - Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church for Years 1-6

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Friday 25th October - Teacher Training Day: School Closed to Pupils

Monday 28th October - October half-term – school closed for the week

Thursday 31st October - Deadline for Applying for a Year 7 Secondary School Place

Monday 4th November - School Re-Opens

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqps-1229019?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>
- * Sept/Oct digital issue of Families Warwickshire magazine <https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familieswarwickshireso24digital?fr=sYjczZjc3OTk3OTU>
- * Headlice Treatment Information
- * Para Hub Football flyer
- * St Paul's Church Light Party flyer
- * Hope For A Broken Planet flyer
- * Invitation to Visit Baitul Ehsan Mosque
- * Leamington Swimmers - Achievers Scheme flyer
- * Lillington Nursery and Primary School Fireworks Display flyer
- * Happy News Issue 69