



St. Paul's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Jesus said,

**'Let the little children
come to me.'**

MATTHEW 19:13-15

We are all equally important, listened to
and loved by God.



Friday 7th November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Our second half-term kicked off with a very busy week. As well as many sporting events, we also had two parents evenings. It was lovely to see many of you at these, and thank you for all the feedback and kind words.

Next week we will be celebrating Children in Need. The theme of this year's Children in Need is 'Challenge Yourself to 25'. As challenge is one of our school values, we intend to honour this by everyone taking part in a dancing challenge. Each class will take part in one of two suggested challenges. The first is a challenge from the Strictly Come Dancing team, to learn a 25 move dance routine, over five days. This routine is learnt each day next week, then performed in the children's classes on Children in Need Day next Friday. The second is a danceathon challenge. The children, in their classes, will do 25 minutes of dancing on the Children in Need day next Friday. This will be done throughout the day, a song at a time, and by the end of the day they will have danced for a total of 25 mins.

We also invite the children to come dressed in their dancing clothes next Friday, so I expect to see plenty of glitter and sparkles. We will, of course, be collecting donations for Children in Need and we leave it with you to what you would like to contribute. I do know that Years 3 and 4 are going on a very fun day out to Cadbury World on Friday. They will have the opportunity to join this challenge between Monday and Thursday, so will not miss out. However, as they are going out of school, we must ask that the children still wear their normal uniform next Friday for their trip.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Noughts and Crosses Prayer

Choose a theme for your grid e.g. people, places, professions, problems, poorly people, praise and positives, promises. Write something to pray for related to your theme in each of the nine boxes. Each day, someone different chooses something on the grid to pray for and marks it with their initials. The challenge is to get three in a row, but keep praying after that too! If you want a greater challenge, pray for nine things under one theme on one day. The next day pray for another nine things on a different theme!



House Points



St Andrew: 704

St David: 776

St Patrick: 690



St George: 940



Parents Prayer Meetings

The next parents prayer meeting for this term will take place on:

Thursday 4th December

The meeting 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 **261** minutes late - that's over 4 hours of lost learning!!! 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



Hi all

Disco tickets

These are now on sale for Friday 21st November. Buy them here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/index.cfm>. (If the link is not working, please copy and paste).

Timings are as follows:

Reception, years 1 and 2: 3.20-4.20

Years 3-6: 4.30-5.30

Unfortunately nursery children are not able to attend the disco.

Ticket sales will close on Tuesday 18th November. Tickets must be bought in advance.

We still need a couple of volunteers for each disco so please sign up via the link above if you can help.

Bags2School

Bags2School is a clothing collection programme that helps us raise funds by recycling unwanted clothes and textiles. Simply fill a bag with items you no longer need, and the PTA earns money based on the total weight collected. You can see the items accepted here: <https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. (If the link is not working, please copy and paste).

The next collection is **Friday 14th November**. Please leave your bags of clothing in the front school playground on Friday morning.

Sent on behalf of the 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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/438367989531064/>

Charity No. 505453



Data Collection Sheets

Earlier this week you should have received your child's Data Collection Sheet.

Please check the details carefully, amend as necessary, and complete the permission section on the reverse, then sign and date the bottom of the page and return it to the school office in the envelope provided as soon as possible. Thank you.

Educaterer's Christmas Menu



Earlier this week we sent out letters and menus giving details of this year's Christmas dinner. Please find attached the Educaterer's Christmas menu and the two letters (one for Reception to Year 2 and one for KS2). We will be having our Christmas dinner on Friday 12th December.

Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Update

We would like to inform parents and carers that our assigned Speech and Language Therapist will be on extended leave due to unforeseen circumstances. During this period, if you have any questions or concerns related to your child's assessment reports please contact Louise Carr: louise.carr@swft.nhs.uk in the first instance. In school we will continue to deliver regular SALT sessions using the recommendations outlined in the existing Speech and Language reports.

Sports News

Hockey Festival by Mrs Newbold



On Wednesday, Mr Challis took eight Year 5/6 children to a hockey festival at St Nicholas' Park, organised by Kingsley School. The children had been practising during their lunch breaks and this extra effort could be seen in their performances. They won 2, drew 3 and lost 1 - only conceding a single goal during the whole tournament. Well done everyone - especially Luke and Martha!! They challenged themselves and worked fantastically as a team. Thank you to all the parents who helped with lifts. Without this extra help, we would be unable to offer our children many of the PE opportunities.

Free Digital Safeguarding Workshop

This is a reminder that the Smoothwall Digital Safeguarding for Parents Workshop takes place next Monday (10th) at 7.00pm. Please see attached flyer for further information.

It's a great (and free!) way to engage on the risks and considerations around the use of devices, which is particularly beneficial on the run up to Christmas when many children get devices, maybe for the first time, and will also point parents towards the Online Safety Hub, an excellent free resource they have access to <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>. (If the link is not working, please copy and paste).

Reminder



Please can we remind all visitors to our school that dogs are not permitted at all on the school premises (unless they are an assistance dog). This includes carrying them.

Also, children are still riding bikes or scooters on the front playground at home time. This is extremely dangerous and could cause serious injury, not only to the rider but a parent/carer waiting in the playground. Please wait until you are through the school gates before riding your bike/scooter.

First Steps... Starting School

**APPLICATIONS TO APPLY 01 November 2025
To 15 JANUARY 2026**

Parents & Carers of children living in Warwickshire applying for a Reception 2026 place at a Primary/Infant School.

Deciding on a place to learn

- Priority Area Schools – Which schools are in your local area
- Research your schools – Attend open days, ask to visit, Schools Website, Social Media
- Are your preferences practical, travel to and from school, after school clubs...
- Choose as many preferences as possible (6 in total)

Useful Links on the Warwickshire County Council Website – School Admissions

- [I want help to decide a school for my child \(LINK\)](#)
 - On this page you will find Schools in your local area using the find a school app.
 - Schools Websites
 - School Guide
 - School Transport
 - How to make an Application
- [The Process – Applying For a Primary/Infant School Place \(LINK\)](#)
 - **Applications to apply open 01 November 2025**
 - On this page you will find a full breakdown of dates and instructions of how and where to apply and what happens next.

For more information, please email your enquiry to - admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk



Reminders

Friday 14th November - Years 3 and 4 trip to Cadbury World

Friday 14th November - PTA Bag2School Collection

Friday 21st November - PTA School Disco

Friday 28th November - St Andrew's Day

Friday 28th November - Book Fair - details to follow

Saturday 29th November - Cross Country (Years 5 & 6) Warwick School - 9.30am

Thursday 4th December - 9.00am - Parents Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 9th December - 9.30am - KS1 Nativity (1st Performance)

Wednesday 10th December - 9.30am - EYFS Nativity (1st Performance)

Wednesday 10th December - 2.15pm - EYFS Nativity (2nd Performance)

Thursday 11th December - 2.15pm - KS1 Nativity (2nd Performance)

Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December - School Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 12th December - PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 17th December - Years 1-6 Trip to The Royal Spa Centre for the Panto

Thursday 18th December - 9.30am Church Christmas Service

Friday 19th December - Last Day of the Autumn Term



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-8830931?e=3e5007f40c>. (If link is not working please copy and paste).
- * 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>. (If the link is not working please copy and paste).
- * Christmas dinner letter for Reception, Years 1 and 2
- * Christmas dinner letter for KS2
- * Educaterer's Christmas Dinner Menu 2025
- * Online Safety Workshop for Parents 10.11.25 flyer
- * Sydni Centre Winter Fayre 2025 flyer
- * Barnardo's Warwick District Children and Family Centres Timetable for Nov & Dec
- * Warwickshire Families First Autumn Term Workshops and Programmes flyer
- * Happy News - Issue 111