



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 14th November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Today we put on our dancing shoes and completed our dancing challenge for Children in Need. It was wonderful to see the children and staff all dressed in their colourful and sparkly clothes to celebrate this special charity day. We had a mass dancing session this morning at the end of Collective Worship to Coldplay. Tonight, please ask you child(ren) what dancing challenge they did; if you haven't already been told by them! Well done to the children and staff in Years 3 and 4 who went to Cadbury World today, but took part in the challenge earlier in the week.

As we head towards Christmas, I would like us to think about others and supporting our local 'Helping Hands' charity. This year they also have a challenge for us all. See the message below from them:

Save the Date - The Big Give Christmas Challenge (2–9 December)

This December, local charity Helping Hands Community Project, is taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, where every donation is doubled for one week only! Your support can help raise vital funds for men and women in Leamington Spa and Warwick, who may have or are experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, isolation or mental health struggles.

Even the smallest donation makes a big difference when it's matched - £5 becomes £10! Please mark your calendars for 2–9 December and help spread the word to friends and family. Learn more and follow updates at Give someone a warmer way forward this Christmas – Big Give.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Static Electricity Prayers

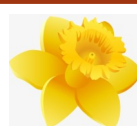
Ask everyone who they would like to pray for and then ask them to choose a colour of tissue paper to reflect that person. They can write or draw on their tissue piece if they want to. Take it in turns to rub the balloon on a woolly jumper or on (their own!) hair. This will build up some static on the balloon. Talk about giving our prayers to Jesus and ask him to show his love and power to each person. They can hold their tissue prayer close to the balloon and watch as it is pulled on to the balloon and sticks there. Pray that, as the paper sticks to the balloon, Jesus will draw those people close to him.



House Points



St Andrew: 900



St David: 834

St Patrick: 532



St George: 577



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 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 **345** minutes late - that's 5.75 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



Disco tickets

Final days to buy disco tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulsleamington/#.YEjm4Z37Ta8>. (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.

Frogs Christmas Trees

If you usually buy a Christmas tree please consider buying from Frogs Christmas Trees. For every tree sold to someone from the school community Frogs will donate £7 to the PTA for every tree pre-ordered before 5 December. Frogs have a fantastic range of Nordmann Firs from 5 foot to 9 foot. They are based at the Rugby Tavern, (43 Rugby Road Cubbington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7HZ) each weekend from 29th November to the 20th December 2025.

You can pre-order using this online form: [Frogs Trees 2025 pre-order form](#) and then can go and choose your perfect Christmas tree on your chosen date.

Smarties Challenge

The total raised from the recent smarties challenge is a fantastic £825.89!! Thank you to all children and adults that supported this challenge. We will announce the winning class, and their prize, next week.

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



Late Arrivals

If your child has a medical appointment, or will be coming into school late, please let the office staff know, if possible, in advance. If the appointment is for first thing in the morning, please advise us whether your child will require a hot dinner and their menu preference. All dinners are ordered by 9.30am, so if we are not informed that your child will be late, you will need to provide a packed lunch for them.

Educaterer's Christmas Meal



If your child does not want a school Christmas dinner on Friday 12th December, please inform the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Nits

Please check your child(s) hair regularly for headlice. We have had a couple of cases reported to us.

If you do find headlice in your child(s) hair—please treat the whole family and regularly monitor until all the headlice are eradicated. The treatment doesn't need to be expensive. Please see attached information sheet for further details.

Sports News

Dodgeball by Mrs Newbold



On Monday afternoon Mr Challis took eight Year 5 children to a Dodgeball event at Newbold Leisure Centre. The event was organised by Ali Knight from our local Schools Sports Partnership (CWSSP) and, although each match was competitive, each team scored their competitors on teamwork, honesty and respect shown. Mr Challis was very proud with how well our children worked together and came together at the end of each match to judge other teams.

The success of a good event is seeing the children's smiles when they arrive back to school; this was a successful event!

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 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

Monday 15th December - 2.15pm - EYFS Season Craft Afternoon

Tuesday 16th December - 1.00pm - EYFS visit to St Paul's Church

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



Monday 5th January 2026 - School Closed - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 6th January - First Day of the Spring Term

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * 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).
- * Headlice Treatment Sheet
- * PTA Christmas Tree Poster
- * Carols at Warwick Castle 2025 flyer (go to <https://carolswarwick.org.uk/>. (If the link is not working please copy and paste).



- * Happy News - Issue 112