



# 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 21st November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have had many signs at St Paul's that Christmas is on it's way. The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity rehearsals are well under way, with much singing and acting practice taking place. It has also been an incredibly cold week, with frost on the ground on our way into school in the mornings. As we head into winter, please could you make sure your child is suitably dressed for the cold weather. We do try and give the children the opportunity to go outside as much as possible, whether that be for break-times or lessons; therefore coats, hats and gloves are now starting to be a necessity.

Last week we celebrated Children in Need in school, and I would like to thank you for helping us raise £153.00. As we move towards Christmas, can I remind you again of the opportunity to support the local 'Helping Hands' charity. This December they are taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, where every donation is doubled for one week only! This will take place on the 2nd - 9th December. Learn more and follow updates at Give someone a warmer way forward this Christmas – Big Give.

Finally, a huge thank you to our PTA for organising today's school disco. These fund-raising events help to provide the school with those extra resources and experiences we would otherwise struggle to offer. On Friday 12th December they will also be hosting a Christmas Fair after school, so please come along and support this and help raise even more money for the school.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown  
Headteacher

# Christian Ethos Group

## Grace at Mealtimes

If you don't already, why not try saying a thank you prayer before each meal? It could be something as simple as 'Thank you Jesus, for our food', or it could involve thinking of something you are grateful for and sharing it before you eat.



## House Points



House Points

are currently

under review



## 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 **358** minutes late. This is over four days as we have not included Tuesday's figures - as gridlock in and around Leamington was to blame for a large number of late arrivals! 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 everyone,

**A big thank you - what you've raised:**

**Smarties**

A huge well done to 4C who raised the winning total of £134.63 - a small fun activity will make its way to your class over the next week - and a huge well done and thank you to everyone for raising a record breaking **£825.89** - hopefully you all got lots of jobs out of your helpers for that cash!

**Bag2school**

Thanks to everyone's bags we raised £57!

**It's beginning to look a lot like...** 🛎️🎄🧺☀️

**Christmas Craft Fair - 12th December 3.30-4.30 in the school hall**

Your class rep will soon be asking for volunteers for your class stall and for the tidy up after, also for baked goods (to be brought in the morning of the fair or to the fair direct) - we'd really appreciate your support here - it's a great festive school community event to come to and meet other parents and families and enjoy some crafts.

(Bakers - please include a list of ingredients with your bake and/or there will be some ingredient/allergen forms left in the office for bakers to complete so everyone can be safe)

**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 go and choose your perfect Christmas tree on your chosen date.

Link to order: [Frogs Trees 2025 pre-order form](#)

**Christmas cards**

All the xmas orders are now with us but will be sorted out over the weekend and handed out early next week.

Thank you for your support,

Sent on behalf of the PTA Co-Chairs

Deb Gunn and Kay Gaywood

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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

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# Educaterer's Christmas Meal



If your child does not want a school Christmas dinner on Friday 12th December, please inform the office by Friday 28th November, otherwise a dinner will be ordered for your child and, for those pupils in KS2, parents/carers will be charged for the meal.

## Running Car Engines

**Idling is fuelish**



We appreciate it's winter and a bit chillier now, but a number of cars are parked with their engines running outside our school which is so bad for the environment, and for our pupils.

Idling is especially important because the harmful emissions can damage children's health; stunt lung development, worsen asthma, and impact concentration and cognitive function.

We would like to remind you of this campaign and encourage you not to sit with your engines on.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2787/warwickshire-cars-idling-campaign>. (Please copy and paste if link is not working)

# Breakfast and ASK



The Ring doorbell is now up and running so please use this when dropping off or collecting your child from our wrap-around care.

The doorbell is situated inside the school foyer on the left-hand side of the inner locked door.

## 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](mailto:admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk)



# Reminders

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

- \* For this week's Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8831086?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).
- \* Kids Club Christmas Holiday Childcare flyer
- \* Superstar Sports Winter Camp flyer
- \* Active Kids at Christmas flyer
- \* Onside Coaching HAF Christmas flyer