



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 28th November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another very busy week in school and I am sure it is only going to get even busier as we edge closer towards Christmas.

Yesterday St Paul's children, along with Mrs Newell and Ms Wood, decorated our charity Christmas tree at All Saints' Church in Leamington. This beautiful tree is now able to be viewed, alongside around 60 others, starting this Sunday for a whole week. Neive's Arc, the charity set up for Neive Warwick, also have a tree at the festival, so if you go please keep an eye out for this tree also. There is a people's choice award taking place, so if you do visit please vote for your favourite. Thank you to everyone that generously donated to this.

Last week you may have noticed that House Points were not included in the newsletter. This is because we had noticed that we may have an issue with the accuracy of these. After some detective work we did discover that, indeed, there has been an issue this term. So this week we put a new system in place to hopefully sort this out. In today's newsletter you will see House Points once again. It was suggested by some of the children that maybe we should share the trophy's out equally from this term to be fair. I thought this was a great suggestion and very much in keeping with our school values. So today, before we awarded any new trophies, we shared out the past trophies equally, all teams being given two. Hopefully now, as we move forward, it should be fair and accurate.

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I am pleased to inform you that we have now filled our Parent Governor vacancy. Mr Graham Southern was successfully appointed this week to take on this post. Congratulations to Graham; the governing body and myself look forward to working with you and your support.

Finally, in the past two newsletters, I have mentioned the local charity Helping Hands and 'The Big Give Christmas Challenge'. Next week is the week that you can support them. Please see the information below:



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 all enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Prayer Advent Calendar

For each day on your Advent calendar, write the name of someone you'd like to pray for. When you open your Advent calendar each day, make sure you pray for that person!



House Points



St Andrew: 317

St David: 425

St Patrick: 453



St George: 347



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 **380** minutes late (over 6 hours of lost learning). This is another increase 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

Cross Country Tomorrow (Years 5 and 6)

Warwick School has withdrawn use of their fields for tomorrow's race but we have

FOUND A NEW VENUE!!!

We will take the race in **EXACTLY** the **SAME FORMAT** and **TIMING**

NEW race details and parking are updated [on the website](#) .

Homepage <https://www.leafingtonathletics.co.uk/>

Race Page <https://www.leafingtonathletics.co.uk/races>

Thank you to our race referee Noel Butler and Everyone Active track manager John Griffin.

Leam Tree Fest



Neive's Arc will have a Christmas tree on display at the Leam Tree Festival at All Saints' Parish Church open from Sunday.

<https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/neive-warwick/>

<https://linktr.ee/neivelouvainewarwick>



As temperatures drop and December approaches, we're starting to feel festive!

Friday 12th December is the 🌟🎄 PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR 🎄🌟 and this we're excited to bring you some brand-new activities alongside our much-loved favourites. Join us from ****3:30–4:30pm** **for an hour of festive fun!**

As with all our school events, we rely on the wonderful support of our parents and the wider school community and in fact, **the fair cannot happen without any volunteers so please respond on your class whatsapps or let one of us know - you can do this with a friend, with your kids - it really is a very low key, relaxed community event and is a lovely leaaaaaan into Christmas!**

Slots available are 3.30 - 4 / 4 - 4.30, also 4.30 - 5 for clear up and pack down. Alternatively please bring some baked goods, made or bought is welcome! (Bakes can be brought in on the morning of the fair; please provide a list of ingredients with your bake)

Frogs Christmas Trees 🌲

Please support us by buying your tree here, link to order: [Frogs Trees 2025 pre-order form](#)

Christmas cards

All the xmas orders are now with school and you may have already received them - if not they will be with you soon! A massive shout out to Cat who has been organising this since September - Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support! 🏠☀️

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/>



ST PAUL'S
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Blythe Liggins Colouring Competition



Blythe Liggins are, once again, running a Christmas colouring competition and your child is invited to enter. Last year they received over 30 entries, and the artwork was displayed in their reception area for their clients to view in the lead up to Christmas.

This competition is for primary school children. There is a prize for each of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Part of the winning prize is a book voucher for our school.

Attached is the colouring sheet and entry form to download.

The deadline for entries is Friday 12th December 2025.

School Library



The junior librarian's are looking for book donations to sell at a second hand book sale to raise money for the school library. If you have any spare books can you please consider us.

Please drop book donations to the school office by Friday 5th December.

Thank you

School Council Cake Sale



There is a dairy-free cake sale happening on Wednesday 3rd December after school at 3.30pm in the school hall. This will be run by the School Council. If you would like to make or donate any dairy-free cakes/biscuits or sweet treats for this, then please bring them into school on Wednesday morning where they will be stored until the end of the day. The treats will be priced at either 30p, 50p or £1.00.

We have decided to make this a dairy-free cake and treat sale to raise awareness of allergies. One of our school council representatives has a severe dairy allergy so we wanted to keep her safe whilst still having fun and raising money for the school council.

Please see poster attached.

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

Saturday 29th November - Cross Country (Years 5 & 6) **SEE CHANGE OF VENUE** - 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-8831161?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).
- * For the Parenting Project's Winter Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/e0873a51e501/parenting-project-winter-25-newsletter-13880604>
- * School Council Cake Sale poster
- * PTA School Christmas Fair poster
- * St Paul's Church Christmas Events & Services 2025 flyer
- * Warwick District Council's Foodbank Christmas 2025 Opening Times
- * Stratford Theatre Company Oak House flyer
- * Blythe Liggins Colouring Poster 2025
- * All Saints Christmas Carol Come and Sing flyer
- * Butterflies Day Nursery Christmas Holiday Club flyer