



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 5th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Next week Christmas hits St Paul's in a big way.

The children will watch the first showings of both the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativities during the week. Parents and carers will then have their opportunities to watch one or two showings of these. Then, on Friday, we will be having a very festive day in school. It will be our Christmas Jumper Day, in which we invite all children and adults to wear a Christmas jumper for the day. If you would like to send in a donation, we will be collecting and supporting the NSPCC charity. Also, we will be having our Christmas dinner, and I'm sure some fun festivities in the afternoon. Then, after school, the PTA will be holding the Christmas Fair, to which you are all invited to attend and support.

This Sunday the Hope Church will be holding their service in school. This is also the same day as the Lantern Parade in Leamington, so the Hope group have decided to amalgamate both together. They have decided that they will use their Hope Service this Sunday to make lanterns and then go and join the parade. This should be a fun thing for families to be involved with; you are all invited; they will also be providing the materials.

I hope you have a lovely festive weekend, whatever you choose to do.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

House Points

Lego Prayers

Build a home out of lego. As you do, pray for those who don't have a home, or don't feel safe where they live. Pray that God would be with them, and help them to find safe shelter.



St Andrew: 260

St David: 311

St Patrick: 296

St George: 266



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 **511** minutes late (over 8.5 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



This morning we had a very special assembly which was led by Robert Swan. For those of you who do not know who Robert is, he is an Antarctic and Arctic explorer who was the first man to walk to the North and South Poles. Rob joined us live from Union Glacier in Antarctica to talk to the children about his life as a conservationist, his adventures in Antarctica and what we can all do to protect this amazing place.

The children got to listen to questions about Rob's life and how he has learnt the power of resilience and teamwork (things we embrace and love at St Paul's). We also were taken outside of Rob's tent to see Antarctica. The children (and staff) were fascinated by all Rob had to say.

There were over 5000 schools on the Zoom call which makes it the largest live streamed assembly in history, and the first live streamed assembly from Antarctica. I know that this is a memory that I will treasure forever and I am sure that the children will to. If you wish to know more about Rob, his team and the 2041 School organisation, then you can find a wealth of information using this link

<https://2041school.com/>.

I look forward to hearing about the first former pupil of St Paul's to go to the Antarctic, and I am sure they will mention it was this assembly that inspired them.



Mr Hawkins

School Council Cake Sale



Well done to this year's School Council who held a dairy-free cake sale on Wednesday. The children were brilliant, very enthusiastic, polite and organised. They raised £94.85. Thank you to all the parents/carers who donated cakes. The School Council haven't decided what the money will go to just yet, but during the next meeting we will be discussing further ideas and more fundraising ideas!

Leamington Tennis & Squash Club



UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS – XMAS / NEW YEAR at Leamington Tennis & Squash Club

Monday 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December and Monday 5th January (Teacher Training Day).

Full details can be found online here:

<https://www.lltsc.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Leam Tree Fest



Leamtreefest

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

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

<https://linktr.ee/neivelouvainewarwick>



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!**

Various 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](#)

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/>

Charity No. 505453



Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Table Tennis



Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Lucas, James, Luke and Malcolm to the Warwickshire County Table Tennis Championships in Upper Quinton, along with Lucas' dad. This was the first time we had entered and I must thank Lucas' dad for forwarding me the details. This was the first time St Paul's had ever entered. Taking part on the day were U19, U16, U13 events for boys and girls, as well as our tournament U11's; an exciting afternoon.

The boys showed great resilience, especially after losing their first match against Earlsdon (the eventually winners) and succeeded winning their second match again Solihull Prep. This led us to the 3rd and 4th place play off against Pearl Hyde which, after thrilling points and matches, ended 4-4. We had a feeling we had just done enough to gain 3rd place and this was duly confirmed on Friday morning. Congratulations to all four boys who supported and encouraged each other throughout the afternoon. I hope you enjoyed your treat from Lucas' dad on the way home. Well deserved.

Speed Cup Stacking



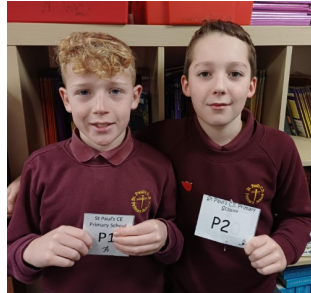
Last Thursday, Mrs Wilshire and Mrs Clancy, accompanied 12 Year 4 children, comprising of a boys' team, a girls' team and a mixed team to Newbold Leisure Centre for a Speed Cup Stacking 3-6-3 competition. Now, if you've never heard of Speed Cup Stacking, click on the link: <https://www.speedstacks.com/videos/RFaUEYIMFZI>. This was our first time of entering.

For two weeks the children had been practising at breaks, lunchtimes and at home, becoming quite skilled in the process. Thank you parents for supporting the extra "homework". (It must be said it would make a great game for Christmas).

It was a busy competition with many different activities taking place as well. For many of the children this was the first time they had represented the school in a competition, and encouragement and enjoyment were key values for the afternoon. However, you'll be pleased to know we finished a respectable 8th out of 14. Well done everyone but especially Ana, who scored our fastest round and with an injured finger.

Sports News cont

Cross Country



On a wet Saturday morning, a keen and determined group of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the first cross country race of the season, held at Edmonscote Athletics Track and organised by Leamington Athletics Academy. Cross country running isn't always about winning, but testing yourself in challenging and unknown conditions - and challenging it was! Congratulations to Martha, Ruth, James and Charlie from Year 6 and Eleri, Theo, Elwood, Harry and Jack from Year 5 for taking part. A special mention to Eleri for finishing an amazing 4th place and looking like she could run it all again.

Poppy Appeal



Our school raised £161.54 for the 2025 Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to all who contributed to this Appeal.

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.

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

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-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8831240?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).
- * PTA Christmas Fair flyer
- * Emmanuel Church The Big Interactive Nativity flyer
- * Christmas at Emmanuel Church flyer
- * Barnardos Festive Arty Party flyer
- * Fitt4kids Xmas Camps flyer
- * GoGo Makers Christmas Camp flyer
- * Artlab at Milverton flyer
- * Happy News - Issues 114 and 115