



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 12th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Today the school had a very festive day. It was Christmas Jumper Day, so many of us wore our Christmas jumpers. Thank you to those of you who made a donation to the NSPCC, we will pass these on. We all also enjoyed our school Christmas dinner. Thank you to our kitchen and lunchtime staff for the fantastic food and the effort they made to create a very Christmassy feel to today's lunchtime. Our day finally finished with our annual PTA Christmas Fair. This was incredibly well attended, as always. Thank you for your support. Thank you also to our wonderful PTA for organising and running this event.

Our Nativities also took place throughout this week, for both our EYFS children and those in Key Stage 1. I am sure those of you who attended will agree it was a lovely way to start our Christmas. As a Christian school, these are important parts of our school year and something many of us very much look forward to. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in putting these productions together for us all to enjoy.

Next week is our final week before the Christmas holidays. On Wednesday, all children from Years 1 to 6 will be travelling to the Spa Centre to enjoy a performance of this year's pantomime. A letter was sent to you all about this, but just a reminder that we are expecting to arrive back to school a little later than the usual home time. We expect this to be about 3.45pm. Next week, we will also be going to St Paul's Church for a Christmas Church Service.

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Earlier in the week I sent a letter, on behalf of the St Paul's family, regarding an opportunity to share our value of kindness this Christmas. The box for donations of presents is now in our reception area, so if you would like to donate, this box will remain there for the whole of next week also. Thank you to those that have already donated presents.

Continuing with the value of kindness, this week I received the following message from the 'Helping Hands' charity:

Greetings from everyone at Helping Hands Community Project,

As we draw the year to a close, we're thrilled to share some incredible news. Together, our community raised an astonishing £30,745 during this year's Big Give Christmas Challenge! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Whether you are one of our long-standing supporters, or you chose to make a gift during this year's Big Give, your generosity has made this remarkable milestone possible.

Your belief in our work means more than we can express. Every pound raised helps us continue supporting people in our community who are experiencing homelessness, hardship, and trauma. Your kindness fuels warm meals, safe spaces, life-changing projects, and the hope that everyone deserves - especially through the cold winter months.

Finally, I would like to share some information regarding the new school year. We now have a large number of children and adults in our school with a wide and varied range of food allergies and dietary requirements. As a result, we have a duty to ensure we are doing all we can to keep such children and staff safe. It is for this reason that from January 2026 we will no longer be allowing birthday treats to be brought into school and given out. I know that traditionally this is something many children have done. However, we are now at a point where this is no longer something we can allow due to the reasons outlined above. I know this may be something some of our children will be disappointed about, but I ask you to support me with regards to this and, if necessary, explain the reasons why to your child. Our children have a good understanding of allergies in school, so I am sure they will understand.

I hope you have a lovely festive weekend

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown

Christian Ethos Group

House Points

Wax Resist Painting

Write the name 'Jesus' or draw Jesus on the paper with a white wax crayon or candle. You could use one of his other names, from Isaiah 9: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Pray that people who don't know who Jesus is will come to discover how much he loves them. As you pray, paint over the wax and the picture or writing will be revealed in the midst of all the colour.



St Andrew: 440

St David: 512

St Patrick: 588

St George: 318



Parents Prayer Meetings

The next parents prayer meetings for next term will take place on:

Monday 12th January
Thursday 5th February
Monday 2nd March

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.

Lateness

This week there have been **295** minutes late (nearly 5 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

PTA

Hi All,

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas fair today - thank you to all those of you who volunteered to help and/or baked and brought cakes and a massive thank you to Sophie, Holly and Kate for organising it all.

That's the last PTA event of 2025! Thanks for all your support this term and we hope you all have a lovely and (hopefully) relaxing Christmas break!

See you next year!

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



ST PAUL'S
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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/>

School Photos



NEWS

A reminder that our last order date for despatch before Christmas is Sunday 14th December 2025. Whilst we can confirm orders will be despatched by 14th December we cannot guarantee delivery as this will be in the hands of Royal Mail.

Any orders placed from Monday 15th December will be despatched in January 2026.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Netball League



Wednesday evening saw our first netball league matches of the year at Kingsley School netball courts, and what an evening it was! With Dani, Eleri and Isabella taking part in their first ever matches, we really didn't know what to expect, especially as we were up against Year 6 teams. Our first match was against Long Itchington. After going a goal behind, we levelled just after half time, then a final shot from Isabella gave us the lead with seconds remaining. Fabulous! Our second against St Mary's, Southam was a tougher game against a well organised team. We equalised at 1-1, but 3 quick goals gave them a 4-1 lead. St Paul's kept competing and with the strong backbone of Ruth, Martha, Viena and Miriam, we scored another goal to finish with a respectable 4-2 loss. Well done girls; lots of positives to lead into our next games in 2026. Thank you parents for supporting as always.

Cross Country



This Cross country photo got missed off last week's newsletter. These are the Year 5 boys' team.

Panto

Reminder that next Wednesday (17th) Years 1-6 will be going to the Royal Spa Centre to see Peter Pan. The children are expected to be back at school about 3.45pm.

Nits

It appears that our little nit friends want to enjoy Christmas with many of our children and families, especially in Years 3 and 4. Please keep an extra look out for these pesky visitors! Thank you.

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

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-8831322?e=3e5007f40c>
- * 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).
- * FACE January 2026 Timetable
- * Warwickshire Families Spring Term Virtual Workshops
- * Warwickshire Families Spring Term Workshops
- * Speech and Language Advice Line flyer
- * WARM Clothing Donation Appeal flyer
- * Happy News - Issue 116