



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 19th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Today, we finally reached the end of a very long term. I know both the children and the staff are very tired and in need of a well-earned rest.

In our final week before Christmas our KS1 and KS2 children enjoyed a trip to the Spa Centre on Wednesday to watch this year's pantomime, Peter Pan. The following day the whole school travelled to St Paul's Church for our Christmas Church service. A number of our older children wrote and read out their prayers. These were lovely and well thought out; I am sharing these with you later in the newsletter. Thank you to all the staff at St Paul's Church for a lovely service, helping us all to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you also to all the parents and carers that volunteered to help us travel to and from Church.

Today, all of our donated presents were collected. You have been incredibly generous, and this will make a huge difference to these families, and particularly children's lives. Over the coming days before Christmas these will be making their way to those in need. Thank you for your generosity in helping to spread some kindness this Christmas.

Finally, I am finishing by sharing some news about Mr Hawkins with you. Next half-term will be Mr Hawkins' last half-term with us, as Mr Hawkins has been successful in being appointed as a Deputy Headteacher at another school. Mr Hawkins has been here a long time, since he started his teaching career, so this was not a decision he took lightly. When he departs his teaching commitments will be taken over by his job share, Mrs Young.

Thank you to everyone for their kind words and gifts that the staff have received. They are all very much appreciated. This Christmas I pray that you all have a lovely break with your family. I hope you enjoy some quality time together and a chance to have fun and relax.

I look forward to seeing you in 2026.

God Bless

Matthew Bown
Headteacher



Prayers From Church



Dear God

Christmas prayers, we usually nod in agreement, but I wonder if we all think people spend Christmas doing the same thing?

In a dream world, food and family is the standard for Christmas, we think, is all about presents.

But it is not about decorations or gifts, perhaps God wants us to realise this:

Christmas is a time about Jesus being born in a manger, from Mary, then wrapped in a cloth,

So God, we ask you, here and now today,

To tear us from the distractions of the jingling sleigh.

Although Christmas is a merry time full of wonder and laughter and jingle bells chime

Some people find Christmas time tricky because of family or food or something else sticky

So God, we ask you now and here to make EVERY-ONE'S Christmas full of cheer.

And also, help us to remember what it's all about but still enjoy the carols, loud and proud.

So today we are gathered here and I want us to remember this year,

That although not everyone's Christmas will only be cheer, or it may not be happy for all,

But may this year's holiday be merrier here at St Paul's

Amen

Angelina

Dear Lord

Thank you for the festive time of Christmas.

Thank you for the lovely time we spend as families.

Please help those who are going through a hard time at the moment and cannot agree Christmas as much as us. Please give them comfort.

Thank you for sending your one and only son to Earth to save us.

Help us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Dani

Dear God,

Please help everyone to enjoy all of the celebrations that take place at Christmastime.

Please help those who might not enjoy Christmas to find a way to be happy over this wonderful time of year.

Please help everyone to be thankful and grateful for all of the memories we make throughout December.

We praise and thank you for a most delightful season to spend with others. Thank you for this marvellous month of joy.

Amen

Owen

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the passing year. We pray for another wonderful Christmas and help everyone, even the less fortunate than us to be happy and enjoy Christmas time. Thank you not just for Christmas but for all of the seasons throughout the year.

Thank you for the joy and happiness of Christmas when we all get to spend time with loved ones. We love because you loved us first by sending your son Jesus to us to save us from our sins.

Thank you for the time we get to spend with others and help us not to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for the gifts we receive whilst remembering the true gift was Jesus.

Amen

Ruth and Martha

Christian Ethos Group

Paper Chain Prayers

As a family, write your prayers on strips of paper. They could be thank you, sorry or please prayers.

Join them together to make paper chain, and use them to decorate your house or tree for Christmas.



House Points



St Andrew: 466



St David: 404

St Patrick: 432



St George: 314



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 **406** minutes late (6.7 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

Hello Everyone,

A final few updates from us.

The Christmas Fair raised a wonderful £408. We hope all the children and adults enjoyed themselves and a big thank you again to everyone who contributed either by volunteering, baking, helping with clear up or simply coming along and adding to the community feeling of the afternoon.

The winners of the Smarties Challenge was 4C and this week they enjoyed doing a Christmas craft as their prize.

All children will have received a book as a small gift from the school. We are pleased to be able to support this by providing the funding for the school to purchase these.

All that's left to say is have a lovely break and we hope you all get some peaceful time over the holidays.

Merry Christmas from the PTA.



Hope Church

Hope Church will be meeting in the school on Sunday 4th January 2026 at 4.00pm. All are welcome to join!!

Sports News by Mrs Newbold

Netball League



In our weekly newsletter, we aim to follow the Journalists' Code of Practice to not publish inaccurate information. To this end, I need to refer you back to last week's summary of the Girls' netball matches. You may remember that we won our first match with a goal in the final seconds. For the record, VIENA scored this vital goal. I wholeheartedly apologise and hope no one refers me to the IPSO (Independent Press Standards Organisation). Happy Christmas everyone!

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 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-8831389?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>.
- * Barnardo's New Year Arts and Crafts flyer
- * Happy News - Issue 117