



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus." (I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 2, Week 6

10th December 2021

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Patience

As many of you will know, we had some very important visitors in school this week as OfSTED came to visit! I am pleased to report that the inspector was full of praise for all the children and staff at school. She said thank you to all for how welcoming and friendly everyone was and praised the children for their behaviour and attitudes! She said that our children were articulate, polite, engaged and a joy to be around. She also praised the parents of the school and said how lucky we were to have such wonderful families being part of the St. Paulinus Community. I am so proud of the St. Paulinus team and give my thanks to all who have worked so hard to make our school a special place to be!! The next steps are the long wait for the OfSTED report to come out, this will not happen for quite a while due to the standard quality assurance exercise all OfSTED reports go through, as soon as it is published, I will send a link to all parents. In light of how proud I am of the children of the school, all classes had a little celebration on Friday afternoon as a thank you from myself and Miss Duarte - well done everyone!

Have a lovely weekend, and I will see you all on Monday for the last week of term. Don't forget, school closes at 1:30pm on Friday. Classes will be dismissed as they normally are, so gates will be opened at 1:15pm and you can make your way to the playground/ door where you usually collect your child. Miss Hayes

Friday 17 December - early finish

As per tradition, we will be closing school slightly earlier for the end of Autumn Term on Friday 17 December as follows:

Nursery : 11:45 | Reception / Years 1 - 6 : 13:30

School buses will be running and will leave school at 13:15, then make their pick up at St. John Fishers at 13:20.

NOTE : Christmas Holidays

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 3 January and will re-open on **Tuesday 4 January 2021**

Wednesday 15 December

On this day your child will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform wearing their favourite Christmas Jumper. Christmas dinner will be available to those that have school dinners.

The chocolate raffle will be drawn on Thursday, so please ensure that you have purchased your raffle tickets by Wednesday 15 December.

Staff News

Staff leaving:

It is with mixed emotions of both joy and sadness that I announce that Mrs. Cooper (SENDCo) will be leaving St. Paulinus at Christmas having successfully gained a deputy headship in another school. Congratulations Mrs Cooper, we wish you luck and joy in your new role!

New staff / new roles:

With Mrs. Cooper leaving, this leaves some big shoes to fill in terms of looking after our school SEND needs. I'd like to congratulate Miss Duarte, who will be taking on the role of SENDCo. Miss Duarte has worked closely with Mrs. Cooper this term so that there should be a smooth transition for all families with children who have SEND. She is looking forward to working closely with your children over the coming year.

I'd also like to welcome Miss Parr and Mr. Shepley, who will be covering the School Business Manager role for the foreseeable future. They are both experienced School Business Managers who work in other primary schools so have been able to get straight into the role. Their working days will be Monday to Wednesday for most weeks, but these may change due to the needs of our school and their original schools. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to the St. Paulinus team!!!

"An outstanding school, which is deeply committed to the Catholic mission... this school inspires all within this faith community to live life to the full." ofsted 2017

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Congratulations to all our Key Stage 2 super stars!

Celebration Certificates

**Excellence
Endeavour
Service to School**



<p>3N Alfie R</p> <p>3W Whole Class</p> <p>4G Kaya-Jai BH</p> <p>4T Mikolaj D</p>	<p>5S Toby B</p> <p>5SC Kaya Z</p> <p>6C Trent M</p> <p>6H Evie M</p>
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<u>Star Readers</u>	<u>Wonderful Writers</u>	<u>Maths Marvels</u>
<p>3N Pixie W</p> <p>3W Noah H</p> <p>4G Oliver S</p> <p>4T Elijah K</p> <p>5S Zaine J</p> <p>5SC Bernie McD</p> <p>6C Waasif A</p> <p>6H Junior J</p>	<p>3N Oliwia T</p> <p>3W Iris L-S</p> <p>4G Isobelle H</p> <p>4T Jackson E</p> <p>5S Anaya Ch</p> <p>5SC Filip R</p> <p>6C Charlie F</p> <p>6H Wiktoria K</p>	<p>3N Umaiza S</p> <p>3W Mason L</p> <p>4G Evie B</p> <p>4T Aidh A</p> <p>5S Lukasz R</p> <p>5SC Ibrihim R</p> <p>6C Bilal A</p> <p>6H Twana A</p>



Friends of St Paulinus

The 'Friends of St Paulinus' have kindly prepared a special, wrapped Christmas gift for the children, which can be purchased for £1 (50p for Nursery & reception children.)



Christmas tree hanging decoration : £1

Guess the name of the teddy £1

(which will be drawn on Wednesday 15 December)

NOTE : Gifts are limited ... once they are gone, they're gone!

Christmas Nativities

Christmas performances will have a designated time on the School website / School YouTube private page. When these videos have been uploaded, you will receive a message with a link to access these. However they will only be live for a short period of time. You can however choose to buy a DVD as a keep sake :

- 1 DVD @ £ 3.00 OR 2 DVDs for £ 5.00
- 1 Laminated photo @ £1 (groups and individual shot on the same page)



3rd Sunday of Advent

When the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What must we do?" He answered, "If anyone has two coats they should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and they said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Don't collect any more than you should." Then he said to some soldiers, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone, but be satisfied with your pay." By now, a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap."



Dear Lord Jesus,

**Please help us to grow in the virtue of mercy – to
be open to receiving your mercy and showing
mercy to others.**

Amen.

Church Mass Times

Saturday 11 December, 18:30	St. Joseph's
Sunday 12 December, 09:15	St. Joseph's
Sunday 12 December, 10:45	Our Lady & St. Paulinus

No need to book to come to church. All welcome.



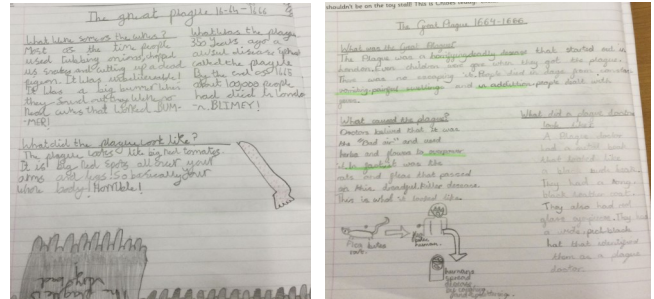
Year 3

We had a lovely time preparing for Advent last week. We started by discussing its meaning and why it is important to get ready for the coming of Jesus, the son of God. The children enjoyed writing their promises and decorating them. They then used the template of their hands to produce a wreath that they decorated to display during December.



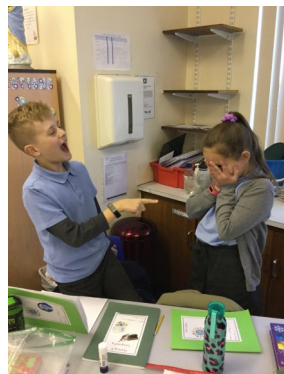
Year 4

Whilst reading our English novel 'Children of Winter' we became very interested in the plague and how it all began. Therefore this week, Year 4 have been researching and writing their own explanation text all about the plague.



Year 5

In RPSHE this week, we have been looking at the emotional impact of spending and how to prioritise our money. We created scenarios and acted them out, considering which emotions would be experienced.



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 celebrated their DARE25 'graduation'. The children created and performed presentations on each of the ten lessons; some children read their DARE reports and then the DARE25 officer (Mrs Davies) presented each child with a certificate. We ended by having a 'mystery dip' for DARE25 goodies.



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance overall is 95.2%

Attending school on time and every day is such an important part of your child's learning process.

This week's class attendance:

EYJC: 96% / EYR : 94%

Class 1B: 93%	Class 1T: 93%	Class 2C: 93%	Class 2IB: 98%
Class 3N: 94%	Class 3W: 99%	Class 4G: 83%	Class 4T: 93%
Class 5S: 95%	Class 5SC: 90%	Class 6C: 97%	Class 6H: 94%

The winners of KS1 and KS2 are 2IB & 3W they will receive extra playtime for their attendance.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 13 December	Advent 3 Liturgy in classrooms
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Dinner / Jumper (Non-uniform day)
Thursday 16 December	Chocolate Raffle
Thursday 16 December	Attendance & class Christmas parties
Friday 17 December	Early finish, 13:30
Monday 3 January 2022	Inset Day / School closed
Tuesday 4 January 2022	School re-opens

Admissions Deadline

The Admissions deadline for next September is :
14 January 2022

Apply via the Kirklees website and fill out a SIF form, which can be found on our website. Any questions please contact the School's Business Manager.

Attendance



If your child is absent from school you must telephone the office on (01924 488282) on the first day of absence before 9.30 am and provide a reason.

If we receive no confirmation of the reason you will receive a phone call home. If we are unable to get hold of you within 45 mins of school registers being taken we will contact the next person your child's emergency list. If we are unable if we are unable to get hold of anyone we may arrange a home visit.

School Calendar 2021/2022



Term 1

Start	Tues 7 Sept. 2021
Half Term	Fri 22 Oct. - Fri 29 Oct. 2021
Restart	Mon 1 Nov. 2021
End of Term	Fri 17 Dec. 2021

Term 2

Start	Tues 4 Jan. 2022
Half Term	Mon 21 Feb. - Fri 25 Feb. 2022
Restart	Mon 28 Feb. 2022
End of Term	Fri 8 April 2022

Term 3

Start	Mon 25 April 2022
Half Term	Mon 30 May - Fri 3 June 2022
Restart	Weds. 8 June 2022
End of Term	Fri 22 July 2022

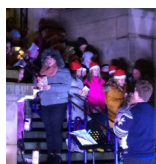
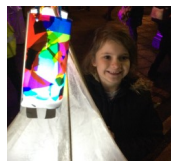
Occasional Days - School closed

INSET Day	Mon 6 Sept. 2021
INSET Day	Fri 22 Oct. 2021
Bank Holiday	Mon 3 Jan. 2022
Queen's platinum anniversary day (70 years of service)	Mon 6 June 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 7 June 2022
INSET Day	Mon 25 & 26 Jul. 2022

Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection Officers:
Miss Hayes, Mrs Davies, Miss Duarte,
Mr Hutton, Mrs Bentley, Miss Regan,
Mrs Cooper, Mrs Watt, Mr Regan
or ring Duty and Advice on 01484 456848,
in confidence. Thank you.

Dewsbury Lights Switch On & Choir Carol Singing



On Saturday, the School Choir were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to take part in the Christmas Lights Switch On. We arrived at the Town Hall for a rehearsal of the songs we have been learning. We were then able to go and enjoy some of the stalls and watch the shows that were on. At 5:30 pm we all took part in a lantern parade using the lanterns that we made in school last week. This led on to the singing of the Christmas Carols on the steps of the Town Hall before the lights were switched on.

Great fun was had by all!

