



# 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 7

Friday 17th December 2021

### Head's welcome



Our Virtue to live by for next week is: **Patience**

Well, I for one can't believe that the Autumn term is already over! It seems to have gone so quickly! As always, it continues to be a privilege to be the Headteacher of St Paulinus, we are blessed to have such wonderful children, families and staff. I wish each and every one of the St Paulinus family and our community a wonderful, peaceful and safe Christmas full of fun, cheer and family. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Miss Hayes

I'd like to welcome 3 new members of staff who will be joining the St. Paulinus team.



Welcome to:

- Mrs Marsden, who will be working in the office on Thursday and Fridays.
- Miss Shires, who will be working with some children in in Year 4.
- Mr. Callaghan, who will be working in Year 5 in place of Mrs. Cooper.

All 3 members of staff are excited to become part of the St. Paulinus family and to work with the children of St. Paulinus!

### A note for all parents

As we approach Christmas, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate

the differences between our community. We all come from different races, religions and backgrounds and this is what makes St. Paulinus such a special place to be. When we all come together as one, this is when we shine as a community. We are all unique - even down to the way we park our cars!! But ultimately, we are all part of the same family. It has come to my attention that there have been a number of instances outside of the school gates where children have witnessed aggression, poor language and negative words being used against other adults. Just to be clear, these are a minority of cases and instances, but ultimately, our children should not be subjected to hearing these exchanges between adults anywhere near school and indeed many have been worried about the exchanges. So my Christmas wish this year is that we all have a relaxing break so that when we all come back in January we can leave all these incidents behind us and remember that we are here for the children. Any aggression or negativity, however frustrated we are, needs to be left behind us as we move into the new year. The last couple of years have been difficult for many of us - let's get back to some normality. I thank you all for being the wonderful team you are.

### Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance overall from Sept. to December is 95.02%

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

This week's class attendance:

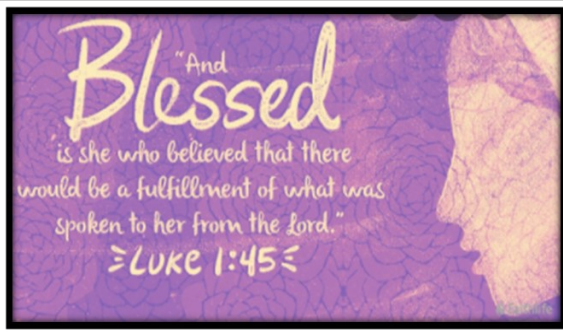
EYJ : 88% / EYR : 95%



Class 1B: 95%	Class 1T: 95%	Class 2C: 85%	Class 2IB: 93%
Class 3N: 89%	Class 3W: 100%	Class 4G: 90%	Class 4T: 91%
Class 5S: 95%	Class 5SC: 89%	Class 6C: 91%	Class 6H: 97%

'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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



“Working together to practice hospitality, will make us better human beings.”

Pope Francis

Mary had been told by an angel that she was to give birth to a son named Jesus. When she heard that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, she went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Mary went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a loud cry and said to Mary, “Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For as soon as your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord.”

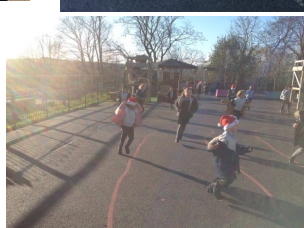


All medicine(s) should be taken to the School Office by an adult.

Please **DO NOT** send any medicine in with your child.

## Santa Dash (Friday 10 December)

The whole school joined in with the Santa Dash last week. Year 5 even managed to sing Christmas songs as they ran round the playground



## Christmas Card competition

Last Friday we had a special visitor in school, Mark Eastwood our local MP. In early November Mark sent a competition for children in his constituency to design his annual Christmas card.

He awarded 3 of our Year 6 children with a special commendation as runners up.

All children who entered from School will receive a letter of thanks for their entry ... these will be coming home today!



Well done children for your wonderful designs.

## Admissions Deadline

The Admissions deadline for next September is :

**14 January 2022**

Apply via the Kirklees website and complete our SIF form, which can be found on our website.

Any questions please contact the School’s Business Manager.



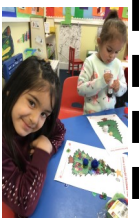


## It's the most wonderful time of the Year!

The children enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday: the kitchen had decorated the tables and laid our Christmas crackers.



This week in Early Years we have been really busy making Christmas decorations for our trees. We also used our fine motor skills to stick pom-poms and sparkles onto a Christmas tree. We also made Christingles to celebrate Jesus being born.



Year 1 have been completing our DT Christmas card with a slider or lever mechanism as well as creating a Christmas card depicting the nativity scene. We have also had great fun drawing our chocolate raffle and look forward to our Christmas party later in the week.



1T and 2IB had a wonderful time putting together their nativity - The Bossy King. They made their teachers proud.

Year 2 have been making and sewing some bags in DT, and our teachers then put some sweets in them.



We also had a fantastic time at the chocolate raffle on Wednesday. We were all very excited and cheered for our friends when they won.



Year 5 have also been practising the 'Ho Ho Ho Santa' rap from Charanga, which is a very silly song about Santa.



On their last morning, the children in Year 3 enjoyed some Christmas music, some food and created all sorts of Christmas decorations. They had a lot of fun singing along and sharing the

Year 4 making Christmas cards



### Thank you Asda

A BIG thank you to Asda who were kind enough to donate 35 Christmas Eve boxes for some of our children.



## Dates For Your Diary

**Friday 17 December 2021** End of Autumn Term (Early Finish)

**Monday 3 January 2022** Bank Holiday / School closed

**Tuesday 4 January 2022** School re-opens

### Unclaimed Parish Raffle Ticket Numbers

Thank you to all who attended the Church's Christmas Fair on Saturday 4 December at the Parochial Hall. Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church managed to raise £1635 with your support. However, we still have some unclaimed raffle prizes ....

- Ticket No. 2800 - £100.00
- Ticket No. 2978 - Bottle of Whiskey
- Ticket No. 0954 - Bottle of Vatican Wine
- Ticket No. 1929 - Box of Biscuits
- Ticket No. 0684 - Toiletries
- Pink Ticket No. 18 - Luxury Hamper

Please call into the Parochial Hall on Sunday between 12:00 and 13:30, if you have any of the above ticket numbers.



### What to do if my child tests positive for COVID in the Christmas holidays?

Please see the separate letter from School regarding what to do if you are concerned about your child or they test positive. The key information for you to know is that we have set up an email address for any parent to notify us if their child tests positive. This email address will be checked every morning up until Christmas Eve. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date with school so that you can receive messages by GroupCall and via the App over the holidays just in case you need to be reached. The email address is [covid@stpaulinus.org](mailto:covid@stpaulinus.org)

Thank you for your continued support.

## 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
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Fri 17 Dec. 2021</b>

### Term 2

<b>Start</b>	<b>Tues 4 Jan. 2022</b>
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
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Mon 3 Jan. 2022</b>
Queen's platinum anniversary day (70 years of service)	Mon 6 June 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 7 June 2022
INSET Day	Mon 25 & 26 July 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. Watt, Mr. Regan**  
 or ring Duty and Advice on 01484 456848, in confidence. Thank you.

### Church Mass Times

Saturday 18 December, 18:00 St. Joseph's  
 Sunday 19 December, 09:15 St. Joseph's  
 Sunday 19 December, 10:45 Our Lady & St. Paulinus  
 No need to book to come to church. All welcome.