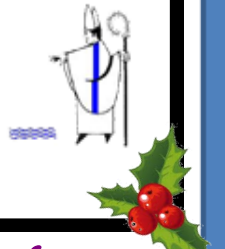




# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

"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*

*16<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

# Head's welcome



And here we are at the end of the term! I can't believe it has come round so quickly! We have had a great final week in school - Year 6 performed their nativity extremely well and Mince pies and carols for the grandparents and parishioners was wonderful! It has been great to get back to some of the things we have missed over the last 2 years!

I will end by saying that I wish every child, staff member and family a peaceful and merry Christmas and a happy new year! I will see you all on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**, all refreshed and ready for the spring term!

Have a wonderful holiday everyone,

Miss Hayes

### Staff News



#### Staff members leaving:

Sadly, at the end of term we say goodbye to Mrs. Rhodes (Year 2 teacher). She will be missed and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her every success in her future career. Good luck Mrs Rhodes!

We also say goodbye to Miss Parr in the office. Miss Parr came to us on a short term and part time secondment as School Business Manager and what was going to be 1 term turned into over a year!!! She will be missed at St. Paulinus but I know Miss Parr is looking forward to getting back to being School Business Manager in just one school. Good luck Miss Parr and thank you so much for everything you have done for St. Paulinus! Come back any time!

#### Welcome to the St. Paulinus Team:



Lastly, St. Paulinus will be welcoming 2 new arrivals to school in January ....

- Firstly, we welcome Mrs. McHale as our interim Deputy Headteacher. Mrs. McHale is currently a Deputy Head in a school in Halifax, so she comes to us with a wealth of experience. She has already met all the children and is very excited to start working here in January!
- Secondly, I'd like to welcome Mrs. Delgado to school as Year 2 teacher. Mrs. Delgado is very excited to work at St Paulinus and keen to get stuck in. All the children in the class got to meet her last week and she told me that she loved her time in school!

Welcome to the St. Paulinus family, both of you!



*'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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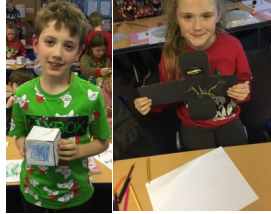
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## It's the most Wonderful Time of the Year!

**EYU** - Santa came to visit EYU this morning. We were all very excited! He gave us all a new book. We said thank you and we sang "When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney" which he thought was very funny!



**Year 1** - guess who paid us a visit too ..... Santa



**Year 4** - we have created our very own illuminating Christmas boxes for our final DT project. We designed the nets to make the box and then had to use the skills we have learnt across Science and DT this half term to make a working circuit. We even made our own switches!

**Year 3** - last week we took part in the Nativity and performed really well in our respective roles! Parents and parishioners that attended were all very impressed by all the children and the Year 3 actors!



At the end of the week, Year 3 children also attended mass and Father Jonathan was very complimentary about their participation, enthusiasm in singing and their behaviour!! An example to all!



**Year 5** - have been looking at the design and manufacture of pizzas. We looked at nutrition and other reasons why people choose certain toppings.

We have welcomed Pauli the Snow dog back to St Paulinus. After Christmas, he will have his new home with us in school. Our very talented Julia is responsible for the fantastic design on his coat.



Lots of fun was had at the EYU and KS1 chocolate raffle.

## Mince Pies & Christmas Carols Performance

On Wednesday, we were once again able to invite grandparents and parishioners into school for an afternoon of singing and merriment! Each year group took it in turn to sing two of their favourite Christmas carols from their performances whilst the Mini Vinnies served tea and coffees with mince pies and biscuits.

The School Choir closed the show and a wonderful time was had by all.





## 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

## SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL



This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph; but before they could be married she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary so he made plans to break the engagement privately. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a son. You must name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife.

**"The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God."**  
**Pope Francis**

### Be smart - Wear your uniform with pride!



I am sure all parents will be making sure that the children have the correct uniform for returning to school in January. Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are named - as usual we have a mountain of lost property.

If you are in need of replacement uniform, please complete the form on the School App:

**2022-2023 School Uniform - Order Form**

### Spring Term - PE Days

- Nursery / Reception : Tuesday
- Year 1 : Wednesday & Thursday
- Year 2 : Tuesday & Friday
- Year 3 : Wednesday & Thursday
- Year 4 : Tuesday & Friday
- Year 5 : Thursday & Friday \*
- Year 6 : Monday & Thursday



\* Class 5SI will have swimming on Fridays (9 Sept - 20 Feb) whilst 5W will do PE / \* Class 5W will have swimming on Fridays (W/C 20 Feb - 21 July 2023), whilst 5SI will do PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit, which comprises of : White t-shirt / Plain black or dark grey Jogging bottoms & school PE Hoodie. They will also need a pair of trainers.

### Weather Warning

We are approaching the time of year when the weather can change. Should we receive any severe weather, we will make an assessment about whether it is safe to open the School. This decision will be made as early as possible, and you will be informed by text message.

You can also check the Kirklees website :

[www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

and local radio station.



Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date. We will only close in exceptional circumstances where the safety of children is the primary concern.

### Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 85.79%, and attendance so far 93.06%

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

#### This week's class attendance:

EYCJ : 71% / EYR : 86%

Class 1B: 88%	Class 1T: 96%	Class 2B: 89%	Class 2R: 79%
Class 3J: 91%	Class 3W: 84%	Class 4G: 90%	Class 4H: 88%
Class 5SI: 83%	Class 5W: 85%	Class 6H: 92%	Class 6S: 89%



# IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

**Monday 2 January 2023** Bank Holiday / School closed

**Tuesday 3 January 2023** School re-opens

**Thursday 5 January** Choir: Young Voices Concert

**Tuesday 10 January** Year 6 Girls BPS Trust Football

**Thursday 12 January 09:00 - 10:00** EYU Parents Invite: Fun with Phonics

**Tuesday 24 January** Year 6 Boys BPS Trust Football

# School Calendar 2022/2023



## Term 1 - Autumn

Start	Tues. 6 Sept. 2022
Half Term	Mon. 24 Oct. - Mon. 31 Oct. 2022
Restart	Tues. 1 Nov. 2022
End of Term	Fri. 16 Dec. 2022

## Term 2 - Spring

Start	Tues. 3 Jan. 2023
Half Term	Mon. 13 Feb. - Fri. 17 Feb. 2023
Restart	Mon. 20 Feb. 2023
End of Term	Fri. 31 Mar. 2023

## Term 3 - Summer

Start	Mon. 17 Apr. 2023
Half Term	Mon. 29 May - Mon. 5 June 2023
Restart	Tues. 6 June 2023
End of Term	Fri. 21 July 2023

## Occasional Days - School closed

INSET Day	Mon. 6 Sept. 2022
Queen's Funeral	Mon. 19 Sept. 2022
INSET Day	Mon. 31 Oct. 2022 (Trust Training Day)
May Day	Mon. 1 May 2023
King's Coronation	Mon. 8 May 2023
INSET Day	Mon 5 June 2023
INSET Days	Mon. 24 & Tues. 25 July 2023

## Admissions Deadline

The Admissions deadline for next September is :

**15 January 2023**

Apply via the Kirklees website along with our school SIF form, which can be found on our school website. Any questions please contact the School's Business Manager.

## Keep in touch ...



- Download the **School Piota App** from your iTunes / playstore, search for Paulinus. Remember to allow notifications to receive all the important messages/reminders.



- Follow us on **FaceBook** 'St Paulinus Catholic Primary School



- Follow us on **Twitter** @StPaulinusDews - we hope to keep you up-to-date with all the latest news and events and look forward to reading your Tweets.



- Also don't forget to check out the **School's website** : [www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk](http://www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk)

From the Governors and all the staff at **St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy** we wish you a ...

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**