



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'

Spring Term 1, Week 4

27th January 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Love Thy Neighbour

What a week in school! It really seems to have flown by this week! On Monday our Governors came into school to do a learning walk and see Maths in action. They were so pleased by what they saw. The children spoke well and confidently about Maths and there was a clear enjoyment for Maths too, which was great to see because Maths can sometimes appear a bit tricky! Well done to all the staff and children. Yet again you impressed our visitors with how wonderful you all are!

On Thursday night, I was lucky enough to go and see some of our pupils being confirmed at St Mary's Church. It was a wonderful service and I am so proud of our young people, who have studied hard and taken this next step in their sacramental journey. Well done everyone.

Next week is another jam-packed week, so have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all on Monday,

Miss Hayes

Staff Updates



Staff member leaving:

Well, what can I say... today marks a special occasion as Mr. Watt (School Caretaker) has decided to retire and today was his last day in school. Mr. Watt has been with St. Paulinus for so long, I can't even remember a time when he wasn't here. He has left some big shoes to fill and I know that many of you, like me, will miss him. I look forward to hearing about all his retirement adventures but I hope he starts his retirement by putting his feet up for a few weeks and maybe having a lie in once or twice! Thank you for keeping our school safe and clean Mr. Watt, we will miss you!!!

Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 95.36%, and attendance so far 93.12%

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



This week's class attendance:

KS1 - Nursery:	95%	Reception:	92%	Year 1:	97%	Year 2:	92%
KS2 - Year 3:	95%	Year 4:	96%	Year 5:	95%	Year 6:	96%

The winners of KS1 and KS2 are Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6 who will receive extra playtime next week for their attendance last week.

'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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Year 3

Last week we made a start on our **Art** work which will culminate in the creation of a bowl painted in the style of Howard Hodgkin. The children thoroughly enjoyed using gummed tape, priming their work to get it ready for painting. They collaborated beautifully, taking turns and making sure that the work went according to plan! Well done Year 3!



In **English**, we worked hard to produce fabulous newspaper reports on the eruption of the Vesuvius in 79AD. Our reports included speech, direct and indirect - as well as other grammatical structures that made the reading very entertaining!

Year 4



Year 4 are loving their current **History** topic learning all about the Shang Dynasty. This week we learnt about beliefs of the Shang people and that they used oracle bones to communicate with their ancestors and ask questions. When heat was added a crack would appear and this would be studied as the ancestors reply. We created our own oracle bones and had a go at writing our names in Chinese lettering.



In **Art**, we created a multi-textured surface. We will be adding paint to this and experimenting with contrasting colours.

In **P.E.**, we have been enjoying our Yoga, learning a range of Yoga poses and our developing balance skills have been particularly impressive.



Parents, test us on what we know!

Year 6, 6-a-side Football League Competition



On Tuesday after school, our Year 6, 6-a-side football team took part in the second phase of the Trust's Football League Competition. The team did really well remaining unbeaten in four matches, winning three and drawing one. This means that after these results, which have been added to the first phase of results in the Autumn term, St Paulinus are now top of the league.

A superb effort from the boys who displayed great skill, tenacity and determination!

WOW - The Walk to School Challenge

Last Friday, our local MP Mark Eastwood visited our school to help promote the 'Living Streets' project our school is taking part in by encouraging our children to 'walk to school'. This was a joint activity with our neighbouring school, Boothroyd in which our WOW ambassadors walked the surrounding streets and discussed road safety issues with representatives from 'Living Streets'. Each class uses the WOW Tracker in school each day to record how children journey to school and promotes healthy options like walking, scootering and cycling. At the end of each month, children are awarded badges



IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Tuesday 31 January 17:00 Year 2 SATs Parents Information Session

Wednesday 1 February 09:00 - 10:00 Parents Invite: Cuppa & Chat with Debby Murphy (Parent Community Worker)

Thursday 2 February 09:00 EYU & KS1 Parents Invite: Candlemas

Thursday 2 February 14:00 KS2 Parents Invite: Candlemas

Friday 3 February NSPCC National Number Day

Friday 3 February Eurovision (Cheesy Pop)
Non-Uniform Day

Friday 3 February 18:00 - 19:00 Eurovision
19:30 - 21:00 EYU & KS1 KS2 [Ticket entry only]

Tuesday 7 February Safer Internet Day

Monday 6 - Friday 10 February Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 10 February 18:00 - 20:00 FofSP KS2 (Yrs 3 - 6) Valentine's Disco @ Parochial Hall

School Calendar 2022/2023



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

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

Parents Invite : Cuppa and a Chat

Wednesday 1 February at 09:00 am

Come and join Ms Murphy (Parent & Community Worker) for a cuppa, biscuit and an informal chat about what we can offer you and your child in terms of support, etc.

We look forward to meeting you.



Paralympic Themed Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday, 9 children from across school attended a Sports Hall Athletic event. There was a range of fun activities including running, speed bounce and chest pass. All the children showed great sportsmanship and made St. Paulinus very proud. Congratulations to all the children involved but special recognition for Joel who achieved the furthest long jump of the whole afternoon!



Parents Invite

We would love to invite you to attend our Candlemas worships on :

Date: **Thursday 2 February** **Candlemas**
 Time: 09:00 EYFS & KS1
 Time: 14:00 KS2 (Years 3 - 6)

Safeguarding

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