



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'

Summer Term 2, Week 2

16th June 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

Courage

Well done to all the children who took their phonics screening check this week and all the Year 4's who took their multiplication check. I am so proud of how hard they all tried and I am certain they all tried their best! Well done children!!

This week has been very hot - both in and out of classrooms! Looking at the forecast for next week it does look like it will be a little cooler, but still quite hot. Don't forget to send your child in with a hat and a water bottle to keep them safe during these hot weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and I will see you all on Monday,

Miss Hayes

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday. They all looked lovely in their beautiful dresses and smart shirts and ties. They all read very well and the congregation commented on how beautiful their singing was. Well done to you all - you are a credit to your family and our school!



Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 94.66%, and attendance so far 93.89%

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:	91%	Reception:	89%	Year 1:	92%	Year 2:	99%
KS2 - Year 3:	95%	Year 4:	94%	Year 5:	93%	Year 6:	97%

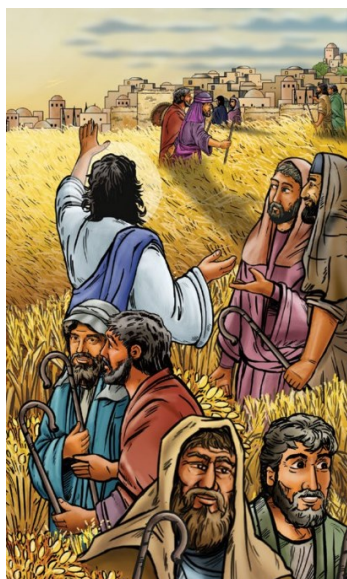
The winners of KS1 and KS2 were Year 2 and Year 6 who will receive extra playtime next week for their attendance last week.

'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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When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his twelve disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest." He then gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: "Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge."

"It is in the human heart that God's kingdom takes root and grows."

Pope Francis

Lunchtime Construction Club



"Imagination
Under Construction..."

Every Thursday
lunchtime we hold an
amazing Construction
Club for Year 2.



Construction club is a time for the children to be imaginative and free! Children are able to use a range of construction materials, such as Lego, Duplo, Mobilo, art straws, playdough, junk modelling and much much more! Pupils have the chance to work both individually and as part of a team constructing models, towers, structures, storage..... Opportunities are endless! During their time in this club, pupils learn better communication skills, enhance problem-solving techniques, and be challenged in creating awesome builds!

We have been having so much fun!



Early Years

EYU were practising their athletics skills in P.E. this week. We went onto the field, organised ourselves into groups of four and practising our running skills. First in teams running relay races and then in individual races. We were super speedy!



APP



- Download the **School App** from your iTunes/playstore, search for Paulinus. Remember to allow notifications to receive all the important messages/reminders.
- 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.
- Follow us on **FaceBook** 'St Paulinus Catholic Primary School'
- Also don't forget to check out the **School's website** : www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk

Online Safety Update

Last week I outlined what we teach the children in school and what actions they are advised to do to keep themselves safe online. This week I want to talk to you about some popular apps!

Did you know!?

Tik Tok, Snap chat, WhatsApp, Facebook: The recommended appropriate age for these apps is **AGE 13**. That means no primary aged school child should be on these apps.

Gang crime is no longer limited to areas and person to person contact. Organised gangs now use social media and the internet to groom children (including children at primary school), recruit new members, direct them and organise various crimes to be committed. It is important that parents are aware of this and keep a good track of their child's phone, apps and interactions so as to protect them from being unwittingly drawn into this. So I hope the information below is useful to you and I apologise for the heavy and potentially scary topic.

Tik Tok – what a great app this used to be but it is no longer just showing content about fun dances you can copy. There is a huge rise in tik toks about how you should look and behave, including a rise in “mean girl” comments and attitudes. The videos the children are watching now can significantly damage a child's mental health and in making them believe they need to act, speak and look a certain way. We need to protect our children and allow them to be children while they are still young. It is school's position that no child should be on tik tok unless a parent is sat watching the video with them so you can delete it or talk to your child about the content. Even with parents generally supervising and checking content, some of the videos we have seen that children have shared with each other have been very shocking both in terms of language and content.



Snapchat – It is school's position that no child should have their own snap chat account. This is one of the most damaging apps primary children are exposed to. They are being sent content and messages by friends and strangers that have affected their well-being. We teach children how to behave online, but they are also being taught by each other and think that the way they speak to each other is normal. Most fallings out we have in school are linked to snapchat, which is an App they are not supposed to be on.



Algorithms – all platforms use algorithms that track you and your child's browsing etc, these algorithms are then used to push content your way that the apps, etc think you will like. This is how children can end up seeing content that is not appropriate for them e.g. they may watch a video on you tube about a fight game, this then can lead to them being show videos about the school shootings in America which then can lead to videos about guns - an innocent initial search about a game has now exposed the children to something that they did not need to see.



Grooming – it is very easy for children and young adults to be groomed online by what they read and see which can lead to children taking risks that put them in harms way and them being victims of a crime. We are even at risk of this as adults. We try to teach the children how to keep themselves safe online to avoid this and we know lots of parents will be monitoring this at home as well. We advise you check in with your child regularly and supervise their online habits frequently.



As we said last week, we will continue to put some information and tips in our newsletter for parents over the next few weeks. If you have any good tips please feel free to share them with us. In the meantime, we have put up some really useful parent help guides on our website for you to browse: <http://www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk/online-safety-parent-guides/>

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Sunday 18 June Father's Day

Tuesday 20 June 17:00 - 18:00 New EYFS Parents Evening (September starters)



Friday 23 June Non-Uniform Day Bring an item for the summer fair (see letter sent out 15/06/2023)

Tuesday 4 July Whole School Transition Day / New EYFS Taster Day

Friday 7 July School Summer Fair

Monday 10 July Year 5 Taster Visit to St. John Fishers

Mon. 10 - Fri. 14 July STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths)

Wednesday 12 July, 14:00 Parents Invite: Year 6 Leavers Performance

Thursday 13 July, 16:00 Parents Invite: Year 6 Leavers Performance

Mon. 17 - Fri. 21 July Health & Fitness Week

Wednesday 19 July, 09:30 Parents Invite: Years 3 & 4 Sports Day

Wednesday 19 July, 13:30 Parents Invite: Years 5 & 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 19 July, 17:00 Year 6 Leavers Liturgy in school, followed by leavers party

Thursday 20 July, 09:30 Parents Invite: EYFS Sports Day

Thursday 20 July, 13:30 Parents Invite: Years 1 & 2 Sports Day

Friday 21 July End of Year Assembly

Friday 21 July, 13:15 Treat day & last day of school NB. Early finish

Church Mass Times

Saturday 17 June 18:00 St. Joseph's
Sunday 18 June 09:15 St. Joseph's
Sunday 18 June 10:45 Our Lady & St. Paulinus

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



School Calendar 2022/2023



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 5 June 2023
INSET Days	Mon. 24 & Tues. 25 July 2023

Non-Uniform Day Friday 23 June



This year's Summer Fair will take place on Friday 7 July, 13:30 - 16:00.

Each year group will be organising and running their own stalls, so we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 23 June**, where we'd like each child to bring in a donation for their class stall.

Please see letter that was sent out yesterday, or check our website / school app for more details.

Any parents or businesses that can donate any items for the raffle would be much appreciated, items to be in school by Wednesday 5 July or before, marked for the attention of Mrs. J. Moore, School Events Co-ordinator / Tel. 01924 488282

School Milk : Autumn Term 2023

All KS1 and KS2 are eligible to receive milk in school. Money for school milk for next term (September - December) is now due. Please log on to ParentPay and make a payment of **£14.18**



Deadline for last orders : Friday 14 July 2023

We are unable to accept orders after this date due to advance ordering.