



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 5

7th July 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

Discernment / Wisdom

Only 2 more weeks to go in school before the holidays! How time has flown by! This week we have all been very busy in school getting ready for the Summer Fair today! I hope you all enjoy all the different stalls!!

Our special visitor on Wednesday was really impressed by all the children and how hard they were working. We were praised for the behaviour of the children and how good their attitudes to learning were. In all classes Mr. Rowan was so impressed by how well the children could talk about what they have learnt in their foundation subjects such as Geography, DT and Science. Well done St Paulinus!!

Next week is STEAM week! Hopefully the children will have lots of fun with all the practical activities we have planned for them!

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

Miss Hayes

Attendance Last week our whole school attendance overall was 85.11%, and attendance so far 93.77%

We have a zero-tolerance policy on parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday, penalty notices will be issued. If your child is absent for 5 days or more you will need to provide proof of illness.

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:	83%	Reception:	84%	Year 1:	87%	Year 2:	76%
KS2 - Year 3:	84%	Year 4:	91%	Year 5:	87%	Year 6:	83%



The winners of KS1 / KS2 are Years 1 & 4 who will receive extra playtime next week for their attendance last week.

Year 3 request - 500ml bottles



We would be very grateful if you could save your 500 ml plastic bottles over the weekend and drop them off at the office on Monday for our Science topic!! Shape doesn't matter, as long as they are plastic and 500 ml in size.

Thank you for your support.

'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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Online Safety Update: Parenting in the age of technology



Unfortunately, there's still a lot we don't know about the long-term effects of social media on the developing brain. And since social media keeps evolving and isn't going anywhere, parents need to think carefully about the role it plays in children's lives. But there are smart precautions parents can take, including:

Limit your child's use.

Talk with your child and agree on a reasonable time limit or other time restrictions, such as not for the last hour before going to bed. There are tools to monitor and limit access to help you and your child figure out how much time they are spending now and then scale back use.

Raise your child's awareness.

By openly explaining — and discussing — how social media habits can negatively impact their mental health, you can help your child make smart, and safe, digital choices.

Create a safe space for sharing.

Find quiet moments to talk with your child and when you do, try to listen more than you talk. The more you make it clear that you are willing to listen without judgment, the more you are likely to hear from your teen.

Model the behaviour you want to see.

As true now as it was when your child was a toddler: the behaviour you model is what your child learns from first and most. Remember that your kids are watching you. If you're using your phone all day, your child will consider that normal — and do the same. Shut off all gizmos regularly and enjoy face-to-face conversation. Take your children outside, without digital toys, and enjoy the wind, sunshine, trees, and flowers. Growing brains need the kind of nourishment that technology — no matter how sophisticated and bewitching — can never supply.

Online counselling and support services

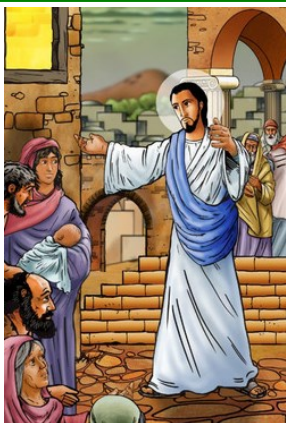
If a child feels worried, unsafe or needs to chat to someone, refer them to **Childline** where they can chat to a counsellor over the phone **0800 1111**.

Next week will be our final instalment of how to keep your child safe online at home. 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/>



14th Sunday of Ordinary time, Year A



SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by the Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

"When Jesus is your companion, you have joy, calmness and happiness."

Pope Francis

Our Nursery children moving to reception stayed all day today for transition. They had a great day and loved their first school dinner!

EYU



Recently in EYU our fruit and veg we planted have been ready to pick! We pulled up our radish and tried it and picked and tasted our delicious strawberries.



Year 3

Last week, the children discovered a new type of hymn: 'Gospel'. They thoroughly enjoyed it and danced to the rhythm of it. They tried to replicate this on their Glockenspiels. It was entertaining and the children put into practice the skills they learnt over the year.



Also last week, Year 3 took their annual trip to Ponderosa Zoo. The visit was linked to the Science Topic 'Animals and Plants' that the children studied. When we arrived, we were shown our room to leave our belongings and then we started our adventure! We first had a small session on Vertebrates and Invertebrates which was followed by a tour of the animals to distinguish the different animals that live at the zoo. We saw so many of them! It was really exciting!! The meerkats were very cute but some reptiles sent shivers down our spine! The day was full of fun with so much to see and do!



After a full day looking at animals and having some fun on the equipment, we waved goodbye to the animals and zoo and returned to school. It was a lovely day and the poor weather did not deter us from having a lot of fun, learning how animals live and how to care for them.



School Council Clean-up



Yesterday, our school councillors used the litter-picking equipment kindly lent to us by Natural Kirklees to tidy up our school grounds. They all worked tirelessly tidying both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, the secret garden, fields, and school entrance areas. Role models leading from the front in helping to protect our local environment.



After collecting eight bags of litter, our school has never looked tidier - a super effort from our Councillors!



IMPORTANT DATES



Add these dates to your Diary

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

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Fri. 14 - Sat. 15 July 18:30 - 08:30

KS2 Giant Sleepover

Mon. 17 - Fr. 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

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL BUSES

FSM - Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and milk. Please apply via the following link:

<https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/>

[Schools and education Apply for free school meals](#)

Please send your child with a carrier bag on Wednesday (19 July), for them to bring their books home.

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

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.

SUMMER FAIR

St. Paulinus Parochial Hall

SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Everyone welcome!

- Cake stall
- Prize for best child's crown made on the day
- Face painting
- Raffle

ENTRY
Adults - £1
Children - FREE