



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy



Part of the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust
Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.
(cf John 8:12)



Topic: All about Me / Special Occassions

Autumn Term : 12 September - 22 December 2023



EYU Staff:	Class Teachers:	Miss H. Regan (EYR) & Mrs K. Clayton / Mrs. K. Jackson (EYCJ)
	Higher Level Teaching Assistant:	Mrs. H. Benn & Mrs K. Oakley
	Nursery Nurse:	Miss K. Harrison
	Educational Teaching Assistants:	Mrs. J. Kelly

This half term our **R.E.** topic has been '**God's World**' and '**God's Family**' and we have been focusing on:

- How God created the world.
- How we can care for God's creations.
- How Mary and Joseph looked after Jesus when he was a baby.

In our half term topic we have been looking at:

- Our family members, our feelings and our senses.
- Where we live and our local area.
- During our creative sessions we will be focusing on a different colour each week.
- After half term we are focusing on special occasions such as Remembrance Day and Advent.
- In Maths, we are learning to **recognize, describe** and **copy** colour and size patterns.
- Count one, tow and three objects reliably using a range of resources.
- We will learn to **recognize** and **form** numbers to 5.
- In English we are concentrating on writing our own names (first and second for full time children), copy writing carefully, practicing our letter sounds.
- We are learning to use our knowledge of letter sounds, to help us to write words indepently.

You Can Help Your Child By:

- Encouraging a positive caring and sharing attitude.
- Talk about where they live and what is in the area.
- In Maths, please practice number recognition, formation and counting things out practically.
- In English, talk about the sound words start with and practice the formation of the letters we are learning in school.
- Ask your child to tell you words that begin with the sounds we are working on each week. Remember to use the sound as 's' is for sun, 'a' is for ant.
- Practice any reading words your child brings home, for 5 minutes each night - little and often is best.



Please remember to return your child's **homework bag** on **WEDNESDAYS**. It is important that your child's **reading bag** is returned on their reading day, so your child does not miss out on reading their book to a member of staff.

Physical Education (P.E.)

All Early Years children take part in P.E. on **Wednesday's**. Under the new guidelines, **children must come to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days, ready for lessons**. Please ensure all P.E. kit has your child's name clearly marked on them. **No jewellery is allowed**, so for health and safety reasons please remove these on Tuesdays and leave at home any earrings / chains / bracelts, etc., so these valuables do not get misplaced.

Please may we take this opportunity to kindly remind all families that the school P.E. kit is uniform and that pupils should not come to school in clothes that do not form the school P.E. kit.

The St. Paulinus P.E. kit consists of:

- a plain white t-shirt with or without the school logo (no brands or patterns),
- plain black or dark grey shorts / jogging bottoms or leggings (no brands or patterns),
- grey school hoodie with the school logo,
- Trainers or a pair of pumps.



Please note that staff are not able to remove earrings, so this will result in your child not taking part in our P.E. lesson and an alternative task will be provided for the child, this is due to health and safety reasons.

- Long hair must be tied back.
- All P.E. kit (including school uniform) must be labelled clearly with your child's name. If it becomes lost, it can then be easily returned to the rightful owner.
- **Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit on their P.E. days.**

Please remember your 50p EYU money every week - if your would like to pay for the year it is £19.50

We would also appreciate boxes of tissues if at all possible, as we use a lot of these every day as I'm sure you can imagine.

Can we ask that all parents make sure that they use the correct entrance and exit (from the playground) for the Early Years Unit **before 8:50 a.m.**, so we can maintain a safe environment for all the children. If you arrive after 8:50 am, please use the main reception to enter the school building.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of the Early Years Team who will do their best to support you and your child.



The Way Forward - Paperless Communication

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about what's going on at our school, however sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often going astray along the way.

We aim to be 'Paperless', this is beneficial both to ourselves and to you because:

- Messages will get to you reliably
- We can send messages directly to mums and dads at the same time
- You will receive important or urgent messages more effectively
- We can tell you more about what's going on within our school
- Letters will also be available to read on the school's website and the School App

If you have not already provided us with an e-mail address, please do so. If you would like to continue receiving paper copies then please contact the office OR complete the 'e-mail request form' on the School App.

Any information you provide us with will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

We are looking forward to a very productive and fun half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Staff

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's class teacher via email:
nursery@stpaulinus.org / reception@stpaulinus.org
or by contacting the school office and arranging a telephone appointment.

Important Dates 2023

October	School will be carrying out various activities for Black History Month
Tuesday 10 October	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 10 October	St. Paulinus Day
Wednesday 11 October	Children's flu vaccination day (only for those whose parents have signed up for the programme)
Friday 13 October	Non-Uniform Day : Come dressed in fancy dress for "Fun Run" day
Friday 20 October	School photography day
Friday 20 December, 14:30	EYFS and KS1 Celebration Assembly – you will receive a text message if your child is due to receive an award.
Tuesday 24 October, 09:00 – 10:00	Coffee and chat session with Debby Murphy: all parents welcome. Debby can help with a wide range of things to help you as adults – this can be things to do with your child but also things to do with life outside of school and being a parent.
Wednesday 25 October	Harvest Festival day – parents invite – this year we are collecting donations to give to our local foodbank. You can send them in at any point this week ready for our presentations. 09:15 – EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival 14:00 – KS2 Harvest Festival
Friday 27 October	Last day of term – normal finish time
Friday 27 October, 18:00 – 20:00	FoSP EYFS & KS1 Halloween Disco
Autumn Half Term Holidays :	Monday 30 October – Monday 6 November (inclusive)
School Closed / Inset Day:	Monday 6 November
School Re-opens:	Tuesday 7 November
W/C Tuesday 7 November	St Paulinus will be celebrating Interfaith and multicultural week in school
Tuesday 7 November & Wednesday 8 November	Parents evening – Please sign up to your 10-minute parents evening slot. As we have over the last couple of years, we are offering a face-to-face appointment or a telephone consultation
Friday 10 November, 09:00	KS2 Celebration Assembly - you will receive a text message if your child is due to receive an award.
W/C 13 November	St Paulinus will be celebrating Anti-bullying week and Road Safety week
Friday 17 November, 14:30	EYFS and KS1 Celebration Assembly – you will receive a text message if your child is due to receive an award.
Thursday 23 November, 09:00 – 10:00	Coffee and chat session with Debbie Murphy: all parents are welcome. Debbie can help with a wide range of things to help you as adults – this can be things to do with your child but also things to do with life outside of school and being a parent.



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Friday 1 December, 14:30	EYFS and KS1 Celebration Assembly – you will receive a text message if your child is due to receive an award.
Saturday 2 December, 13:00 – 16:00	St. Paulinus Church Christmas Fair
Sunday 3 December	First Sunday of Advent
Friday 8 December	Friends of St Paulinus – Christmas Fayre all afternoon
Tuesday 12 December, 09:30	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 13 December, 14:00	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Thursday 14 December, 09:00 – 10:00	Coffee and chat session with Debbie Murphy: all parents are welcome. Debbie can help with a wide range of things to help you as adults – this can be things to do with your child but also things to do with life outside of school and being a parent.
Thursday 14 December (Time TBC)	Years 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service
Tuesday 19 December, 14:00	Year 6 Christmas Production
Wednesday 20 December, 13:30	Mince pies and carols for grandparents and parishioners
Thursday 21 December	Christmas Dinner day / Christmas Jumper day / Chocolate raffle day
Friday 22 December	Last day of term with an early finish
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 25 December – Monday 8 January (inclusive)
School Re-opens:	Tuesday 9 January 2024

