



The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust



# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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cf John 8:12)



## ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 1, Week 6

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:  
*Thankfulness*

Well what a fantastic week! I really enjoyed St. Paulinus day on Tuesday, especially seeing all the amazing art work going on in classrooms! And then I was so proud of the children in mass in the afternoon - even technical issues did not stop them singing the school song with pride and gusto! Well done St. Paulinus!

Tuesday was also mental health and well-being day and we had some special guests in doing assemblies and workshops to help us all develop our skills in looking after our mental health and well-being. Some very interesting learning that I know will be very useful to us all.

Finally, on Wednesday I got to go into some classes and learn about history being taught across the school. The children showed excellent knowledge and understanding about historical events and obviously were really enjoying their lessons! Great work everyone!!

I am looking forward to the next 2 weeks in school and being part of all of our fun events. Have a lovely weekend everyone and I will see you all on Monday!

Miss Hayes

### Attendance - Absent from School

If your child is absent from school you must telephone the office on (01924 488282) on the first day of absence before 09:30 am and provide a reason.

If we receive no confirmation of the reason you will receive a phone call home. If we are unable to get hold of you within 45 mins of school registers being taken we will contact the next person on your child's emergency list. If we are unable to get hold of anyone we may arrange a home visit.



### Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 94.41%, and attendance so far 95.74%

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.

Last week's class attendance:	KS1 -	N-EYCJ: 92.5%	N-EYR: 87.5%	R-EYCJ: 95.0%	R-EYR: 91.3%
		1/2B: 94.0%	1/2C: 94.0%	1/2T: 96.2%	
KS2 -	3J: 98.2%	3W: 97.6%	4H: 95.8%	4SI: 93.0%	
	5T: 98.0%	5W: 93.2%	6H: 90.0%	6S: 91.7%	



For their attendance last week, the winners 3J will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share in class.

Guidance for Parents: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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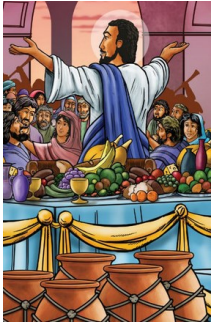
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## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

### SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL



Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like when a king held a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to summon those who had been invited, but they didn't want to come. He sent other servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared the meal, everything is ready, come to the feast.' Some of those invited took no notice, but others seized the king's servants. The king was very angry and sent his soldiers. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. go out into the streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding feast.' The servants went out and gathered together everyone they could find, both bad and good alike. The wedding hall was now filled with guest."

**"Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to accept the invitation to His feast, which is free."**

*Pope Francis*

## St. Paulinus Day

Fr. Jonathan came to celebrate St. Paulinus day with us on Tuesday. We had a whole school mass in the hall. Year 4 acted out the story of St. Paulinus baptising people in the River Calder in about the year 640. The Year 1/2 children showed Fr. Jonathan the stained glass windows of St. Paulinus they have made. The children were very reverent and joined in the prayers extremely well. The parishioners who attended mass complimented the children on their fantastic singing.



## Year 3



Last Friday, Father Jonathan came to visit Year 3 to answer some questions the children had about his role within the Christian community. It was a very entertaining morning and the children learnt a lot about the role of a Parish Priest. We also learnt that when a priest raises his arm over the Eucharist, it represents the dove coming over bringing peace.



Previously in the week, we all engaged in European Language Day. The children in Year 3 learnt about France, Portugal, Cyprus and Wales. It was an enjoyable day and the children learnt about greetings and how to count in these four languages! un, deux, trois / um, dois, três / un, dau, tri. It was a very enjoyable day with lots of fun!





## Year 5 Football Competition

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 boys and girls took part in a 6-a-side 'round robin' football competition at St. John Fishers against St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and Holy Spirit. Each school had to play each other once.

Our boys made a good start with a solid 2-0 victory over St. Mary's. Despite playing some good football, they then drew and lost their next two games. However, they saved their best performance for their final game against St. Joseph's who they beat convincingly, 4-0.

Our girls' team gave their all in their three matches and despite losing their first two games, they never gave up, got better and better as the competition progressed, played with a smile on their faces and their super effort was rewarded with a hard-fought draw (1-1) against St. Joseph's.

Both teams gave their all, displayed great sportsmanship and were a credit to the school!



## World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday, our school celebrated 'World Mental Health Day' with a KS1 and KS2 assembly delivered by Julia from Kirklees 'Keep in Mind'.

The focus was on 'Worries', how to identify them, what exercises the children can do to deal with them (e.g. breathing techniques, worry jars, worry monsters) and if they become too much, where they can seek help and support both at home and in school.

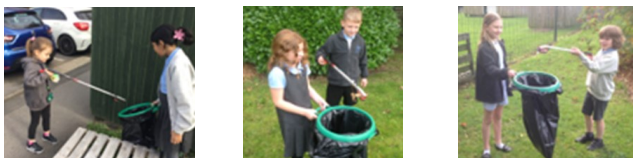
Each class then did follow up activities in their weekly RPSHE lessons to promote a positive mental health and wellbeing.



## School Council's Litter Pick

This week, our school councillors spent their break time working hard to clean and tidy our school grounds.

They used the litter-picking equipment school had been given by 'Natural Kirklees' which is the organisation that takes care of and maintains all our local parks and green areas. The councillors have been promoting 'keep our school tidy' in their classrooms explaining to their classmates the need to protect our local environment and to deposit litter in the bins provided and make sure any plastics are placed in our school recycle bins.



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# Harvest Festival

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Parents Invite:

EVU & KS1	09:15
KS2	14:00



Mini Vinnies are looking for donations for our harvest festival next Thursday. We want to collect food items for people who do not have enough to eat so we can help them. Are you able to donate any of the following to us?

- Dried foods such as pasta, rice or lentils
- Tins of fish or meat
- Tins of fruit and vegetables including beans
- Stock cubes
- Tea and coffee
- Salt
- Packets of biscuits

Everything will be delivered to Fusion Food Bank, Dewsbury

Thank you for your food donations  
from the Mini Vinnies



# IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

**Friday 20 October** School Photo Day

**Tuesday 24 October**  
09:00 - 10:30  
Parents Invite:  
Coffee Morning & Chat  
with Debby Murphy  
(Parent Co-Worker)

**Wednesday 25 October**  
09:15  
14:00  
Parents Invite:  
Harvest Festival  
EYU & KS1  
KS2

**Friday 27 October**  
Last day of Autumn  
Term 1  
(Normal finishing time)

**Friday 27 October**  
18:00 - 20:00  
FoSP  
Halloween Disco  
EYU & KS1 @ Parochial  
Hall

**Mon. 30 Oct - Mon. 6 Nov.** October Half Term  
Holidays

**Tuesday 7 November** School restarts

**Tuesday 7 November**  
15:30 - 17:50  
Parents Evening

**Wednesday 8 November**  
15:30 - 17:50  
Parents Evening



## Parents Invite : Cuppa and a Chat

Tuesday 24 October at 09:00 am

Come and join Ms Debby 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.



# School Calendar 2023/2024



## Term 1 - Autumn

Start	Tues. 5 Sept. 2023
Half Term	Mon. 30 Oct. - Mon. 6 Nov. 2023
Restart	Tues. 7 Nov. 2023
End of Term	Fri. 22 Dec. 2023

## Term 2 - Spring

Start	Tues. 9 Jan. 2024
Half Term	Mon. 12 Feb. - Fri. 16 Feb. 2024
Restart	Mon. 19 Feb. 2024
End of Term	Fri. 22 Mar. 2024

## Term 3 - Summer

Start	Mon. 8 Apr. 2024
Half Term	Mon. 27 May - Fri. 31 May 2024
Restart	Mon. 3 June 2024
End of Term	Fri. 19 July 2024

## Occasional Days - School closed

INSET Day	Mon. 4 Sept. 2023
INSET Day	Mon. 6 Nov. 2023
INSET Day	Mon. 8 Jan. 2024
INSET Day	Thurs. 2 May 2024
May Day	Mon. 6 May 2024
INSET Day	Mon. 22 July 2024

## Medical Appointments

We constantly ask parents / carers to arrange medical appointments out of school time, but lately there seems to be an increase, so we now ask that you provide the office with either a letter or screenshot as proof of the appointment.



## 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, Mrs. Aqib, Mr. Regan  
or ring Duty and Advice on 01484 456848,  
in confidence. Thank you.