



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 2, Week 13

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

*Patience*

Well we are in full festive swing now!! We started the week with a wonderful liturgy from Year 5 to start our Advent journey, calling to mind our promises and ended the week with the very exciting Christmas Fair!! Visiting Santa (and his wonderful elves) was of course the highlight!



Next week, we have EYFS and KS1 nativity (in school) and the Year 3 - 5 Christmas service (in church). We hope you can come and join us! All dates and times are on the diary page at the back.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, only 2 weeks left to go!

Miss Hayes

### Parent's Invite

- **Tuesday 12 December, 09:30** EYFS: Come to the Manger
- **Wednesday 13 December, 14:00** Years 1 & 2: Born in a Barn
- **Thursday 14 December, 09:30** Years 3 - 5: Christmas Service (at St. Paulinus Church)
- **Tuesday 19 December, 14:00** Year 6: Bethlehem, the musical

1 DVD available @ £ 3.00  
or 2 DVDs for £ 5.00

1 Laminated photo @ £ 1.00  
(groups and individual  
shot on the same page)

**Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start to enjoy the whole performance(s).**



### Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 93.10%, and attendance so far 95.53%

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:	75.0%	N-EYR:	93.3%	R-EYCJ:	86.4%	R-EYR:	89.1%
		1/2B:	96.2%	1/2C:	95.1%	1/2T:	95.5%		
	KS2 -	3J:	93.9%	3W:	85.9%	4H:	93.1%	4SI:	97.1%
		5T:	97.0%	5W:	95.7%	6H:	93.3%	6S:	92.1%



For their attendance last week, the winners **4SI** 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/>



### ST. PAULINUS KIDS CLUB

**Will be closed over the Christmas holidays until January 2024**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B

## SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Look! I am sending my messenger ahead - he will prepare your way. A voice cries out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the land of Judaea and the city of Jerusalem came to him and, as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. But John said, "There is someone else to come - someone who is more powerful than I am. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

**"Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope."**

*Pope Francis*

## Wellbeing Champions Catch-up

This week, our Wellbeing Champions had their half-termly catch-up with Aimee and Christine, our Wellbeing Champion Mentors from Kirklees Keep in Mind (formerly MHST). These regular sessions are designed to see how our champions are getting on and address any problems that have arisen that they may need support with or guidance with. Also, they share new techniques and strategies our champions can use to continue to support everyone in our school with their mental health and wellbeing.



In both our recent inspections (Ofsted and RE Section 48), our Wellbeing Champions were recognised and celebrated for the wonderful work they do in school to promote a positive mental health for everyone.



## Changes to Diary Dates

Christmas Jumper day will now take place on **Wednesday 20 December**. Children are expected to wear their uniform but with a festive jumper.

Christmas lunch is on Thursday 21 December.

Chocolate Raffle will take place on **Friday 22 December**. This will also be a non-uniform day **Non-Uniform Day**, where children can dress in their party clothes.

Tickets for the chocolate raffle can be purchased at £1 for a strip of 5 or 20p per ticket from your child's class teacher, and are on sale until Wednesday 20 December.



## Unclaimed Parish Raffle Ticket Prizes

Thank you to all who attended the Church's Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December at the Parochial Hall. Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church managed to raise £1732 with your support. However, we still have some unclaimed raffle prizes ....

- Ticket No. 2707 - £100.00
- Ticket No. 1042 - Bottle of Jamesons
- Ticket No. 1111 - Bottle of Gin
- Ticket No. 0712 - Bottle of Port
- Ticket No. 0386 - Bottle of Wine
- Ticket No. 0591 - Chocolates
- Ticket No. 0574 - Stationary Set



Please call into the Parochial Hall on Sunday between 12:00 and 13:30, if you have any of the above ticket numbers.

*Christmas*  
**RAFFLE**



## Admissions Deadline

The Admissions deadline for next September is :

**15 January 2024**

Apply via the Kirklees website and remember to complete our SIF form, which can be found on our school's website.

Any questions please contact the School's Business Manager.



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Your child's Primary School Journey is about to begin!

We are accepting Applications for September 2024 now, don't miss out !

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you haven't already applied then do it now.

**The deadline for Applications is 15 January 2024 !**

(Details below on how to apply).

Applications received after this date are not guaranteed a place.



### LIVE

St. Paulinus is an outstanding school, which is deeply committed to the Catholic mission...the school inspires all within this faith community to live life to the full!

### LOVE

Pupils at St. Paulinus are proud of their school. They take responsibility and care for each other.

### LEARN

Teachers plan activities that engage pupils and make them want to learn!

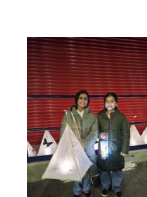
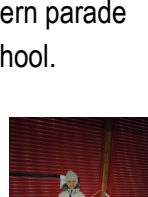
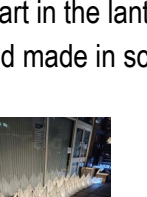
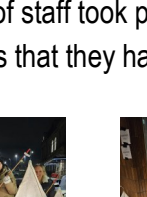
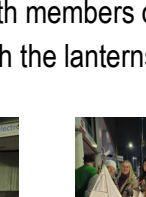
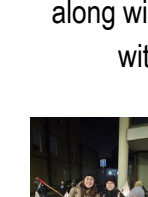
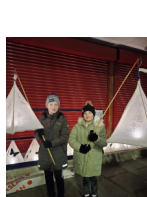
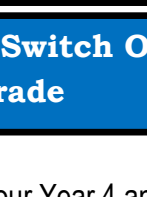
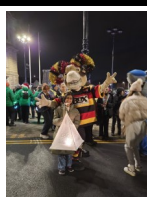
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KIRKLEES  
You must apply online:  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx>  
SCHOOL  
Please also complete a Supplementary Information Form available from the School Office.



## Christmas Lights Switch On Lantern Parade

On Saturday 2 December, some of our Year 4 and 5 children, along with members of staff took part in the lantern parade with the lanterns that they had made in school.



## Wanted: Christmas Jumpers



If you have any unwanted children's Christmas jumpers or Christmas t-shirts or wish to donate any, please could you send them in next week.

## Weather Warning

We are approaching the time of year when the weather can change. Should we receive any severe weather, we will make an assessment about whether it is safe to open the School. This decision will be made as early as possible, and you will be informed by text message. You can also check the Kirklees website: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and local radio station.

Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date. We will only close in exceptional circumstances where the safety of children is the primary concern.



## School Milk : Spring Term 2024

All KS1 and KS2 are eligible to receive milk in school.



If you wish for your child/ren to receive milk next term, you will need to register from 20 December and before 2 January 2024.

More details will be sent out in a letter (by week commencing 11 December) on how to register with Cool Milk.

Please note that payment will be made direct with Cool Milk, not via school.





# IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Sunday 10 December	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 12 December 09:30	<u>Parents Invite:</u> EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 13 December 14:00	Parents Invite: Years 1 & 2 Nativity
Thursday 14 December 09:00 - 10:30	<u>Parents Invite:</u> Coffee Morning & Chat with Debby Murphy (Parent Co-Worker)
Thursday 14 December 09:30 @ St. Paulinus Church	<u>Parents Invite:</u> Years 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Service
Friday 15 December	Last day for Coppers for CAFOD
Tuesday 19 December 14:00	<u>Parents Invite:</u> Year 6 Christmas Production
Wednesday 20 December (Uniform req'd but with a festive jumper)	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 December 13:30	Mince Pies & Carols for Grandparents & Parishioners
Thursday 21 December 09:30 - 15:00	School Choir singing @ Hudds. Town Hall
Friday 22 December	Christmas 'Non-Uniform Day' Party Day plus Chocolate Raffle
Friday 22 December 13:15	Early closing
Monday 8 January 2024	Bank Holiday / School closed
Tuesday 9 January 2024	School re-opens

## Friday 22 December - early finish

As per tradition, we will be closing school slightly earlier for the end of Autumn Term on Friday 22 December as follows:

Nursery: 11:45 | Reception & Years 1 - 6: 13:15

**Please note there will be NO SCHOOL BUSES this afternoon.**

School re-opens on Tuesday 9 January 2024

## Year 6 Girls Football Competition



(l to r (back): Neveah, Layla W, Hope, (front): Darcy, Kaya, Layla C.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 girls took part in first leg of the BPS Trust's 7-a-side football league competition at St John Fisher. Seven schools took part, and we played five matches.

It was a nervous start for the girls as most of them had never played football before. Despite this, the team stuck at it and began to grow in confidence. Even though they narrowly lost their first four matches and could have easily given up, they instead dug deep and were determined to finish on a high in their final match against St Josephs. Thankfully, their hard work and resilience were rewarded with the girls producing their best performance of the night running out 2-1 winners. A superb effort from the team who did their school proud!

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(I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*)

# MINCE PIES & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**INVITATION**

**For all grandparents & parishioners to come into school and listen to the children sing a selection of Christmas songs from their nativity plays.**

**Wednesday 20 December 1:30 pm**

**Refreshments on offer : Tea / Coffee & Mince Pies**