



The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust



# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus."

cf John 8:12)



## ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 2, Week 14

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# Head's welcome



Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

*Patience*



What a wonderful week full of joy! Well done to all the children and staff; you've worked so hard and delivered some fabulous performances!!! I am very proud of you all!

Next week is our last week of term. We will close at 1:15pm on Friday and children can be picked up from their usual places. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate earlier pick ups due to lunches and staffing. If your child will still need the bus on Friday, please contact the school office ASAP and speak to Mrs. Watt - the arrangements are a little different this year.

I'm really excited about all the fun things we have planned for the last week of term. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and see you all on Monday!



Miss Hayes

On **Wednesday 20 December**, please send your child to school in their uniform but wearing their favourite Christmas Jumper.

Christmas dinner will be available to those that have school dinners on Thursday 21 December.

The chocolate raffle will be drawn on Friday, so please ensure that you have purchased your raffle tickets by Wednesday 20 December.

Non-Uniform day on **Friday 22 December**, class Christmas parties will take place and your child will be allowed to come to school in their party clothes.

Remember, school will close slightly earlier (please see back page)

### Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 93.47%, and attendance so far 95.35%

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: 93.3%	N-EYR: 84.4%	R-EYCJ: 92.4%	R-EYR: 97.3%
		1/2B: 91.7%	1/2C: 92.8%	1/2T: 94.4%	
KS2 -	3J: 88.9%	3W: 97.0%	4H: 99.0%	4SI: 96.4%	
	5T: 94.6%	5W: 89.6%	6H: 93.0%	6S: 88.9%	



For their attendance last week, the winners **4H** 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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**Congratulations to all our Key Stage 2 super stars!**



**Celebration Certificates**  
**Excellence**  
**Endeavour**  
**Service to School**

3J Monika Z  
3W Fabian K  
4H Jenson S  
4SI Riley B

5T Mia B  
5W Umaiza S  
6H Fatima P  
6S Gracie C



**Star Readers**

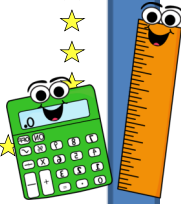
3J Luke G  
3W Zayan A  
4H Harrison L  
4SI Leo W-D  
5T Gabriel R  
5W Tobias P  
6H Abdulahad S  
6S Toby K

**Wonderful Writers**

3J Shaakirah P  
3W Nicole A  
4H Ayat H  
4SI Maira B  
5T Beau H  
5W Aaron B-S  
6H Alex S  
6S Adam A

**Maths Marvels**

3J Gabriel N  
3W Desini D  
4H Jacob J  
4SI Anniyah N  
5T Adam P  
5W Jayden R  
6H Evie B  
6S Safet S



**School Council Clean-up**

Our school council continue to do their bit for the local environment by cleaning the pavements outside school along Temple Road.

Considering that £342 million a year is spent on litter clearing and street cleaning in England it is paramount that we all do our bit to reduce litter and waste.



Our litter patrol was using the equipment donated by Natural Kirklees who are in charge of maintaining all our green spaces. The children are fully aware of the importance of 'Keeping Britain Tidy' and have been regularly promoting it in school.



Well done School Council and keep up the good work!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent,  
Year B**



**SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL**

A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness - as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" John replied, "I am not the Christ." "Are you the prophet Elijah then - or the Prophet?" they asked. He answered, "No." "So, who are you?" they asked. "What have you to say about yourself?" John replied, "I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: 'Make the Lord's way straight.'" Finally they asked him, "Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John said, "I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am." This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the River Jordan, where John was baptising.

**"The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God."**

*Pope Francis*





## FofSP CHRISTMAS FUN & BUNS

Friends of St. Paulinus managed to raise a staggering £1067.15 from the Christmas Fun & Buns event that took place last Friday.



The children loved visiting Santa and his elf.

Here's a list of the lucky winners ....

'What's in the Box?' - book, won by Hope, 6H

'Guess the name of the giraffe' - 'Monica', won by Gracie, 6S

Ticket No.	Item	Winner
26-30	Toiletries	Joshua, EYU
436-440	Playmobil	Tommy, 4H
386-390	Gin	Rowan, 3W
196-200	Red wine	Lewis B, 5T
416-420	Toy	Charlie, 3J
181-185	Chocolate	Ahad, EYU
306-310	Colouring book	Ayaan, 3W
281-285	Christmas book	Hakeem, 3J
381-385	Mulled wine	Manuela, 4H



Thank you to everyone that managed to attend and support this event.



## 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. 1042 - Bottle of Jamesons

Ticket No. 0386 - 2 Bottles of Wine

Ticket No. 0591 - Chocolates

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

Christmas  
**RAFFLE**



## School Choir

On Wednesday afternoon Years 4,5 and 6 choir visited the over 55s at the Parochial Hall to sing some carols at their Christmas dinner. The parishioners were very complimentary of the singing and said how much they enjoyed seeing the children. The children then spoke to the parishioners which they all enjoyed!



## Silver Stories

In Year 6 this term, we have once again been running the 'Silver Stories' Reading Project. This is where a group of our pupils (known as Silver Readers), telephone elderly people from the parish and beyond (Silver Listeners) including some care homes, to read a story to them. By linking our young readers to older people by telephone, we aim to combat the loneliness and isolation that can be felt by older people, to create intergenerational relationships and to offer children a richer reading experience. Wonderfully simple but with the most incredibly positive impact for both Silver Listeners and Silver Readers.



# IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Sunday 17 December

Third Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 19 December  
14:00

Parents Invite:  
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

# 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

## 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

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**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