



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'

Spring Term 2, Week 1

23rd February 2024

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

Love / Charity

Welcome back everyone! It has been wonderful to hear and see all the children back in school this week! It is another really short half term so keep an eye out for Lenten bun sales, parent invite events and parents evening at the end of term.

Year 6 led the whole school in a wonderful Lenten Liturgy this week. They told us all about how Jesus was led into the desert for forty days and was tempted, but did not give in. This is why Catholics give up something like chocolate or meat during Lent, to experience being tempted like Jesus in the desert, but using their faith and the Holy Spirit they try to not give in to that temptation - it is supposed to be hard for you so you can think about how Jesus suffered. Our reading this week ends with Jesus telling us that the kingdom of God is nearly here. As Catholics, this is the good news we celebrate at Easter. This is a good week to talk to your child about what Lenten promise they have made - perhaps it is to give something up or perhaps it is to do something every day to prepare for the good news at Easter!

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

Miss Hayes



Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Have you seen The Department for Education adverts on TV regarding the importance of children attending school ?

They highlight the importance not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall well being, wider development and their mental health. Please read the information via the following link:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for 5 - 9 February was 92.18%, and attendance so far 94.51%

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:	97.7%	N-EYR:	80.0%	R-EYCJ:	92.8%	R-EYR:	95.6%
		1/2B:	80.6%	1/2C:	86.2%	1/2T:	95.0%		
	KS2 -	3J:	93.2%	3W:	93.7%	4H:	96.5%	4SI:	87.1%
		5T:	94.3%	5W:	97.3%	6H:	94.6%	6S:	92.7%



For their attendance last week, the winners EYCJ (Nursery) 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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LENTEN BUN SALE & COMPETITIONS

Wednesday 21 February	Year 6
Wednesday 28 February	Year 5
Wednesday 6 March	Year 4
Wednesday 13 March	Year 3
Friday 15 March	EYU & KSI



For those of you that don't know, during Lent each Year Group is allocated a date on which they bring into school the buns / cakes they have baked at home, and then sell them during the morning playtime to all the KS2 children.

They also do colouring competitions and name the teddy, etc.

Unfortunately parents are not invited to these events.

Please provide your child with some money on each of these days, so they are able to buy a bun(s) :

- Minimum amount of 20p
- Maximum amount of £ 2.00

All proceeds will go to The Good Shepherd Appeal

Have fun baking!

BOOK & BISCUIT MORNING

INVITATION

Tuesday 5 March 2024

08:45 - 09:00 am

This will be a great opportunity for you to read a book with your child, either from the reading areas in class / from the reading scheme / a book from the library or they may even bring a book in from home.

Please feel free to come and have a chat with our reading lead about how to help your child develop a love of reading and a coffee from 09:00 - 09:15 am.



Class 1/C



On Thursday we had a visit from Mrs. Dudley and her barn owl Willow. We had a fantastic time asking Mrs. Dudley questions and learning lots of facts to put into our non-chronological reports on barn owls.



TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 – 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024			SPRING TERM 2025			SUMMER TERM 2025		
39 days (+ 1 Inset)		35 days	29 days (+1 Inset)		30 days	23 days		35 days (+2 disagr)
75 DAYS			60 DAYS			60 DAYS		
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY
TUESDAY 3 rd SEPT.	MONDAY 28 th OCT.	FRIDAY 20 th DEC.	TUESDAY 7 th JAN.	MONDAY 17 th FEB.	FRIDAY 4 th APRIL.	TUESDAY 22 nd APRIL	MONDAY 26 th MAY	FRIDAY 18 th JULY
	RETURN			RETURN			RETURN	
	TUESDAY 5 th NOV.			MONDAY 24 th FEB			TUESDAY 3 rd JUNE *	

DAYS TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY, 6th JANUARY 2025

GOOD FRIDAY: FRIDAY, 18th APRIL 2025

EASTER MONDAY: MONDAY, 21st APRIL 2025

MAY DAY: MONDAY 5th MAY 2025

* STAFF TRAINING (INSET) DATES – Pupils do not attend on these days (these may be subject to alteration)

- MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024
- MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER 2024 – TRUST DAY
- MONDAY, 6th JANUARY 2025
- MONDAY, 2nd JUNE 2025 * This may change depending on if school is required for use as a Polling Station
- MONDAY, 21st & TUESDAY 22nd JULY 2025 – DISAGGREGATED DAY

IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Wednesday 28 February Year 5 Lenten Bun Sale

Wednesday 6 March Year 4 Lenten Bun Sale

Tuesday 5 March Parents Invite:
08:45 - 09:00 Book & Biscuit Event
09:00 - 09:30 followed by chat & coffee

Wednesday 6 March FofSP Mother's Day gifts on sale

Thursday 7 March World Book Day
'Non-Uniform Day'

Sunday 10 March Mother's Day

Wednesday 13 March Year 3 Lenten Bun Sale

Friday 15 March EYFS & KS1 Parents Invite: Lenten Coffee Morning
(more details to follow)

Tuesday 19 March EYFS Parents Invite: Palm Sunday
09:30

Tuesday 19 March Year 3 Parents Invite: Palm Sunday
14:00

Wednesday 20 March Year 1 Parents Invite: Zacchaeus
09:30

Wednesday 20 March Year 4 Parents Invite: Last Supper
14:00

Thursday 21 March Year 2 Parents Invite: Last Supper
09:30

Thursday 21 March Year 6 Parents Invite: Agony in the Garden
14:00

Friday 22 March Year 5 Parents Invite: Stations of the Cross
09:30
* Repeated at 14:00 *

School Calendar 2023/2024



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	Thurs. 2 May 2024
May Day	Mon. 6 May 2024
INSET Day	Mon. 22 July 2024

P.E. Days - Spring Term 2

- Nursery & Reception : Wednesdays
- Years 1 & 2 : Tuesdays & Wednesdays
- Year 3 : Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Year 4 : Thursdays & Fridays
- Year 5 : Mondays & Tuesdays (5T - Swimming, Tues.)
- Year 6 : Wednesdays & Fridays

Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct School P.E. kit, and send them to school in this on the days mentioned above.

P.E. kit - comprises of : White t-shirt (no brands or patterns) / black or dark grey jogging bottoms and grey school hoodie. They will also need a pair of trainers, a bottle of water.



For safety reasons, NO jewellery is permitted.



Young Voices Concert

On Friday 9 February, choir went on a very exciting trip to Sheffield Arena to take part in the Young Voices Concert where they sang with other schools to create the world's largest choir. We sang a range of songs from Moana to Matilda. It was a very long day, however the children sang their hearts out and danced the night away. A fantastic time was had by all!

