



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'

Summer Term 1, Week 3

26th April 2024

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Perseverance / Resilience

It has been another wonderful week in school and this week in my welcome I am going to set a few challenges!

This week I have been working with the History and Geography leaders on further developing our curriculum ready for September - which was one of our Ofsted targets. I have learnt about all sorts of interesting things all about Dewsbury! We have looked at maps from the past and compared them to the present to see how the town has changed; this has been fascinating! We have also been working with Heritage England, and they have found lots of aerial photographs of the town and maps from a long time ago! I cannot wait to share these with the children to see if they can spot St. Paulinus Primary Academy appear on the map! I wonder if anyone can find out the year our school was built? Every class is going to get their own set of maps too and perhaps, this weekend, you could talk to your children and their grandparents about the changes over time that you have all seen in your lifetimes!

Another interesting fact I found out was that there used to be volcanoes in the UK! I never knew this until yesterday! None of these volcanoes are active anymore but I wonder who can find out where some of these volcanoes were and I wonder who can tell me why they are no longer active?

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and remember - for safety reasons, we are closed for Polling Day on Thursday 2 May.

Miss Hayes

Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 97.12%, and attendance so far 94.70%

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:	98.1%	N-EYR:	98.1%	R-EYCJ:	97.6%	R-EYR:	97.5%
		1/2B:	96.2%	1/2C:	98.6%	1/2T:	99.2%		
	KS2 -	3J:	93.9%	3W:	98.5%	4H:	94.3%	4SI:	96.4%
		5T:	98.6%	5W:	97.3%	6H:	96.6%	6S:	97.2%



For this last term of the school year, the winning class will be the one with the most improved attendance. Therefore this week Class 5T are the winners and will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share with their class.

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

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5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL

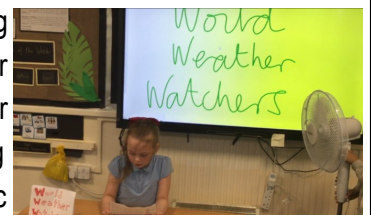


Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

"We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family." Pope Francis

Earth Day 2024

This week the whole school has been paying tribute to the planet by celebrating Earth Day. Across the school we have been focusing on what we can do to save our planet. From EYU planting wildflowers for our pollinators, Year 3 creating weather forecasts about the extreme weathers due to climate change and Year 5 writing letters to Rishi Sunak about stopping plastics entering our oceans. It was a fantastic day that all the children loved to be a part of.



Congratulations to all our Early Years and Key Stage 1 super stars!

Excellence Endeavour Service to School

Celebration Certificates

EYCJ Lennie C
EYR Abigail J

1/2B Hailey D
1/2C Hamza H
1/2T Wakib A

Star Readers

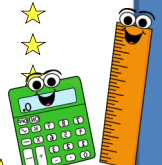
EYCJ Alfie P
EYR Leia L
1/2B Lilly S
1/2C Jayden B
1/2T Kara M

Wonderful Writers

EYCJ Mya Q
EYR Zaydan N
1/2B Harvey B
1/2C Henryk P
1/2T Raees G

Maths Marvels

EYCJ Charlie P
EYR Joshua G
1/2B Dominik M
1/2C Aria B
1/2T Ella L



Early Years

As part of our new life topic in EYFS we have 12 hen eggs in our incubator. Hopefully in 21 days they will start hatching! Once they are big enough Farmer Sue will integrate them in with our school chickens.



WOW Badge Design Competition Winner

Over the last few years, St. Paulinus has been working with the 'Living Streets' charity whose mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more, where walking is the natural choice for everyday local journeys. We embraced the 'WOW – Walk to School' challenge which is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk/wheel, cycle, or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

The badges are designed by pupils and this year, the theme for the next academic year's badges was alternative views of getting to school. A number of our pupils entered the competition and out of thousands of entries from schools across the whole of the country, Gabriella K (in Year 6) was chosen as one of the twelve winners and her design will be created into a badge children can earn next year -a superb achievement!

For further details: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/wow-the-walk-to-school-challenge/wow-badge-competition-winners-2024/>



DESIGNED BY:
GABRIELLA, 11
ST PAULINUS CATHOLIC
PRIMARY ACADEMY, WEST
YORKSHIRE

"I drew my journey to school from a birds eye view with colourful buildings."

Poppy Playtime - Warning to Parents

It is important that you are aware that whilst the name and characters suggest a playful game. It is a survival horror game with graphics that may not be suitable for your child. A horror game character from 'Poppy Playtime' named Huggy Wuggy has been raising concerns amongst parents, police and safeguarding professionals.

Parents should be warned that their children may be viewing graphic fan-made videos that are popping up on platforms such as YouTube and TikTok.

Some created videos feature songs alongside animation, designed to be upsetting and 'creepy'. Others feature jump-scare animations. The videos appear across several popular platforms, in particular on TikTok and YouTube.

Safer Schools NI have produced this information: <https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>



IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Wednesday 1 May

EYU Balance Pedal Bike Session

Thursday 2 May

School closed:
Polling Day / Inset Day

Monday 6 May

School closed:
May Bank Holiday

Thursday 9 May

Ascension Mass

Monday 13 - Friday 17 May

Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 17 May

Pentecost Day
Non-Uniform Day :
dress in white

Friday 17 - Saturday 18 May

KS2 Giant SleepOver
(more details to follow)

Monday 20 - Friday 24 May

Year 2 SATs Week

Friday 24 May

Mary Day : Children to
bring flowers
(more details to follow)

Friday 24 May
09:00

Parents Invite:
Mary Day Liturgy

School Calendar 2023/2024



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

Thursday 2 May School Closed

As you may be aware, Polling day takes place on Thursday 2 May, and Kirklees require us to be a polling station, so unfortunately we have to close the school for the day.

Please note that Kids Club will also be closed on this day, as Kirklees advise that the school closes and the returning officer requires the use of the hall this time, which means that our ability to safeguard the pupils would be compromised.

POLLING STATION

Year 6 Basketball Festival

A huge well done to the 'Fab Five' who represented school on Tuesday at Batley sports centre. They worked so well together and with pupils from other schools learning lots of new skills. They rose to the challenge of a mini tournament, working well as a team and were very proud of their successes. It was a great afternoon and as always, our pupils were congratulated on their behaviour and attitude.



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.