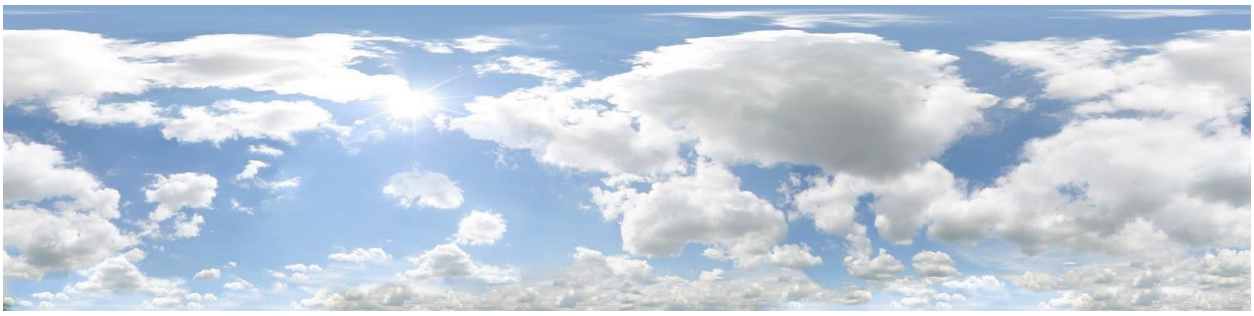
16.10.2026 - St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 16th October 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

Firstly I would like to thank the families for donating items to school for the food bank. It really shows how the community can come together to help those in need. The children in Year 1 and 2 were wonderful in their Harvest production and I was really pleased to see so many relatives and friends attending the event. The ethos encouragers presentation of 'the flying pizza' told us that in order for all the ingredients to make it to our plate they fly over 23000 miles. We are looking forward to watching the KS2 productions next Thursday. This Friday we are taking our ethos encouragers to Whalley Abbey where they will enjoy a whole range of activities.

Imran Kotwal enjoyed leading our worship on Monday morning and then he worked with some children all day. We were also fortunate to have an assembly delivered by the library service

which was really good fun. Children learnt that they can borrow up to 20 books free and they can access lots of fun activities too.

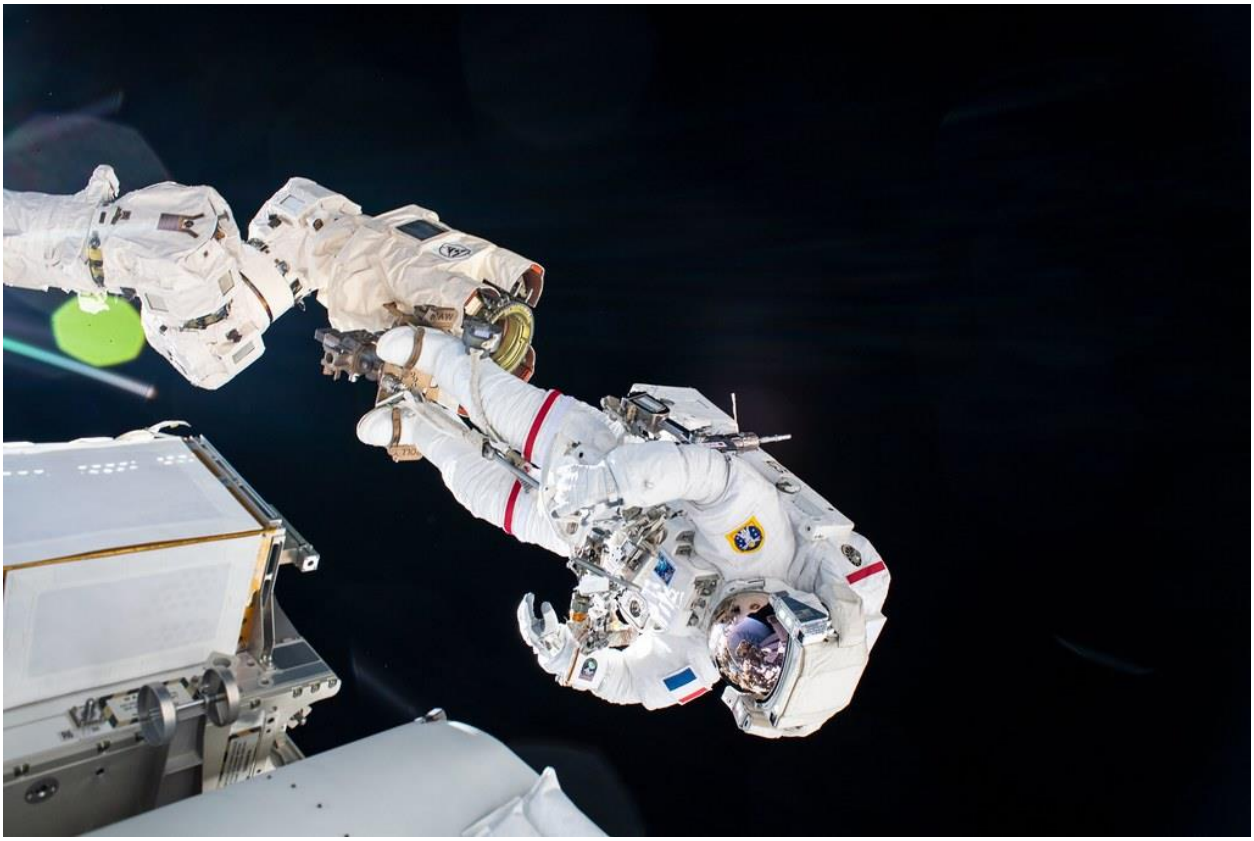
Please remember that we have our ribbon prayer wall around the back of school. This can be used for everyone to tie a ribbon on as they think of someone or they can visit this ribbon and hold it as they pray. I would like to share how proud I am of our children and the effort they are putting into their learning. One of the priorities on the School Improvement annual Plan is to further improve writing so please do encourage your children to write at every opportunity. Writing for a purpose is a really good way to engage them, for example writing to a family member or a friend.

Have a lovely weekend

Jo Roberts

Head Teacher

Rockets and Astronauts Walk





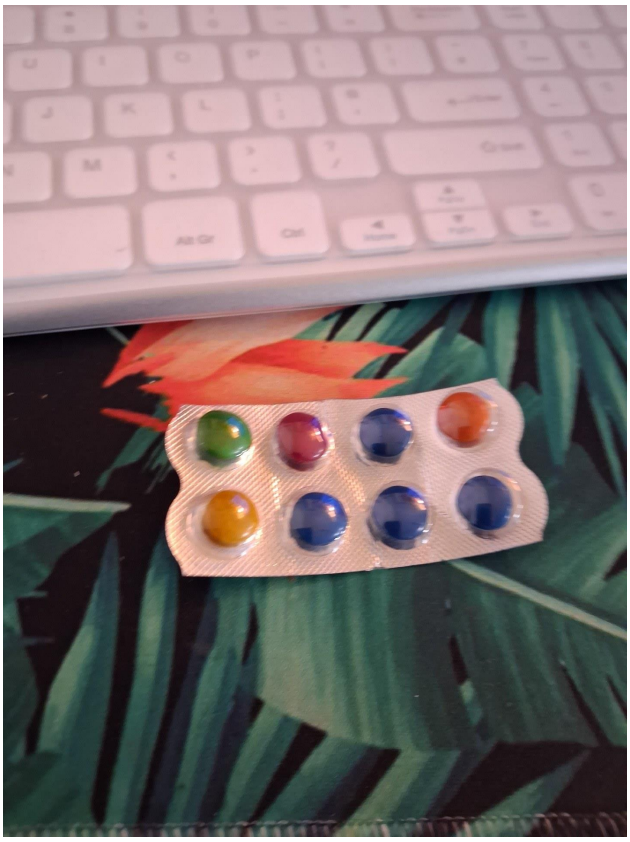

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Warning - sweets packaged as medicine



Please can parents be super vigilant regarding these chocolate smarty like sweets that are in similar packaging to medication tablet packaging. We just don't want children to think that if they see medication lying around in similar packaging that its okay to try them. Please be aware that these are around in the local shops. Thank you.





Nelson Library Visit



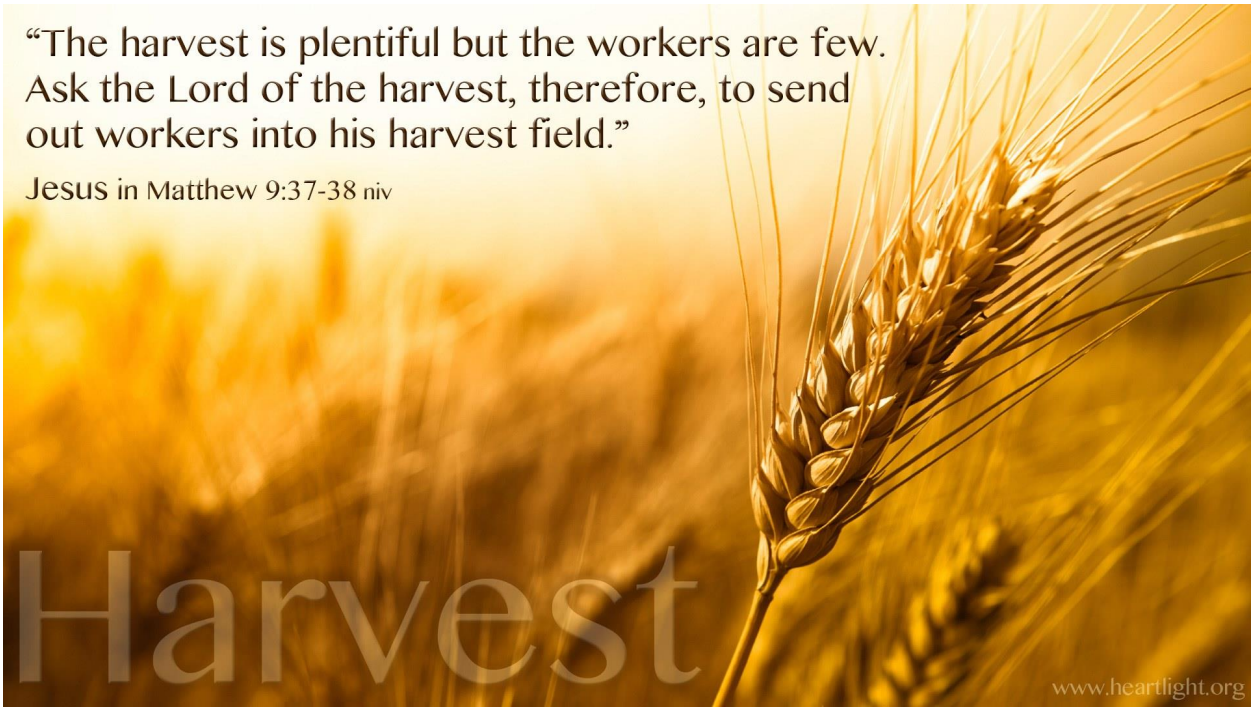




We were very lucky to have Ben from Nelson Library deliver a whole school assembly on Monday. It was engaging, inspiring and the children had lots of fun! The aim of the assembly was to share with the children all the ways they can get involved with the library. We hope that it inspired children and encourage you to make use of fabulous free facility. Please see attached

a poster with all the information you need. He told us that we can check out 20 books for free. Why not go down to your local library and see what they have to offer?

KS1 Harvest Assembly





Thank you to all who attended our KS1 Harvest worship yesterday. The children in Years 1 and 2 worked hard to get the message of hope across at this special time.

Scan to access your www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries Library at Home

Your Lancashi
what's in it for

- Books
- Children's activities
- Computers and Wi-Fi
- Learning sessions
- Groups and Clubs

Don't be quiet – tel

Scan to find a library

www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries

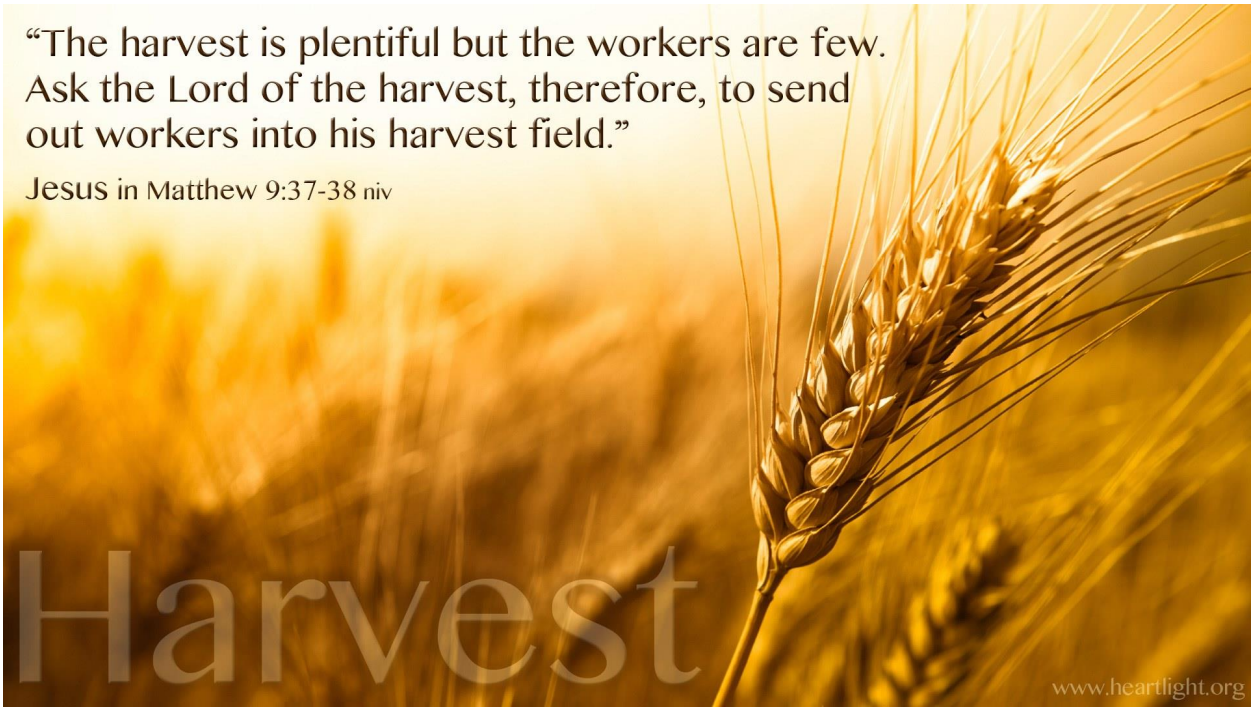


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library at ho

On your phone, tab
laptop or PC

- eBooks and eAudio
- Newspapers, comic
- Local history photog
- Research and inforr

Harvest Worship



The children in **KS2** will be leading our Harvest worship on **Thursday 22nd October at 9.15am** in the school hall. We would love to invite all of our parents and carers in to watch our special assembly.

Please can **KS2** children bring in their harvest food donations next week before the assembly.

Autumn School Disco - Tuesday 10th November 2026



The Autumn school disco has been booked for the Tuesday 10th November and tickets will be available soon on Parent Pay.

KS1 6pm - 7pm

KS2 7.15pm-8.30pm

We are looking for volunteers to help run the events. Please can you contact the office if you are free to help.

Chess

The club is up and running if your child is interested in learning to play in Year 6 please ask them to see their class teacher or Mr Marsden.

Year 4/5 Chess Club is being run by Mr Stamford on a Thursday after school. if you are interested in coming to this club please see Mr Stamford to get a letter.



WHATS ON...



26th October 26

Monster Makeover Monday
Take a trip to the face-painting station and transform yourself into a Halloween character.

27th October 26

Treasure Hunt Tuesday
Follow the clues and search for hidden Halloween treats around camp.

28th October 26

Witchcraft Wednesday
Get creative with Halloween-themed crafts and wand making.

29th October 26

Trick or Treat Thursday
Halloween themed bingo and classic camp games with a spooky twist.



30th October 26

Fancy Dress Friday
Come dressed in your Halloween best. Prizes for standout outfits.

Standard: 9.00am – 3.30pm	*Extended: 8.00am – 5.00pm*


FREE Half term activities 11 am till 1 pm, Nelson Library
Thursday 29th October 2026
Book launch event
Storytime session at 11.30
Meet toothbrushing mascots
and receive free toothbrushes and paste
Sign up with a local dentist
Free food and drink
Meet the fire service and
book a fire safety home assessment

BARROWFORD CELTIC FC

FOOTBALL ACADEMY







Come and join our fun and friendly local football family.
Every Saturday 10-11am for all children ages 4-11 years old.

Everyone welcome, make new friends, build confidence and start your football adventure in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Parents and Carers, enjoy a hot drink and snack from our amazing Cafe while enjoying the little ones play.

Saturday 9:45am for Registration

Each Session Only £3

Dedicated FA Qualified Coaches

Shin Pads Required

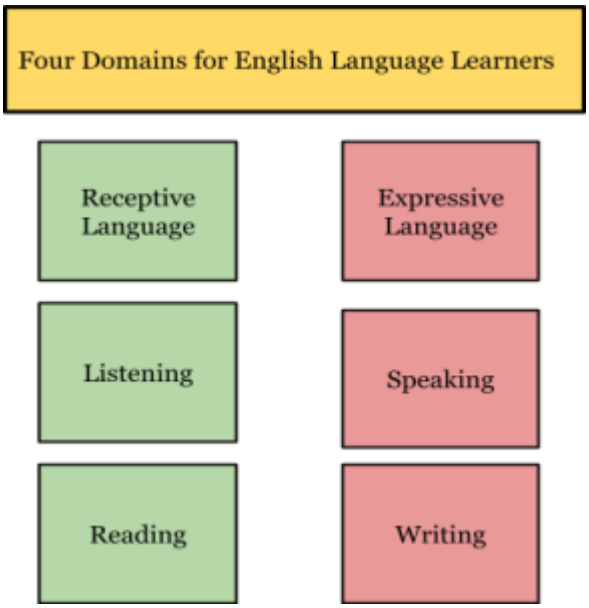
"Football needs be to fun for kids, Otherwise it doesn't make sense"

Johan Cruyff

Bullholme Playing Field, Wilton St, Barrowford, Nelson BB9 8PU

managersceltic@gmail.com

Is your child attending our EAL provision with Mrs Saleem? کیا آپ کا بچہ پروگرام میں شامل ہو رہا ہے؟ EAL مسز سلیم کے ساتھ ہمارے



هل يحضر طفلك برنامج اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة إضافية لدينا مع السيدة سليم؟

Did you know that she is available for drop in sessions from parents on alternate Tuesday afternoons?

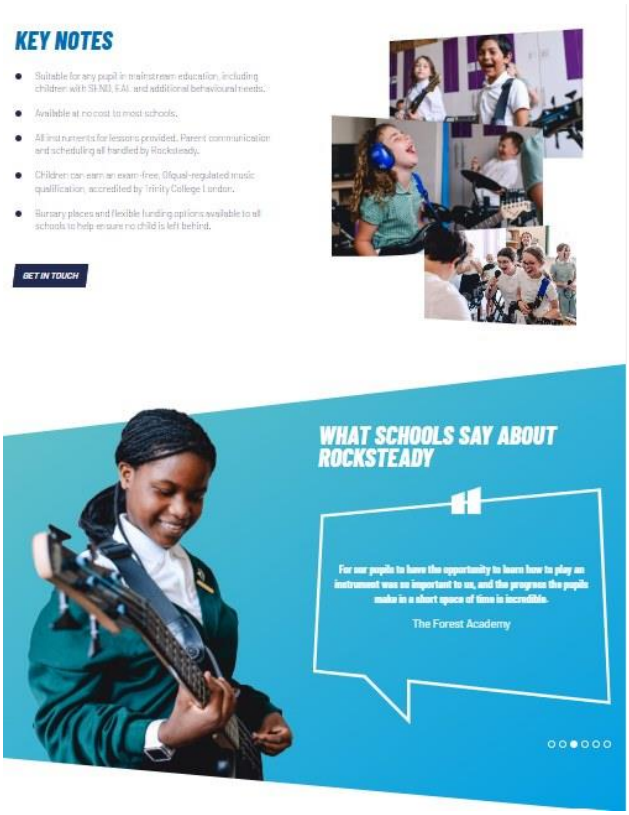
Please enquire at the office for available dates.

کیا آپ جانتے ہیں کہ وہ ہر دوسرے منگل کی دوپہر کو ڈراپ اِن سیشن کے لیے دستیاب ہے؟ براہ کرم دستیاب تاریخوں کے لیے اسکول کے دفتر سے پوچھیں۔

هل كنت تعرف أنها متاحة بعد ظهر كل ثلاثاء بالتناوب لجلسة دون موعد؟يرجى الاستفسار في مكتب المدرسة عن التواريخ المتاحة

Exciting news. Coming soon .....





*1 - **Do you want to be in a Rock band???***

Click on the link to find out more

Rocksteady Music[1]

[1] https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/our-story/

Rocksteady Parent Survey HP



Hi Parent or Guardian,

Would you be interested in fun and inclusive band lessons coming to your school?

With Rocksteady Music School, children learn to play an instrument through weekly rock and pop band lessons. It's the perfect way to master new musical skills, make friends and have fun – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, wellbeing, social skills and even academic achievement.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There's no music theory involved, and lessons are designed to be fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an Ofqual-regulated music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- You can choose if they shine on vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are professional musicians who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Lesson are £46.48 per month with nothing to pay in August. There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

If you would like Rocksteady to come to you school, please register your interest in lessons by completing this form today: https://form.jotform.com/RocksteadyMusic/nelson-st-pauls-church-of-england-p

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker I Director of Education



0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com

Find out what parents say about Rocksteady



My daughter loves her Rocksteady lessons. She has fun, learns new skills and builds her friendships during school time.

Sade

I love the exam-free qualifications, as the focus is my child's enjoyment of music and learning without the pressure of an exam.

Juliet

The concerts are a brilliant opportunity for the children to develop their music skills and increase their confidence together.

Grace

Rocksteady has given my child the confidence to perform in front of his whole school.

Michelle

Our child looks forward to every lesson. Watching him and the whole band was an honour – it's amazing to see their progress and teamwork!

Stanislava

My children eagerly anticipate their lessons and come home excited to share what they've learned. It's wonderful to see!

Emm

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Polite notice!



Smoking or vaping is not allowed on the school premises.

Please be considerate towards others and abide by our rules.

Admicity

Please ensure your child's Admicity Account is set up and complete, with each section confirmed so we can ensure we have the correct information for your child. **Parents can no longer update the dietary or medical sections, but if you need them changing please contact the office.** Thank you

School Attendance





Have you ever thought about why good school attendance is important?

Going to school regularly helps children to build strong habits like time management, routine and responsibility. These are important skills in school and life, and can help to build a better future for your child. Good attendance in school, leads to good attendance in further education and in then in the workplace.

Pupils who attend school regularly, find it easier to develop good friendships. This often means that they go on to have a happier social life and are able to take care of their own wellbeing.

Better school attendance, leads to better attainment. Better attainment leads to better job prospects, better job prospects lead to a happier life.

Attendance record and lessons missed

Attendance record and lessons missed



- **95% attendance means 50 missed lessons. This means a child missed about 10 days/2 weeks of lessons in the school year.**
- **90% attendance means 100 missed lessons. This means a child misses four weeks of lessons in the school year.**
- **85% attendance means 150 missed lessons. This means the child misses almost 6 weeks of lessons in the school year.**
- **80% attendance means 200 missed lessons. This means the child misses over 7 weeks of lessons in the school year.**
- **75% attendance means 250 missed lessons. This means the child misses about 9 weeks of lessons in the school year.**

How does 'lateness' affect my child?



Being late on a regular basis is often stressful for children, as they can become very self-conscious about entering the classroom.
When a child arrives a few minutes late to school, they miss teacher instructions and introductions.
When a child arrives 10 minutes late, they miss learning time, such as: Handwriting, mental maths or spelling practise.
If your child is half an hour late, they will miss all of the above plus a chunk of maths, literacy or phonics teaching!

Can action be taken against me if my child is regularly late for school?

Yes. Should your child's lateness continue despite efforts to change this pattern a Penalty Notice will be considered. The school could also involve the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) to complete an assessment and implement a plan.
The process is exactly the same as for Absence and can result in legal procedures.

The school day begins at 8.50am. Your child should be sitting ready to learn at 8.55am



Minutes late per Day	Equates to Days of Teaching Lost in one Year	Which means this number of lessons missed
5 mins	3 Days	15 Lessons
10 mins	6 Days	30 Lessons
15 mins	9 Days	45 Lessons

What **help** can I get with my child's lateness?

Lateness Matter!

When a child arrives late in school it often means that extra time is spent on settling them into class. This can cause disruption and disturb other children in respect of their learning.

It impacts on other children and the adults in school when children are regularly late.



Expecting to be late after 9.00? If you are on your way to school but have been delayed unavoidably then it helps to ring the school office and let them know that your child is coming. In that way adults in class can be made aware to expect them and issues such as lunch can be confirmed.

2027 school Admissions - window now open!



The application process for pupils beginning Primary School in September 2027 is now open.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2027



- The classroom doors open at 8.50am, with the exception of the Butterflies and Busy Bees, who open at 8.45am. They close at 8.55am promptly. If you arrive after this time, you must take your child to the main entrance and sign them in. Please **do not** knock on the classroom door or try and gain the attention of a member of staff to open the door.
- If for any reason, we have to make the decision to close school - you will be informed as soon as possible via the SchoolApp. Please make sure that you have access to this app, as we use the messaging facility frequently. If you need any assistance with this, please speak to a member of staff from the office.
- Full uniform must be worn at all times, this includes appropriate footwear - not trainers. Trousers, skirts and dresses should be black, with white polo shirts.
- Long hair MUST be tied back at all times.
- Earrings cannot be worn for PE. We are unable to cover earrings with plasters, so any pupils who are unable to remove their own earrings will not be able to participate in the lesson. Any earrings worn in school (not for PE), should be small studs or sleepers.

Dates for the Diary



- Thursday 15th October 2026 - KS1 Harvest Assembly (Parents welcome)
- Thursday 15th October 2026 - KS2 'Restart a heart' live assembly, hosted by North West Air Ambulance Service.
- Tuesday 20th October 2026 - Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October 2026 - KS2 Harvest Assembly (Parents welcome)
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - Rocksteady Music performance for EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- **Monday 26th October 2026 - October Half Term**
- **Monday 2nd November 2026 - Inset Day**
- **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Return to school**
- **Tuesday 10th November 2026- School Disco (KS1 6pm - 7pm) (KS2 7.15pm-8.30pm)**
- Friday 13th November 2026 - King Charles Birthday Celebrations
- Friday 13th November 2026 - Online behaviour workshops in school for parents and KS2
- Friday 4th December 2026 - Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 8th December 2026 - Year 1 Christmas Production (14:00pm)
- Wednesday 9th December 2026 - Year 2 Christmas Production (14:00pm)
- Thursday 10th December 2026 - EYFS Christmas Production (14:00pm)

- Tuesday 15th December 2026, 16:00pm - Christmas Carol Service at St Paul's Church
- **Monday 21st December 2026 - Christmas Holidays**
- **Monday 4th January 2027 - Return to school**
- **Monday 15th February 2027 - February Half Term**
- **Monday 22nd February 2027 - Return to school**
- Thursday 25th February 2027 - Year 4 Swimming Starts
- Monday 8th March 2027 (All Week) - Science Week
- Monday 8th March 2027 (All Week) - SAT Mock Week
- Monday 15th March 2027 (All Week) - Assessment Week
- Tuesday 23rd March 2027 - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 23rd March 2027 - Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production (14:00pm-15:00pm)
- Wednesday 24th - Thursday 25th March - Year 4 - Viking Visit
- **Friday 26th March 2027 - Easter Holidays**
- **Monday 12th April 2027 - Return to school**
- Friday 23rd April 2027 - St George's Day
- **Monday 3rd May 2027 - May Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 4th May 2027 - Return to school**
- **Monday 31st May 2027 - May Half Term**
- **Monday 7th June 2027 - Inset Day**
- **Tuesday 8th June 2027 - Inset Day**
- **Wednesday 9th June 2027 - Return to school**
- Tuesday 15th June 2027 - New Intake 2028 - Parents Meeting
- Monday 5th July 2027 to Wednesday 7th July 2027 - Year 6 Residential Trip
- **Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Summer Holidays**

St Paul's Church



Please click on the links to find out more about St Paul's Church

- St Paul's Church | St Paul's Church of England Primary School[2]
- Home[3]

Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

[2] https://www.stpaulsnelson.co.uk/st-pauls-church/
[3] https://www.nelsonlittlemarsden.org/