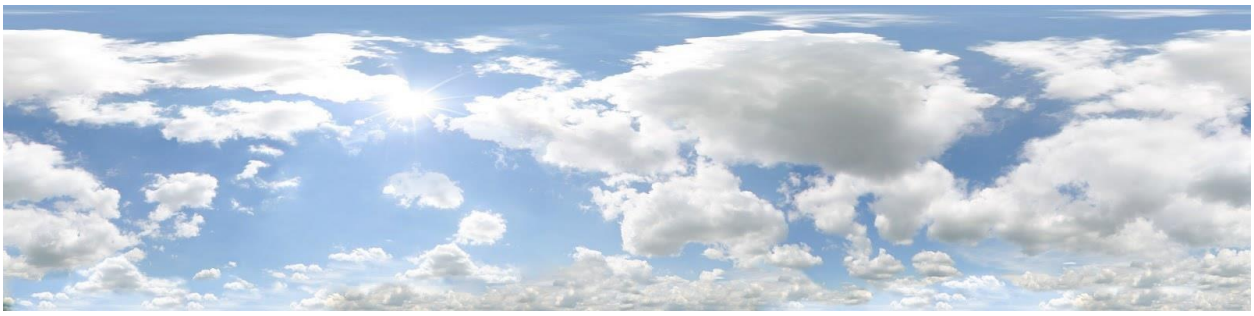
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 26th June 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

After a very hot week we are looking forward to the summer fair this afternoon. Please can we thank everyone who has made a contribution to the fair and we hope that it is well attended so that I have an opportunity to meet some of you who I haven't yet met. We have taken lots of measures this week to ensure that the children have been comfortable in school in light of the exceptionally warm weather. The children have been given regular hydration breaks, PE has been amended and the children have had the opportunity to use fans. The classroom blinds have been drawn and fans have been placed in the rooms. Parents were politely reminded that children should come to school in appropriate cool non-uniform, a full water bottle and hats- thank you for this.

Our worship this week focused on perseverance and we watched the emotional Olympic footage of Derek Redman finishing the race with the help of his dad. Reverend Andrew Holmes

from St Stephen's in Burnley attended to deliver a worship on Tuesday which focused on John the Baptist.

Sports day will be here soon so Mr Mason is just finalising the plans for the races. As soon as this is done we will share the information with you. Mrs Maguire has been busily planning some exciting links with Marsden Heights so that our children in upper KS2 can access the facilities at the secondary school in preparation for the next chapter in their school journey.

The children will have an opportunity to visit their new classes and meet their teachers on the 2nd July. The teachers also have meetings timetabled in to do a thorough handover for every child with the next teacher which will make transition as smooth as possible. These meetings will include discussions with the SENDCo and Pastoral team too.

The assessments for this term have now been completed and the teachers are analysing the data ready to share with you in the end of year reports. Thank you for the aspiration sheets that you have sent back into school. It is very useful for me to take into consideration the views of the children and parents when I am shaping the next academic year and writing the school plan.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

Polar Bears - Keeping Cool









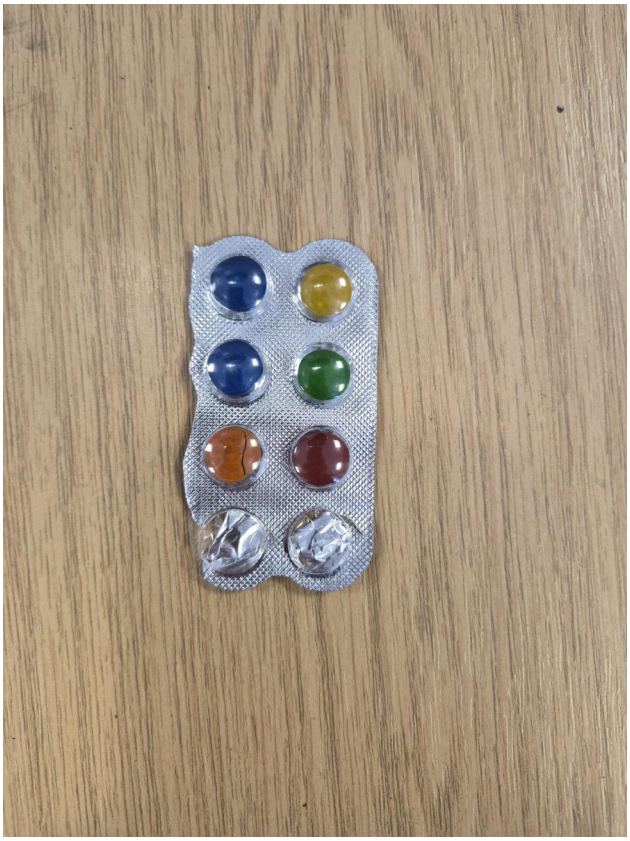
Year 3 Polar Bears have been keeping cool this week by putting our feet in cold water. It was so strange but we loved it! It really helped to keep us cool and concentrating

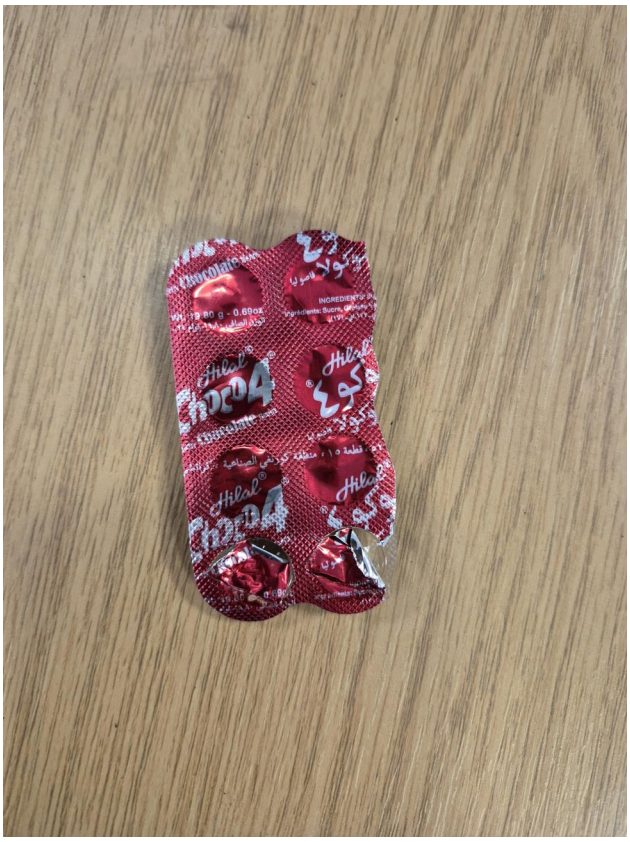
Penguins - Keeping Cool



Year 3 keeping cool in PE kits with feet in cold water.

Safety Concern - Sweets in medicine type packaging





We have recently become aware of some sweets which are in many of the local shops which are in medication type packaging. We would strongly advise these not to be bought by parents as it encourages them to think it is okay to take any tablets out of medication type packaging and eat like sweets. Please be extra careful that children are made aware of this if already purchased.

Big Thank You To PTFA



We would like thank the PTFA for their provision of a brand new projector for the school. We were in desperate need of one and with the thanks of all their hard work doing the Summer Fairs, Christmas Fairs, School Discos they have raised enough funds for this projector. It will massively help with our school assemblies, whole school worship and any other events held in the hall.

Chess

Today was the last meeting of the Chess Club.

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils who came and learnt how to play the game.

If your child is starting in Year 6 in September they can join the club.

We are arranging to play Barrowford St Thomas CE Primary School.

Competition Winners

Freddie 26 vs Jacob 25

Boys Champion Freddie with runner up Jacob

Rabiya 8 vs Khadija 25

Girls Champion Khadija with runner up Rabiya

Trophies and Medals will be presented in Friday's Assembly.

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.

2026 school Admissions



The deadline has now passed for families to select a preference for a Primary school for all children born between 1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022.

If you have not completed the online application, you MUST contact the Pupil Access team as soon as possible.



- 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 2nd July 2026 - Year 6 Transition Day - MHCC, Park, Sir John, Fisher-More, Colne Primet Acadamy, Colne Park High, Unity
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 - St Paul's School Transition Afternoon
- Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 6 Transition Day - MHCC, Park, Sir John, Fisher-More
- Monday 6th July 2026 - Year 4 Trip to Brockholes
- Monday 6th July 2026 - EYFS Sports Day (9:30 - 10:30)
- Monday 6th July 2026 - Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (14:00 - 15:00)
- Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Year 1 Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Trip
- Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 2 Blackpool Circus Trip
- Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Production (14:00 - 15:30 and 18:00 - 19:30)
- Friday 10th July 2026 - Year 3 and 4 Sports Day (09:30 - 10:30)
- Friday 10th July 2026 - Year 5 and 6 Sports Day (14:00 - 15:00)
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Year 6 Anderton Centre Trip
- Friday 17th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Service (9:30-10:30)
- **Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day at school before Summer Holidays**
- **Monday 20th July 2026 - Inset Day (School Closed)**

- **Tuesday 1st September 2026 and Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Inset Days (School Closed)**
- **Thursday 3rd September 2026 - Return to school**

Upcoming Family Fun Events (Please book on ParentPay to secure your place, as places are limited):

- **Thursday 2nd July 1.15pm-3.15pm - Summer crafts activity for parent and child**

St Paul's Church



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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher