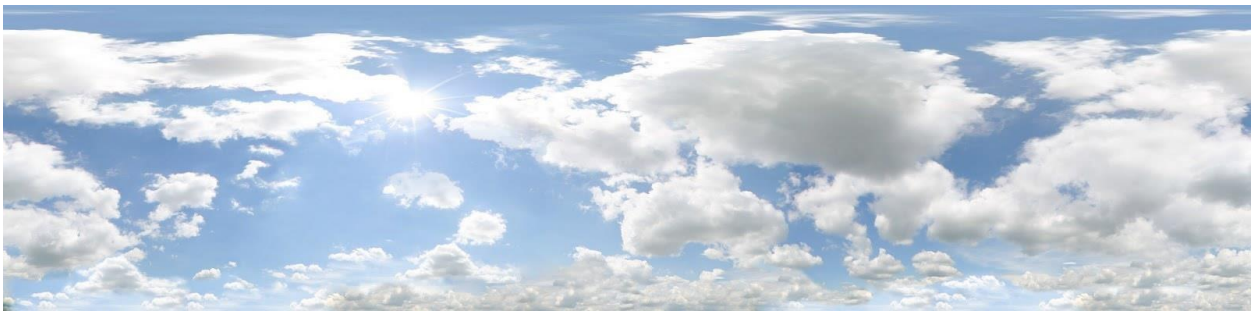
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 15th 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

We have had a very busy week in school this week. The year 6 children have been shining examples of what a St Paul's child can achieve. They have lived out our values and these role models demonstrated to all the younger children how to behave. They have remained focused and calm throughout their SATs and I am really proud of them. Mr Marsden and Fr Guy came into school to quality assure the SATs procedures and we are pleased to say they were satisfied.

The rest of our school family have really lived out our values of Love God, love ourselves, love others and love learning. The worship on Monday focused on the parable of the mustard seed

and how amazing things can come from tiny beginnings. The children were told that a smile or a kind word can spread hope and it can grow into something beautiful.

We are in the process of putting together dates for the year ahead so that the whole school community can pop these in their diaries and plan ahead. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to. The children have been planting runner bean seeds and selling these with Mrs Hawkins to raise money for new playground equipment.

We will be interviewing this week and hopefully we will be successful in recruiting a good KS2 teacher to work in our Y4 class. Mrs Felters is coming out of class in September to concentrate on her role of SENDCo and supporting some of our SEND children.

The fire service will be visiting school next week to explain how important it is for the children to wear seatbelts in the car.

Finally, we will be shortlisting from the applications the children have sent to me expressing an interest in joining our ethos encouragers group. This group will help sustain our values and ethos.

Have a wonderful weekend and I will see many of you on Monday morning on the front gate.

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

Year 3 - Ribchester Roman Museum Trip



Year Three enjoyed a fascinating visit the Roman Museum in Ribchester last Friday. We particularly enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers and handling lots of artefacts. The curator was impressed with the children's knowledge about Roman Britain.











Chess Club

Our Year 6 Chess competitions are up and running.

Scores are given for taking Pieces

King = 5

Queen = 5

Knight, Bishop, Rook = 2

Pawn = 1

Results so far are:

GIRLS

Emaan 16 vs Ariana 9

Hattie vs Lola (still to play)

Marrissa 2 vs Maleeha 5

Khadijah (check mate) vs Zerina

To Play Still -

Khadijah vs Rabia A

Maleeha vs Emaan B

GIRLS FINAL - Winners of A and B

BOYS

Zaydan 17 vs Freddie 26

Ismaeel 19 vs Jacob 19 (to replay)

BOYS FINAL

Freddie vs Winner of B

- *Breaking News: Rabia beat Mr Marsden, please don't tell anyone!!*

MAY HALF TERM - 25/5/2026 - 1/6/2026 - Return to School Tuesday 2/6/2026



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

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- **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



- **Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term (School Closed)**
- **Monday 1st June 2026 - Inset Day (School Closed)**
- Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - Thursday 4th June 2026 - Bikeability
- Monday 8th June 2026 - Tuesday 9th June 2026 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 16th June 2026 - Year 5 - Leopards Pendle Hill Trip
- Wednesday 17th June 2026 - Year 5 - Jaguar Pendle Hill Trip
- Thursday 18th June 2026 - School Class Photos and Leavers Photos
- Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 6 Transition Day - MHCC, Park, Sir John, Fisher-More
- Monday 6th July 2026 - Year 4 Trip to Brockholes
- Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Year 1 Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Trip
- Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 2 Blackpool Circus Trip
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Year 6 Anderton Centre Trip
- **Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day at school before Summer Holidays**
- **Monday 21st 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



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[1]
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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

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