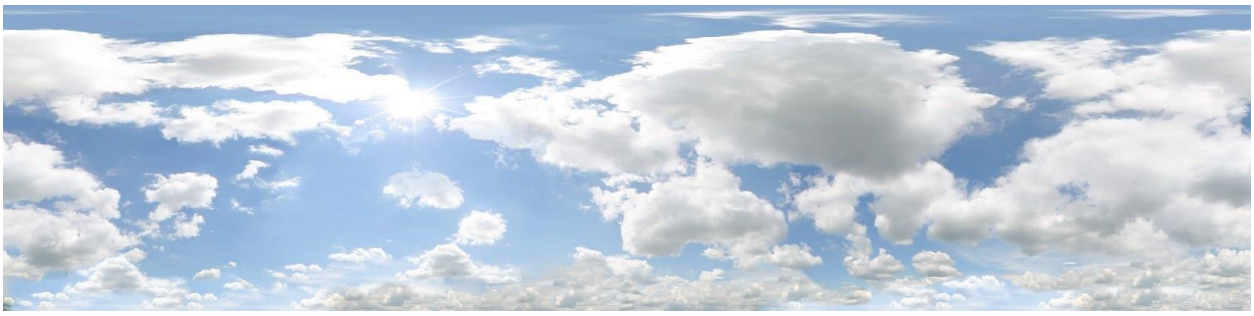
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 8th May 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

I would like to thank all the parents who attended our tea and toast event this morning. There was a great turn out and lots of freebies on offer. It was lovely to meet you and some of your younger children too. Please try and come along to the next one.

There is some excitement around school because the eggs in the Blue Tit's bird box have hatched. The staff and children can watch their first days and the progress on the camera. The proud mum is keeping her chicks warm and feeding constantly when their beaks open up.

We have been learning about hope in our collective worship and the children learnt about fair trade this week and the journey of a banana from the Dominican Republic to our supermarket shelves.

We have made the decision to release one of our SENCOs from her class duties next year, so we are currently in the recruitment process for a class teacher.

Please keep our year 6 children in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for their SATs next week.

Mr Mark Tranmer has had a wonderful first week and is looking forward to the future at St Paul's as Pastoral Manager. Mrs Victoria Entwistle will be making the most of her last week with us whilst handing over to Mr Tranmer next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

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

Hattie vs Lola (still to play)

Emaan 16 vs Ariana 9

Marrissa 2 vs Maleeha 5

Khadijah (check mate) vs Zerina

BOYS

Zaydan vs Freddie (still to play)

Ismaeel vs Jacob (still to play)

Kind Regards

Mr Marsden

Tea and Toast



Thank you to everyone who came to Fridays Tea and Toast in Forest School. Lovely time to relax, have a drink and snack after the morning rush with good friends.



Art Explorers

We would like to thank all the parents who attended the Art Explorer's club. They had a fantastic time and make some really good masterpieces.



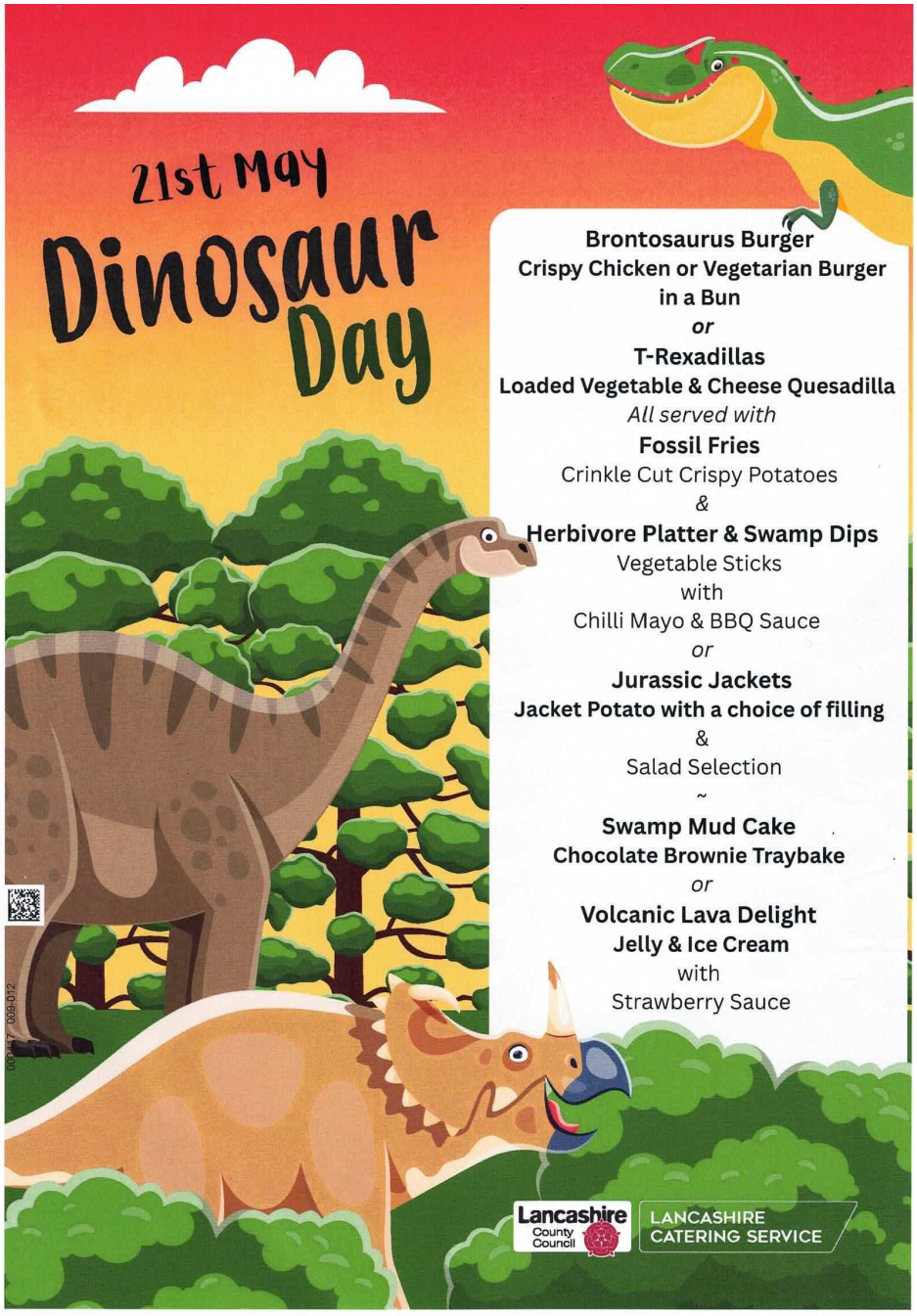








Dinosaur Day - 21st May



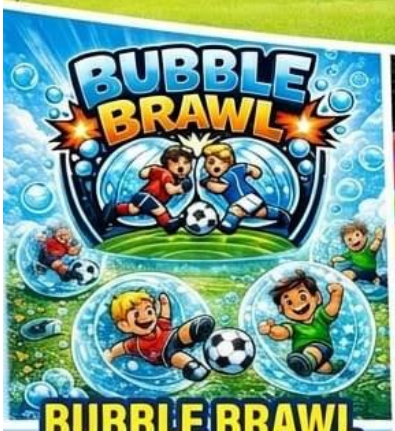
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FAMILY FUNDAY

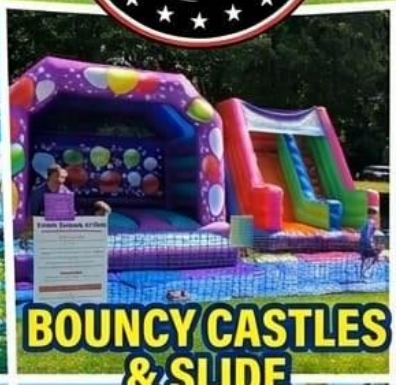
Raising funds for our much loved football club to get vital funds for equipment, training venues, etc.

JOHN BRADLEY PLAYING FIELDS, 11TH JULY 2026 - 12PM ONWARDS

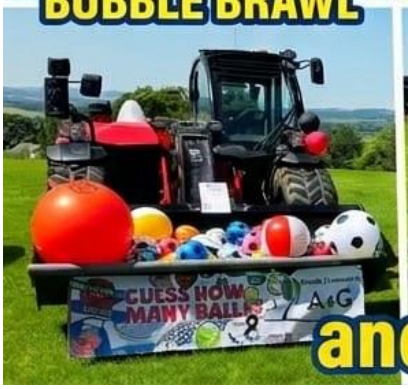
TOP ROPE WRESTLING SHOWS
(Weather Permitting)

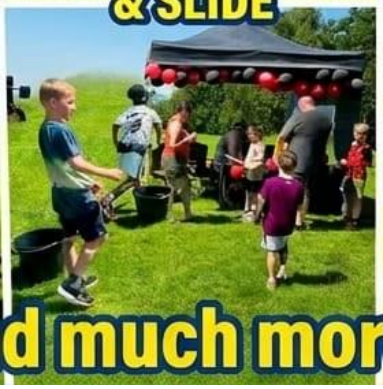


BUBBLE BRAWL


BOUNCY CASTLES & SLIDE


HOLD A SNAKE







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and much more...

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. 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



- **Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- Friday 8th May 2026 - Year 3 Ribchester Museum Trip
- Monday 11th May 2026 - Thursday 14th May 2026 SATS Week
- Tuesday 19th May 2026 - Year 5 Art Workshop
- Thursday 21st May 2026 - Critters Interactive Animal Encounters - EYFS
- **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):

- **Tuesday 5th May 1.15pm-3.15pm - Art explorers for parent and child**
- **Thursday 2nd July 1.15pm-3.15pm - Summer crafts activity for parent and child**
- **Monday 18th May 9.15am-11.15am - Common childhood illnesses for parents only**

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]
- Home[2]

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

Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher