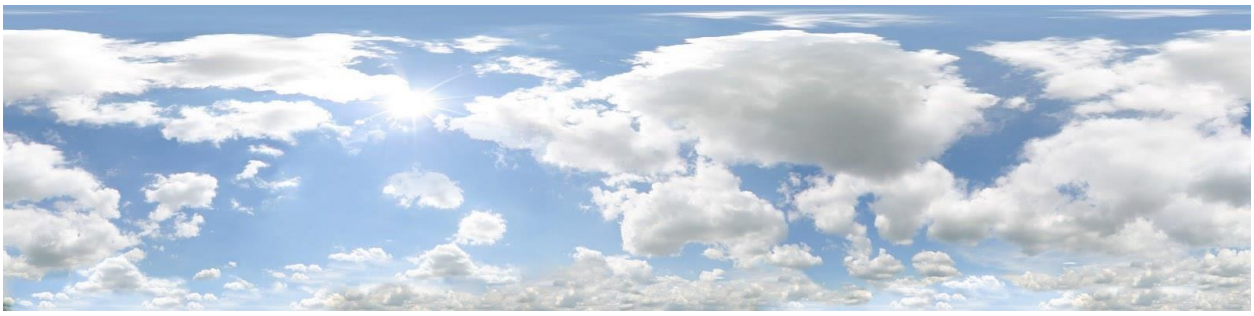
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 1st May 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

I am delighted to inform you that we have recruited a new Pastoral Manager. Mr Mark Tranmer will be joining us next week to work closely with Mrs Entwistle so that we will have a smooth transition. He is really looking forward to getting to know the families. He will be spending some time on the gate with me in the mornings in order to meet and greet our children. Mr Tranmer has a wealth of experience of working in schools at a senior level. However it does mean that we have to say goodbye to Mrs Entwistle who has worked here for many years. She has a very exciting new role outside of education which she will be starting in a few weeks. I know you will be very pleased for her and join me in wishing her all the very best. We are lucky to have her for another 2 weeks.

Our Christian value this half term in 'Hope' and 'New beginnings'. My worship will be focusing on hope for those families that grow and prepare food all over the world which end up on the

shelves in our supermarkets. We will also be learning all about fair-trade and what this means to the families.

All our staff will be wearing a High Vis vest when they are outside school. This is so that they are easy to see and children can locate them quickly at playtime if they need help. It will make it easier for you to spot a member of staff too.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and I will see you all back on Tuesday 5th May.

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

SCHOOL CLOSED

EYFS Thornton Hall Farm Trip (Friday 17th April)

Fun at the Farm for our EYFS children. We had the best time!























LOST GLASSES



Please come to reception if these are your glasses. Thank you

WATER BOTTLES

The weather is getting hotter again! Please can all children remember to bring in their water bottles.

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

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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 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
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Year 6 Transition Day - MHCC, Fisher-More, Unity
- 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**
- **Monday 18th May 9.15am-11.15am - Common childhood illnesses for parents only**
- **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