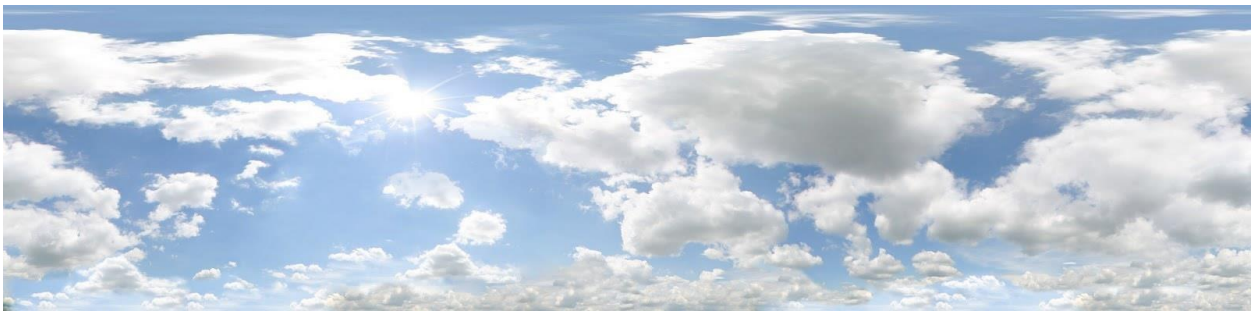
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 17th April 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

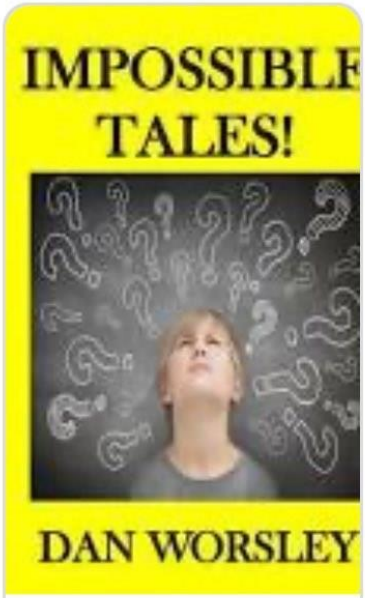
Firstly I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all the lovely children and their families for making me feel so welcome on my return to work. I have had a wonderful week filled with getting to know everybody and delivering my Collective Worship on 'New Beginnings'. We talked about how we can approach new beginnings and talked about the symbol of the egg at Easter representing new life. We are looking forward to having the chicks in school next week and I am sure that the children will be very excited. The visit from the Author Dan Worsley was a big success and he told a really funny story to the KS2 children. Our reception children are looking forward to visiting Thornton Hall farm and I have enjoyed being in class today looking at the work they are doing on farm animals. The year 6 children are still working hard in preparation for their SATs so please keep giving them plenty of encouragement and time to study at home. I will be on the gate every morning on the front road unless I have a meeting so please do come and introduce yourself. I feel privileged to be a part of the St Paul's family and I

am excited about the future of the school and watching our children grow and flourish in God's love.

Jo Roberts

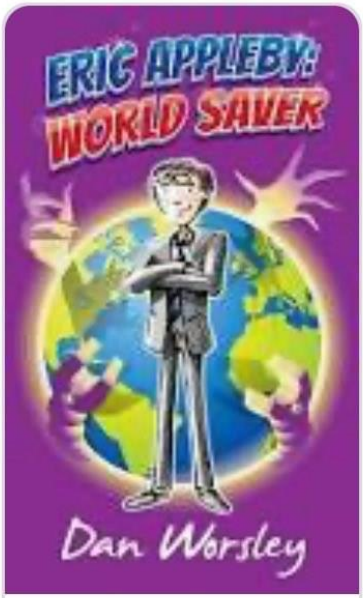
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Dan Worsley Visit!



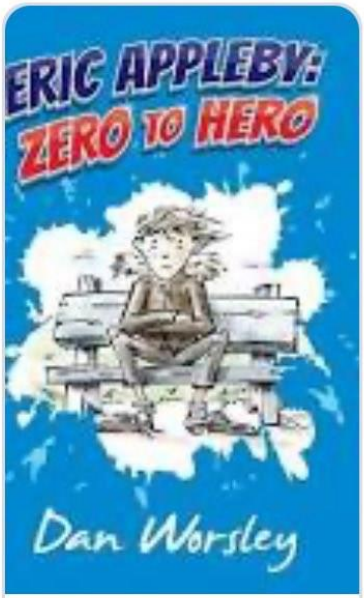
Impossible Tales!

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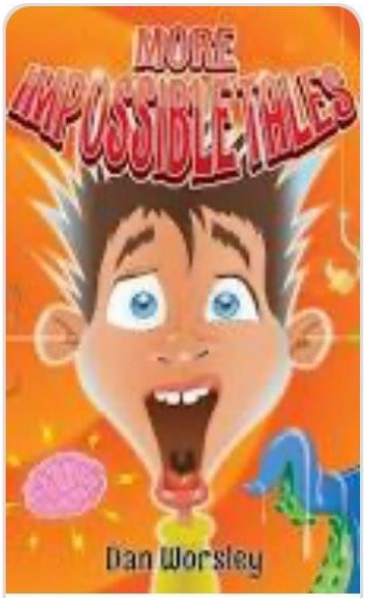
Eric Appleby: World Saver

2018



Eric Appleby: Zero to Hero

2015



More Impossible…

2016



Even More Impossible…

2021



Eric Appleby: Danger Zone

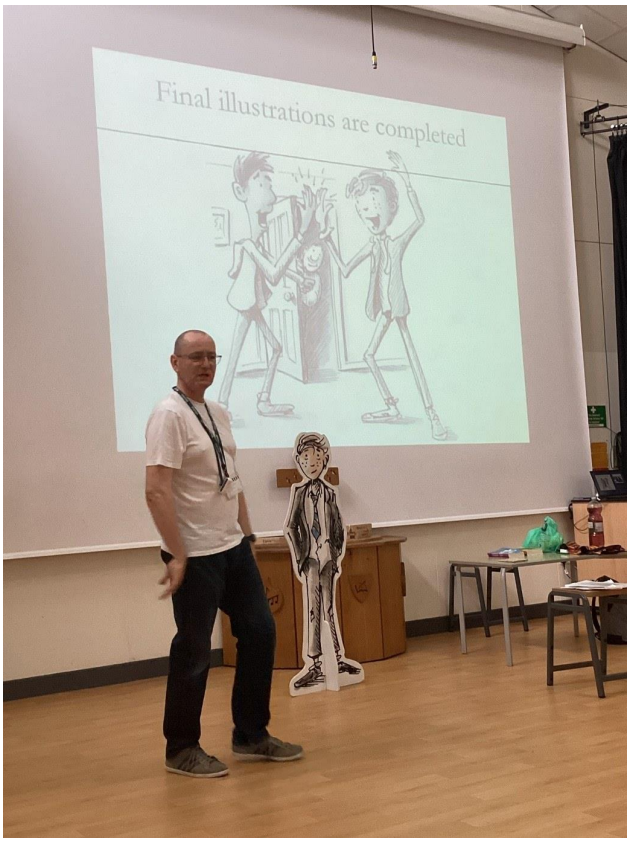
2017

We would like to say a big thank you to Dan Worsley, Author and Storyteller, who came to visit the children today!

The children had such a lovely time in assembly and then Dan went around to each KS2 class telling more stories and having fun.

Dan has said he had a lovely time visiting the school and would like to thank everyone for a lovely day. He would also like to thank those who bought his books after school and hopes the children will have fun reading all the adventures.




Final illustrations are completed


LOVE
FORGIVENESS
PERSEVERANCE
HOPE
JOY
JUSTICE
RESPECT
Wednesday 15th April 2026
15.04.26
Actions
Feeling

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 20th April 20206 - Chicks arriving from Bowland Farm for Year 1 Starfish
- 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
- Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term (School Closed)
- Monday 1st June 2026 - Inset Day (School Closed)

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

- **Thursday 23rd April 1.05pm-3.15pm - Engineering challenge for parent and child**
- **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]

Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

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