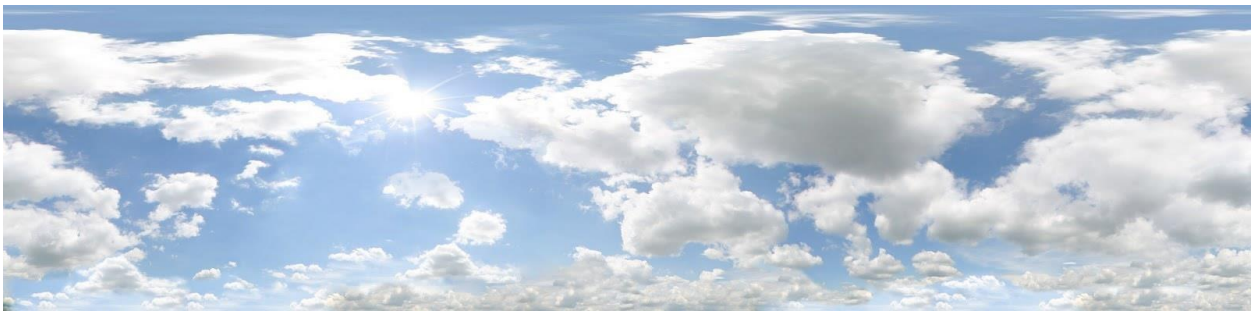
St Paul's C of E Primary School Newsletter 13th March 2026

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 13th March 2026



Wow! How quickly has this week flown by??? Unfortunately the weekends do the same!



It's been another busy week in school. We've had Vikings, storytelling and Science experiments, amongst other things.

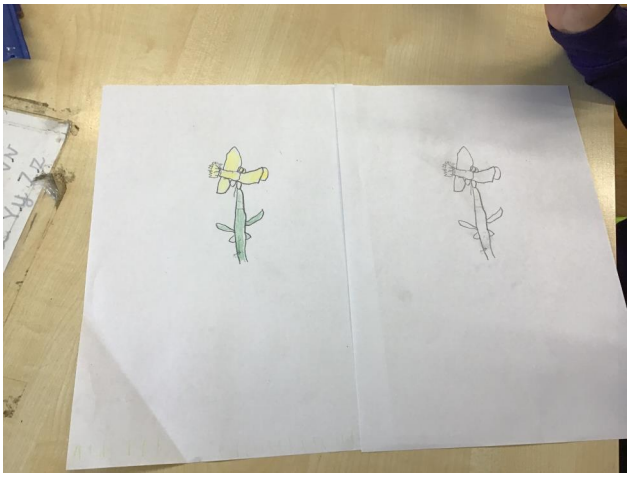


Art Club!



Pupils who have attended Mrs Moody's Art Club have been studying observational drawing.

Mrs Moody says: "KS1 children did some observational drawings of daffodils this week in Art club and I was blown away by the standard of their drawings. They all did such a fantastic job!"

















KS1 and Y3 pupils were treated to a 'Reading for pleasure' workshop on Wednesday.

Thank you Mrs Roberts (Assistant Headteacher) for arranging this.

Fun was had by all!



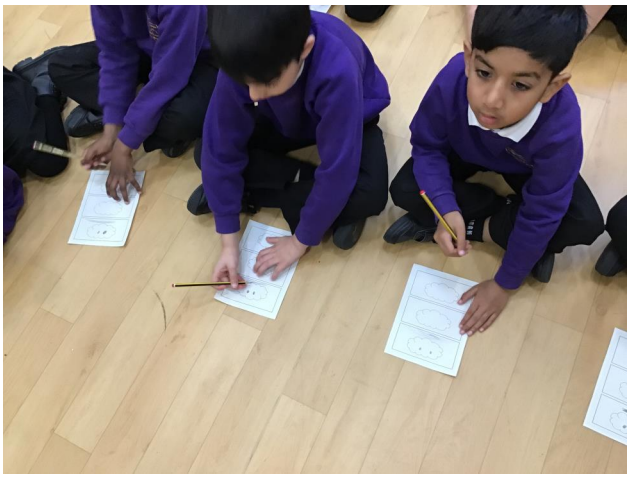

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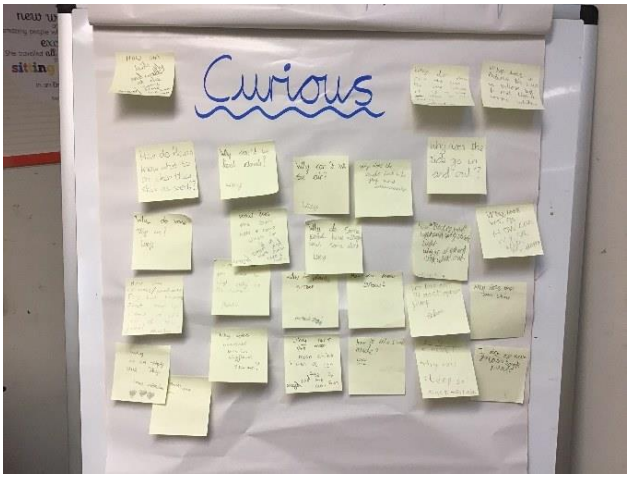

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Year 3 library visitor and science pics





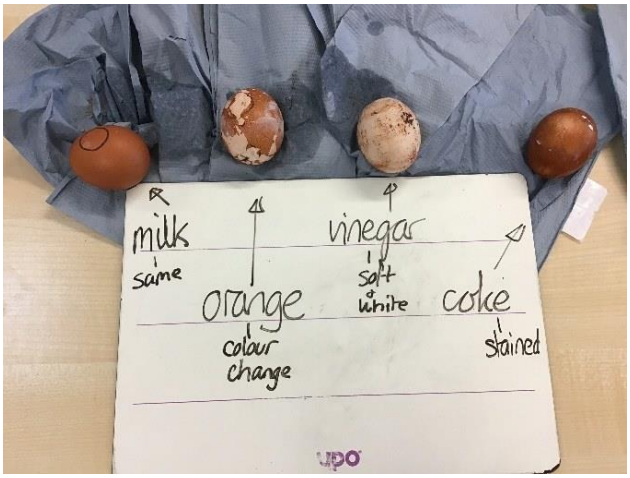



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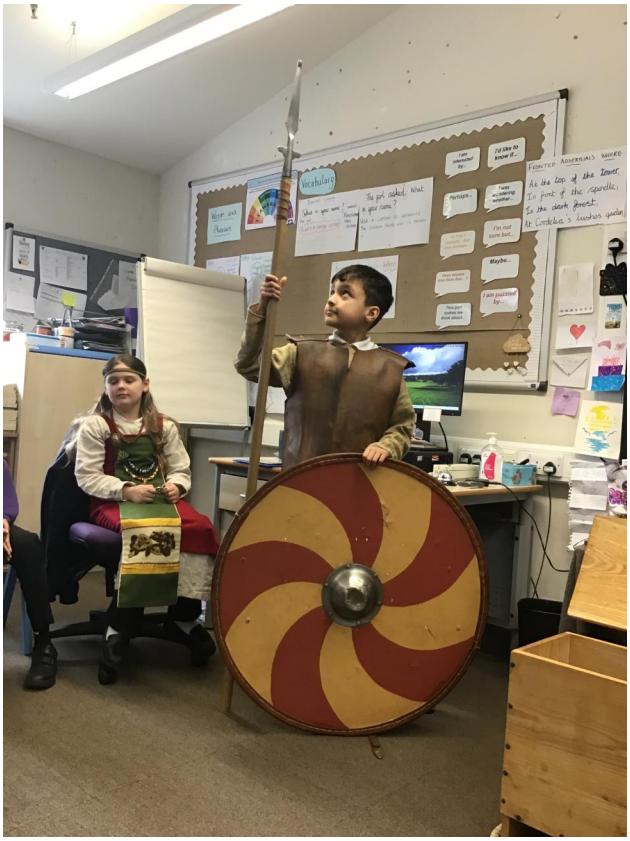





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Every year, we have a visit from our Viking 'Olaf'. He works with the Year 4 pupils - providing them with lots of historical facts and re-enacting a Viking battle.














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Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Information for parents to protect their children through vaccination

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illnesses.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more.

Illnesses like measles can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated, and such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time

spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications and disability. In some cases, these infections can tragically cause death

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Recent data shows that in 2024[1] , over 2,900 measles cases were confirmed in England, the highest figure in decades. As a result, the UK has lost its World Health Organization (WHO) measles elimination status. Vaccination rates also remain well below the 95% target needed to prevent outbreaks.

Health experts warn that falling vaccination rates are putting more children at risk of severe illness and long-term complications, many of which are entirely preventable through the free NHS vaccinations programme.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water. Immunisation protects millions of children from severe illness, longterm complications and death globally each year.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness.

All routine childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have an excellent safety record.

As well as directly protecting vaccinated children, many vaccines also reduce transmission across the population, helping to protect those who are too young or too vulnerable to be vaccinated.

[1] Parents urged to protect children through vaccination campaign - GOV.UK [1]

What's new in 2026?

For the first time, the NHS is offering free protection against chickenpox as part of the routine childhood schedule through the MMRV vaccine. This single injection protects against:

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[1] https://www.gov.uk/government/news/parents-urged-to-protect-children-through-vaccination-campaign

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- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Varicella (chickenpox)

The second dose is now offered earlier, at 18 months, to ensure children are fully protected before starting school.

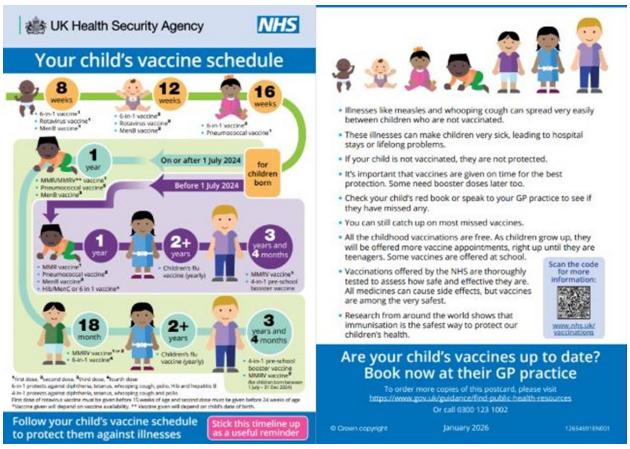
Parents: What should you do?

Check your children are up to date with their recommended vaccinations and to **book an appointment** through their GP practice when invited so they are not put at an unnecessary risk.

If you do have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to your GP or health visitor, they will be happy to discuss vaccines and guide you through the vaccination schedule. Although it is important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, if you or your child have missed a vaccine, simply contact your GP anytime to check if you can catch up

.

Separately, **spread the message** within your family, friends and your wider community circles about the benefits of vaccination and **help** more children access the protection they need.



For more information, please visit:

NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS[2] [3]

[2] https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

Why vaccination is important and the safest way to protect yourself - NHS[4] [5]



[3] https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/
[4] https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/why-vaccination-is-important-and-the-safest-way-to-protect-yourself/
[5] https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/why-vaccination-is-important-and-the-safest-way-to-protect-yourself/

Help us to celebrate World Down Syndrome day by wearing odd socks on Wednesday 18th March.



We are also supporting the Downs Syndrome charity, by selling Gingerbread socks for £1 each. We do have limited stock, so they will be sold on a first come, first served basis, from Monday 16th March. Biscuits will be available from your class teacher.

Gingerbread socks



Reminders



- 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.
- Please remember to phone the office before **9am** if your child is going to be absent. We will phone you, if we don't hear from you and will conduct a home visit if we are unable to make contact with you.
- Please ensure that we have up to date phone numbers for your chosen contacts.

- 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.
- We are a **NUT FREE** school. Please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any items, which may have nuts in. This includes: chocolate spread, any Kinder products containing hazel nuts and peanut butter. We have some pupils who have severe nut allergies and their lives could be put at risk, should they come into contact with nuts of any type.



- Wk com 16th March - World Down's Syndrome week - Gingerbread socks on sale £1 each
- Monday 16th March - Owl visit Y2
- Monday 16th March - Go Sing at Blackburn Ice Rink
- **Wednesday 18th March - Wear Odd socks to school day**
- **Wednesday 18th March - Deadline for Eid card competition**
- Thursday 19th, Friday 20th March or Saturday 21st March - Eid
- Monday 23rd March - Eid Celebration - Pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform.

- Tuesday 24th March - Parents Evening in the hall. EYFS parents evening will take place in the EYFS classrooms - please note appointments are strictly limited to 5 minutes.
- Thursday 26th March - Y3 & 4 Easter Production 2.15pm - Y3&4 parents welcome to attend
- Friday 27th March - Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter competitions.
- Friday 27th March - School closes for 2 weeks for Easter Break
- Friday 3rd April - Good Friday
- Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday
- Monday 6th April - Easter Monday

- **Upcoming Family Fun Events (Please book on ParentPay to secure your place, as places are limited):**
- **Tuesday 17th March 1.05pm-3.15pm - Easter craft activity for parent and child**
- **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**
- **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**

Easter Crafts - St Pauls

Easter Crafts

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Adult Learning

A FUN INTERACTIVE CRAFT SESSION INSPIRED BY EASTER FUN!

FAMILY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS TO ATTEND WITH CHILDREN TO LEARN TOGETHER!

St Paul's CoE Primary School
Tuesday 17th March
13:15 - 15:15

Please scan the QR code to register your attance

Eid Card Competition

Eid Card Design Competition

Show off your creativity and art skills

Create your own Eid card using any materials or digital tools you like.

Prizes awarded for: Originality, Creativity and Effort.

Closing Date: Wednesday 18th March

Open to all year groups — every entry counts!

Submit your finished card to your class teacher on or before Wed 18th March.

Don't forget to include your full name and class.

Easter bonnet competition













All Easter bonnets will be judged on Friday 27th March, by Mr Marsden (Chair of Governors).

Prizes will be awarded for creativity and effort. Please ensure that your child does most of the creating!

Design an egg





EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

DECORATE-AN-EGG COMPETITION





27th MARCH 2026

THEME: BE AS IMAGINATIVE AS YOU LIKE!

PRIZES: AWARDED FOR CREATIVITY, EFFORT, AND ORIGINALITY.

ALL AGES WELCOME–LET THE DECORATING BEGIN!

All Eggs will be judged on Friday 27th March, by Mr Marsden (Chair of Governors)

Please ensure that your child does most of the creating!

Remember to use hard boiled eggs – we do not want any 'eggsplosions'!

Please check your notifications regarding free parent workshops on Wednesday afternoons.



Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's parent workshops.

Wednesday 18th March

How to be kinder to yourself as a parent 2.30-3.30pm

There's no such thing as a perfect parent or child. You can build on your skills to be gentler with yourself – even when it feels overwhelming

Teasing or bullying, can you tell the difference? 3.30 - 4.30pm

Children must be protected from bullying, but also need to learn to handle some difficult situations for themselves. We will talk about bullying versus teasing and how to empower kids and help them to be resilient.

Wednesday 25th March

How to make time with your child really count 2.30-3.30pm

Rather than wasting time feeling guilty or anxious, if parents can learn to enjoy and make the most of the time they spend with their children, everyone will benefit.

How to set technology rules and boundaries the whole family can live with 3.30-4.30pm

Find how to set practical technology boundaries for the whole family.

Keep your eyes peeled for an app message with booking details.

Have a lovely weekend everyone



St Paul's Church



Please click on the link to find out more about St Paul's Church.

Fr Guy is due back from Sabbatical on 1st April.

We look forward to his return.

Kind Regards

Michele Cregg

Acting Headteacher