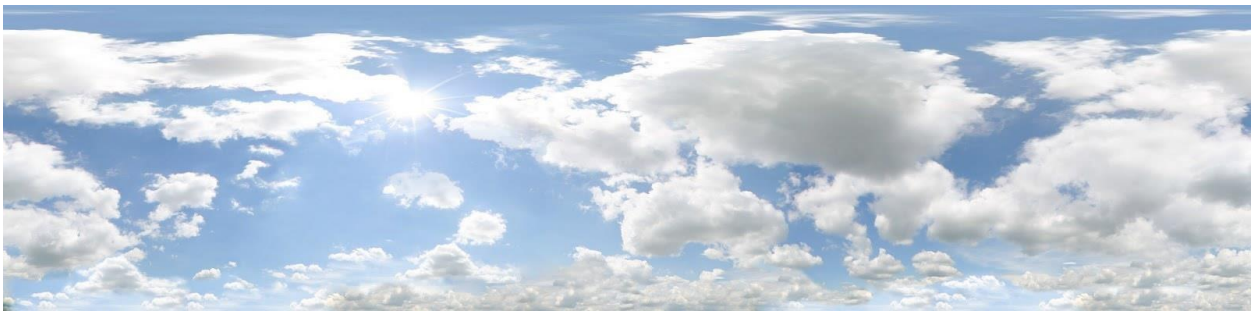
St Paul's CE Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 30th January 2026



Well that's January done and dusted!

I'd just like to thank you all for your support, whilst I've been navigating my role as 'Acting Headteacher'.

I will continue in this role until the half term break, when hopefully Mrs Jo Roberts will take up her post on the 23rd February.

I know she is looking forward to being part of the St Paul's family and I am sure that you all give her a warm welcome!

I have missed teaching the Butterflies class but Miss Sledding and team have done a great job in my absence and I'll be back in my 'happy place' very soon.

Year 3 have had an amazing experience this week with our visitor 'Annette' a local artist



Aisled Barn - Wycollar

The Aisled Barn (former Visitors Centre) at Wycollar Country Park has been closed for some time due to structural issues but there are plans underway to restore the barn in a hope that it will be able to be reopened.

Meanwhile Pendle CEP have been approached to create some visual art for the large windows, for visitors of the country park to enjoy.

Working with local artist Annette Marti we wanted the project to include a textile art installation to both windows of the Aisled Barn linking to the textile heritage of the area. The two large scale fabric artworks will depict a bat and an owl in celebration of both the creatures currently found in the barn.

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Birthday treats

We understand that pupils want to share their special day with their friends and teachers and we will always endeavour to sing Happy Birthday and make them feel special. Unfortunately, due to being a nut free school and having pupils with numerous allergies - we are unable to accept Birthday treats to share. This includes Birthday cakes and any other kind of confectionary. Please respect that this decision is to keep our pupils safe.



Please do not allow your children to play on the EYFS yard before or after school. We have had a few incidents, where younger pupils have been hurt. We have also seen older children mis-using the equipment.

Clamping down on Lateness!



So far, this term alone - there have been 293 recorded late marks. Many of these late marks are recorded by the same children.

We have reason to believe that some families are deliberately waiting until the car-park re-opens at 9am. This means that their child is already over 5 minutes late.

We have sent out letters to parents of children who are persistently late.

The next step will be to call these parents in for an attendance meeting.

If the number of lates does not decrease, we may have no option other than to leave the car-park gates closed until 9.30am - which we know will cause a problem for many other families, who get to school on time

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.

- 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.



- 10th February - Y5 Visit from local artist
- 12th February - Y2 Great fire of London experience
- 13th February - Finish for half-term
- 16th March - Go Sing at Blackburn Ice Rink

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

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 link to find out more about St Paul's Church

Kind Regards

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Acting Headteacher