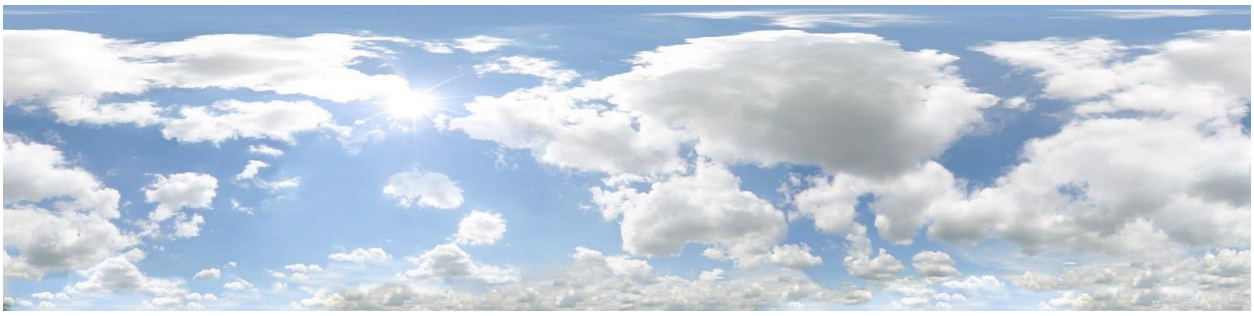
St Paul's CE Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 23rd January 2026



Well that's the end of another busy week in school!

We are edging ever closer to the half-term holiday and hopefully lighter mornings and longer days.

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

95% attendance means 50 missed lessons. This means a child missed about 10 days or 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?

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.

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



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Kind Regards

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