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Our St Paul's Vision For Our Children:

Love God, Love Themselves, Love Others, Love Learning.

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

Our school Christian values are:

Love, Joy, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Justice, Hope and Respect.

They permeate through everything we do at St Paul's.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is a lovely time of year in schools and, as I approach retirement, I'm reminded by all the recent activities just how great Christmas with children is!

Thank you for attending KS1 and EYFS children's nativity performances



The children were fantastic and it was great to see parents and families there. I always love to see the Christmas performances. I can sit back and enjoy them – it's the KS1 and EYFS staff who have the stress of putting them all together! I must admit it's felt a bit more poignant this year, knowing these will be the last school nativities I'll see in my career. Thank you to the children and staff for making them so lovely.

KS2 children have always done Easter or Y6 Leavers' performances so hopefully will do their performances later in the year, although how that will look in 2026 is obviously up to the new headteacher.

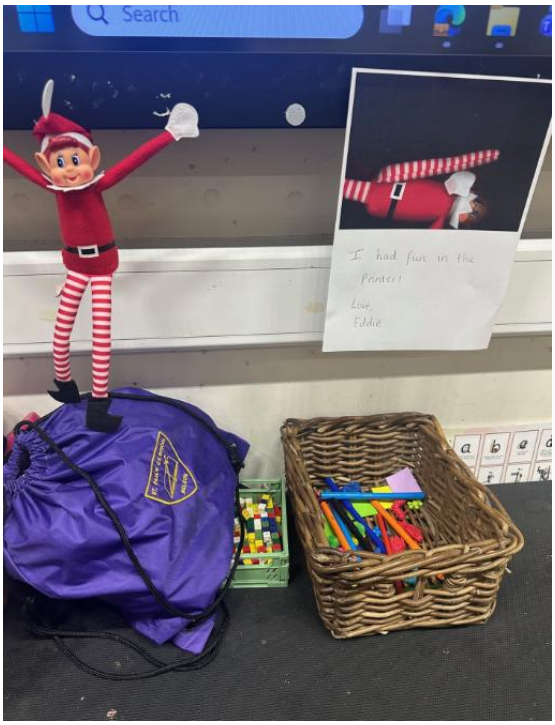
Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair!



Thank you for supporting the fair last Friday and thank you to Father Christmas for coming too – his elves look somewhat familiar! As always, the fair was a very busy, vibrant event. Thank you to all who attended, and to staff who ran stalls and helped with arrangements. Of course, a very special thanks to our wonderful Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) who organised the fair and who do so much for our school. When I talk to other local headteachers, I realise how lucky we are to have such a committed PTFA, led so well. Speaking of leaders, Mr Ben Rushton is stepping down from the role of chairperson of the group due to his many other commitments (one of which is on our school's governing board!) Thank you so much to Ben who has worked extremely hard and been very successful as chair. There will be a meeting of the PTFA in the spring term so please watch out for that date and come along if you can help. I think a new chairperson will be elected in that meeting too.

Fun Christmas Learning









Christmas activities are in full swing with lots of fun-based learning. In Early Years there has been a very naughty elf playing tricks on children and staff. Every morning there's another mess he's made whether it's replacing teachers' chairs for little ones, blocking off the door to the Rainbow Room, playing with the printer, making a snowy mess, writing cheeky messages or abseiling around school! It's certainly motivated the Early Years children to write.

Festive Events at Nelson Library

Nelson Library Festive Events

Date	Time	Event	Age	Booking Req?
School Holiday WEEK 1 – w/c 22nd December 2025				
Every Day	All Day	Festive Scavenger Hunt	6+	No
Mon 22nd	11am – 2pm	Lego Club	Family	No
Mon 22nd	2:30pm – 4pm	Lego Animation Workshop	8+	Yes
Tues 23rd	2:30pm – 4pm	Festive Activities	Family	No
Sat 27th	11am – 3pm	Lego Club	Family	No
School Holiday WEEK 2 – w/c 29th December 2025				
Every Day	All Day	Festive Scavenger Hunt	6+	No
Mon 29th	11am – 2pm	Lego Club	Family	No
Mon 29th	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Tingo Bingo	Family	No
Tues 30th	11am – 2pm	Lego Club	Family	No
Tues 30th	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Winter Wonderland Storytime and Crafts	Family	No
Weds 31st	2pm – 3pm	New Years Eve Storytime	Family	No
Sat 3rd Jan	11am – 3pm	Lego Club	Family	No

All activities are free of charge. If you have any questions, or would like to book a slot where necessary, please visit the appropriate library and ask at the enquiries desk, call 0300 123 6703 or book online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries

Christmas and New Year Closures

Nelson library will be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday 24 December
- Thursday 25 December
- Friday 26 December
- Thursday 1 January
- Friday 2 January

This library will close at 5.00pm Wednesday 31 December

All libraries return to their usual opening hours from Saturday 3 January.

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Christmas Wreath Making



Thank you to all the parents who came to Christmas wreath making with their children yesterday- and thank you, Mrs Ralph, for organising it.

Community Carol Singing Event

Don’t forget about the community carol singing event next week – see the poster below.



Christmas card lists

One or two parents have asked us for a list of children in the class so that their child can send everyone a card. Sometimes we get asked the same for birthday party invitations too. I’m sorry but we can’t disclose that information to you, for safeguarding reasons. If your child can’t remember every child’s name in their class, just get them to sign the cards – so long as there are 30 we’ll make sure every child in the class gets one.

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th December – Evening Carol Service 6-7pm St Paul’s School Hall

Thursday 18th December – In-school Carol Service (just children and governors - so sorry, not enough room in our hall to invite mums and dads!)

Friday 19th December 3.30pm – Break up for Christmas

Monday 5th January 2026 – Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Return to school

Monday 12th January 2026 – Paediatric First Aid course. Parents can book this on Parentpay

Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner is Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Parties

On Christmas party day, you can send your child to school in party clothes but please ensure that the clothing is reasonably practical as children will still play out at playtimes and lunchtime. Children need to be warm enough to play out and high heels aren't very safe! We don't need donations of food thank you – we'll provide food so that we can check for allergies and intolerances.

EYFS – Wednesday 17th December (AM)

Year 1 – Wednesday 17th December (PM)

Year 2 – Tuesday 16th December (PM)

Year 3 – Thursday 18th December (AM)

Year 4 – Thursday 18th December (AM)

Year 5 – Friday 19th December (AM)

Year 6 – Tuesday 16th December (AM)

Have a super weekend, everybody.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWS.

For any information regarding St Paul's church and what parents and children can access, please get in touch with Revd Guy on 615888 or guyjamieson@btinternet.com or officelittlemarsden@gmail.com or take a look at the parish website: www.nelsonlittlemarsden.org

Yours sincerely,

Julie Wood

Headteacher

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