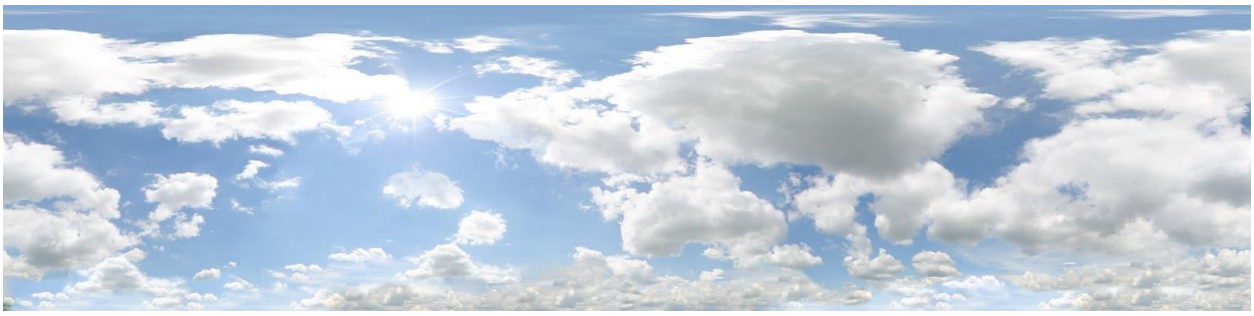
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 25th September 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

I am delighted that the breakfast club numbers are still increasing and so many children are enjoying their breakfast in school with their friends. The provision has also alleviated the congestion at the start of the school day. We are looking forward to having the 'Rock Steady' band coming into school on the last Friday before half term. They will deliver an assembly and then there will be an opportunity for some children to play instruments such as the drums and the electric guitar. The idea is that we can provide an opportunity for children to play in a school band alongside their friends.

The Church service on education Sunday was lovely and I would like to thank the staff, parents, governors and children that came along. Rev James Booth visited school this Tuesday to deliver the collective worship to the children they were very pleased to see him.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind parents about how important it is to read with their children at home. Fluent readers make strong writers and it is also very special to share a book and make memories together.

We are currently looking at our enrichment and extra-curricular provision and are hoping to put on some additional activities particularly sporting activities so please look out for updates.

The children are preparing a Harvest assembly and we will be delighted if you can attend. Years 1 and 2 will perform on 15th October and Years 3-6 will perform on 22nd October. More information will follow.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

Engineering Challenge 21.9.2026

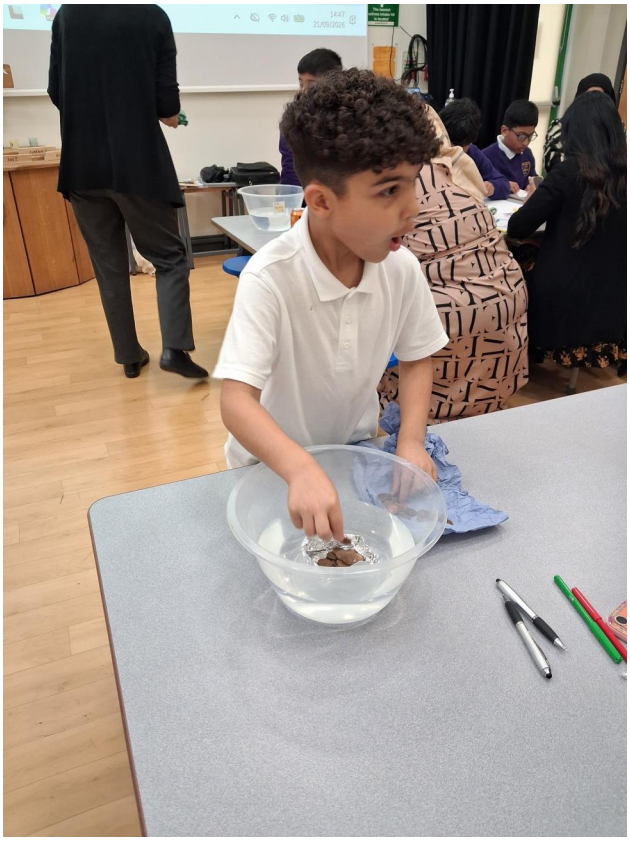
The children and parents enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the engineering challenge set up by Lancashire Adult Learning.

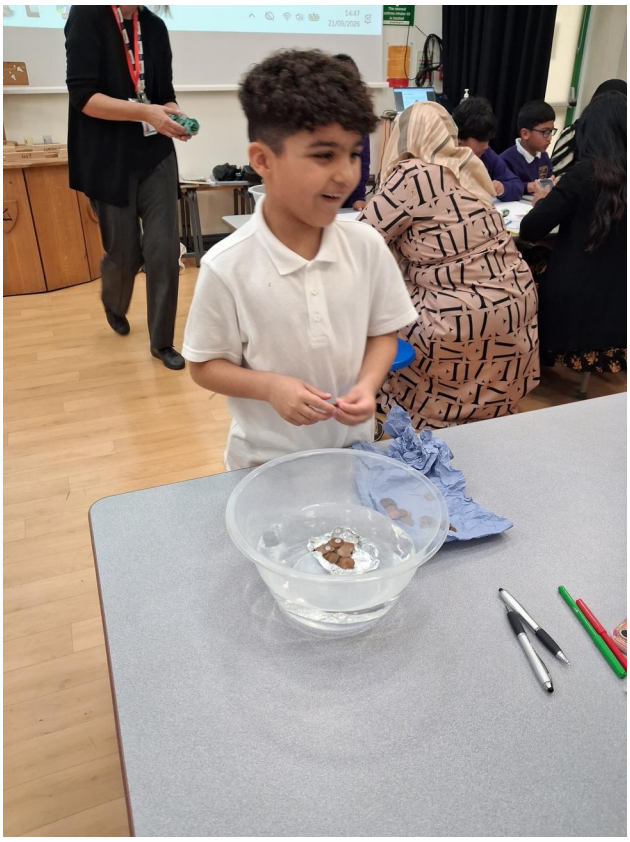












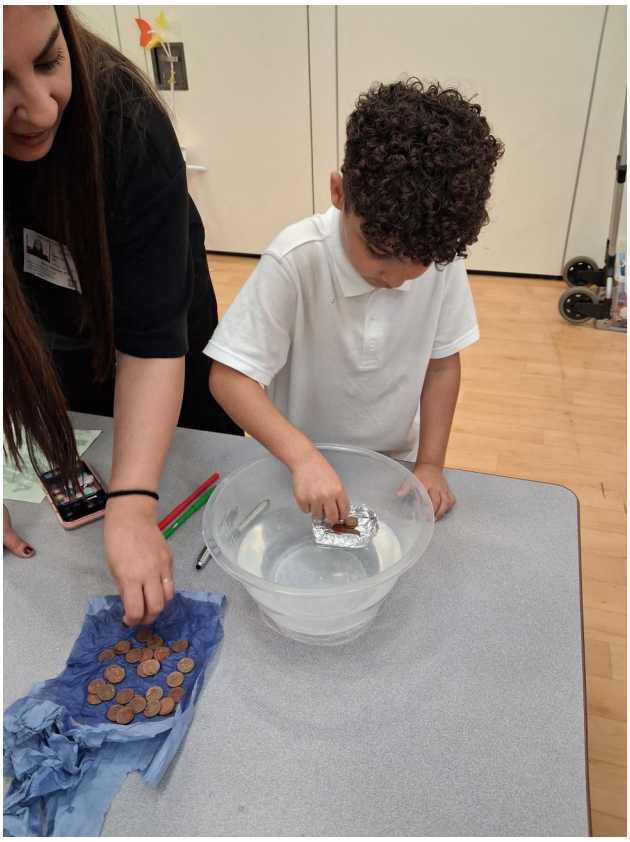


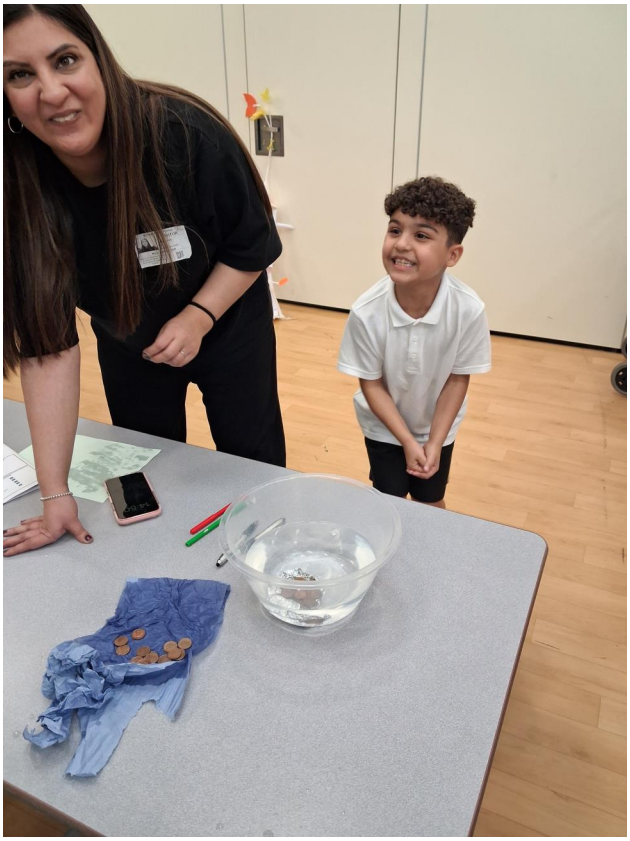








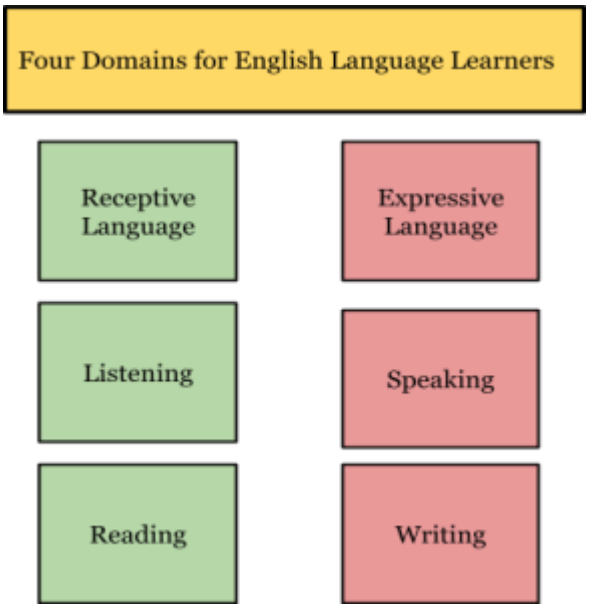








Is your child attending our EAL provision with Mrs Saleem? کیا آپ کا بچہ پروگرام میں شامل ہو رہا ہے؟ EAL مسز سلیم کے ساتھ ہمارے



هل يحضر طفلك برنامج اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة إضافية لدينا مع السيدة سليم؟

Did you know that she is available for drop in sessions from parents on alternate Tuesday afternoons?

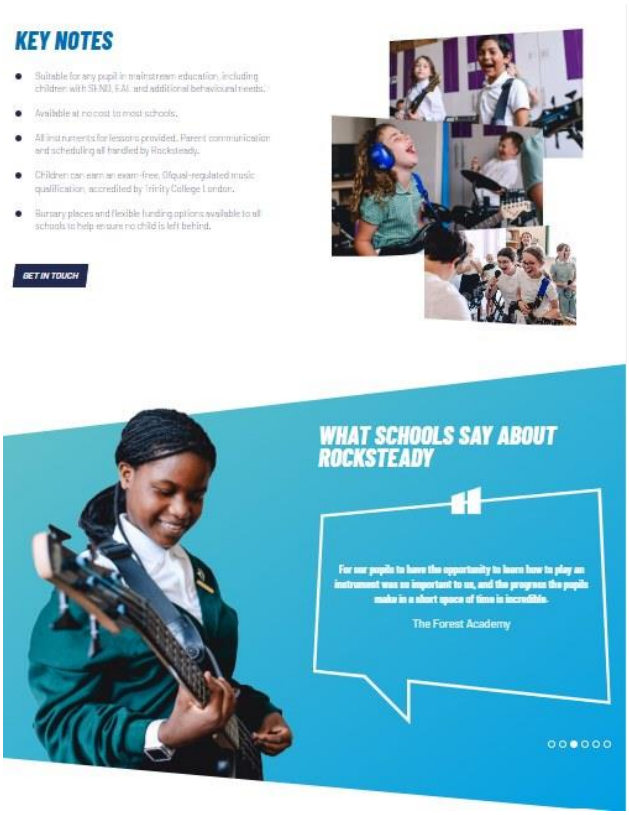
Please enquire at the office for available dates.

کیا آپ جانتے ہیں کہ وہ ہر دوسرے منگل کی دوپہر کو ڈراپ اِن سیشن کے لیے دستیاب ہے؟ براہ کرم دستیاب تاریخوں کے لیے اسکول کے دفتر سے پوچھیں۔

هل كنت تعرف أنها متاحة بعد ظهر كل ثلاثاء بالتناوب لجلسة دون موعد؟يرجى الاستفسار في مكتب المدرسة عن التواريخ المتاحة

Exciting news. Coming soon .....





*1 - **Do you want to be in a Rock band???***

Click on the link to find out more

Rocksteady Music

Polite notice!



Smoking or vaping is not allowed on the school premises.

Please be considerate towards others and abide by our rules.

Admicity

Please ensure your child's Admicity Account is set up and complete, with each section confirmed so we can ensure we have the correct information for your child. **Parents can no longer update the dietary or medical sections, but if you need them changing please contact the office.** Thank you

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.

2027 school Admissions - window now open!



The application process for pupils beginning Primary School in September 2027 is now open.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2027

We are holding an Open evening between 6pm and 7pm on Tuesday 29th October for families who are interested in applying for a Reception place in September 2027.

Open day Tuesday 29th September 2026





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Is your child due to start school in 2027 or 2028?

If you are looking for a warm and friendly environment for your child to flourish in - then look no further!

COME AND VISIT US AT OUR OPEN EVENING DROP IN: Tuesday 29th October 2026 6-7pm

If you are unable to make the above time, please phone the school office on 01282 617035 to arrange to come and look round.

For more information about our wonderful school, please visit our school website at:

www.stpaulsnelson.co.uk





- 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



- Tuesday 29th September 2026 - Prospective Parents Evening
- Thursday 1st October 2026 - Flu Immunisations
- Thursday 8th October 2026 - Individual Pupil Photographs
- Thursday 15th October 2026 - KS1 Harvest Assembly
- Tuesday 20th October 2026 - Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October 2026 - KS2 Harvest Assembly
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - Rocksteady Music performance for EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- **Monday 26th October 2026 - October Half Term**
- **Monday 2nd November 2026 - Inset Day**
- **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Return to school**
- Friday 13th November 2026 - King Charles Birthday Celebrations
- Friday 4th December 2026 - Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 8th December 2026 - Year 1 Christmas Production (14:00pm)
- Wednesday 9th December 2026 - Year 2 Christmas Production (14:00pm)
- Thursday 10th December 2026 - EYFS Christmas Production (14:00pm)
- Tuesday 15th December 2026, 16:00pm - Christmas Carol Service at St Paul's Church

- **Monday 21st December 2026 - Christmas Holidays**
- **Monday 4th January 2027 - Return to school**
- **Monday 15th February 2027 - February Half Term**
- **Monday 22nd February 2027 - Return to school**
- Thursday 25th February 2027 - Year 4 Swimming Starts
- Monday 8th March 2027 (All Week) - Science Week
- Monday 8th March 2027 (All Week) - SAT Mock Week
- Monday 15th March 2027 (All Week) - Assessment Week
- Tuesday 23rd March 2027 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 24th March 2027 - Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production (14:00pm-15:00pm)
- **Friday 26th March 2027 - Easter Holidays**
- **Monday 12th April 2027 - Return to school**
- Friday 23rd April 2027 - St George's Day
- **Monday 3rd May 2027 - May Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 4th May 2027 - Return to school**
- **Monday 31st May 2027 - May Half Term**
- **Monday 7th June 2027 - Inset Day**
- **Tuesday 8th June 2027 - Inset Day**
- **Wednesday 9th June 2027 - Return to school**
- Tuesday 15th June 2027 - New Intake 2028 - Parents Meeting
- Monday 5th July 2027 to Wednesday 7th July 2027 - Year 6 Residential Trip
- **Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Summer Holidays**

St Paul's Church



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

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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher