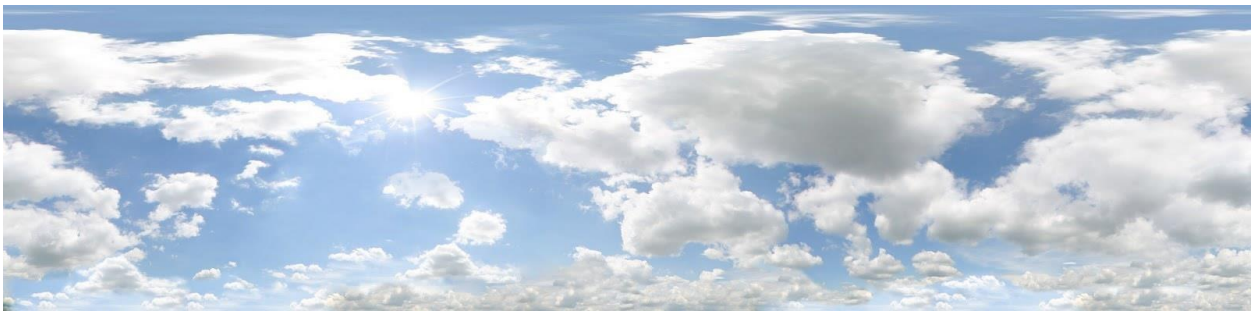
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 18th September 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

It's been another busy week at St Paul's!

It's great to see that the children have all settled into their new classes.

We have enjoyed welcoming our new EYFS children into school full-time this week

On Monday morning, our Y6 classes took part in an activity morning at Marsden Heights.

This provided a valuable insight into what to expect at secondary school.

Thank you to Mrs Maguire for organising this - as usual the pupils were great ambassadors for our school.

Also on Monday morning, the rest of the school attended a '5 ways to wellbeing' assembly, organised by Mr Tranmer.

Our new 'Early Birds' breakfast club continues to be a success - see information below.

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

Early Birds Breakfast Club



- No need to pre-book (unless your child has additional needs)
- Familiar staff
- Healthy choice of breakfast
- Indoor and outdoor play
- Allergy aware

Competition Winner



Admicity

CONSENT CHANGE - PLEASE UPDATE ADMICITY. Please can all parents log into Admicity and re-select from the consent list what your child is and is not allowed to do i.e. have photos taken etc. We have updated our lists. Thank you

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

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- **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.

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.



- 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
- **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



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- St Paul's Church | St Paul's Church of England Primary School[1]
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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

[1] https://www.stpaulsnelson.co.uk/st-pauls-church/
[2] https://www.nelsonlittlemarsden.org/