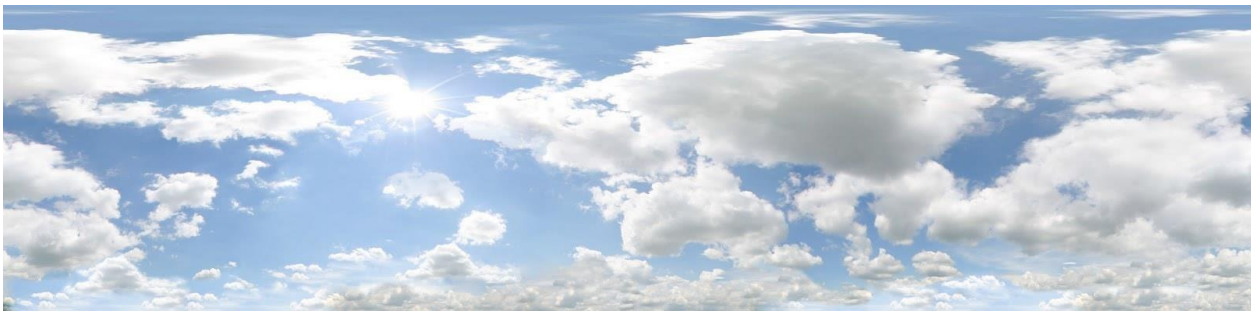
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 11th September 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

It has been a busy and exciting week here in school. The Ethos Encouragers have been busy preparing for the Church service on Sunday, however Bishop Philip has had to attend a different Church to cover the service so it will Fr Guy that is leading the service. They will also prepare a speech for the worship in school.

The children are all settling in well to their new routines and the new reception children are simply delightful. It has been lovely getting to know the new reception children and their families. We realise what a big step it is to send your little ones to school after having all that quality time at home with them and we promise to take good care of them.

Unfortunately there was an accident outside school where cars were parked on double yellow lines. Fortunately this time no one was injured but can I please reiterate how crucial it is that we keep our children safe and that people do not park on the double yellow lines or zig zags. Can I also remind people to use the crossing so that we don't have large groups of people crossing the road at such a busy time. Some of the drivers simply don't see small children. The local traffic wardens have this listed as a hotspot and have been in attendance giving out tickets.

On a positive note can I thank all the parents that have made use of our free breakfast club in a morning. It has been a huge success and I really hope that this helps you out as a family. It ensures that there is less congestion in the morning, children are settled, fed and ready for learning, they develop social skills with their friends and enjoy being nice and early for school.

Have a good weekend and we hope to see you on Sunday

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

Meet the Teacher

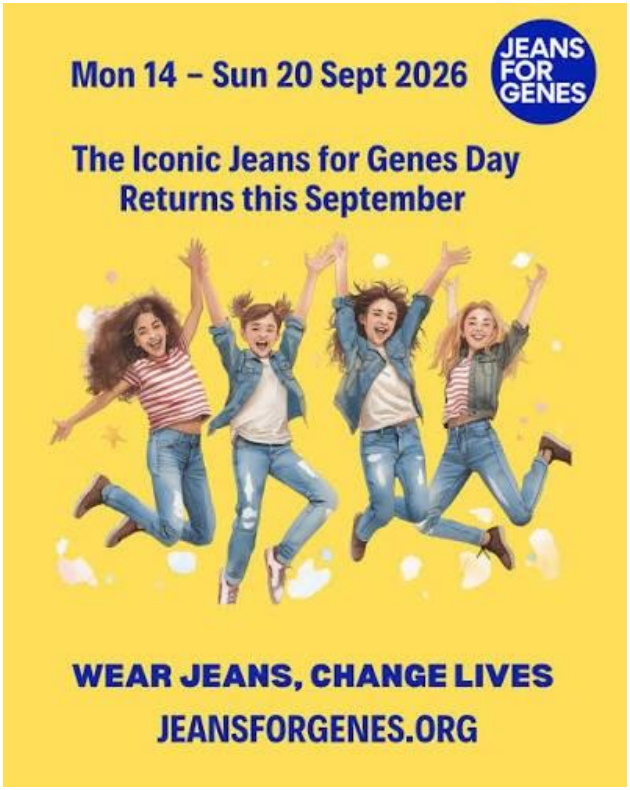


Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the meet the teacher sessions which are straight after school in the children's classrooms.

- *Year 1 - Monday 14th September*
- *Year 2 - Wednesday 16th September*
- *Year 3 - Monday 21st September*

- *Year 4 - Friday 18th September*
- *Year 5 - Thursday 17th September*
- *Year 6 - Monday 14th September*

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 18th September - Non-Uniform (PLEASE WEAR DENIM IF HAVE)



Marsden Heights Open Evening



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Dear Parents/Carers



The school has once again signed up to take part in 'Let's Go Sing'.

The school has once again signed up to take part in **'Let's Go Sing'**. This has been a very popular and hugely rewarding project which is open to year 3 and above. Mrs. Felters and Mrs. Hawkins will run this as a club in school. If your child is interested in taking part, please complete and return the slip below.

It is important to recognise that this is a commitment and will require regular attendance and effort. It is also a financial commitment for the school, which means we want to fill all 30 places to get the maximum benefit. There is no limit to the numbers attending the choir but only the first 30 children will reserve a place at the concert. Others will be placed on a waiting list in the event that others drop out. This year the concert will be in March at the newly renovated **King George's Hall in Blackburn.** Tickets will be available nearer the time and **parents must be able to collect their children after the concert.** The organisers are trying to ensure that the concert does not clash with Eid and we will get a precise date nearer the time. This year we are asking for **£8.00** towards the cost which is payable on ParentPay. This will go towards the cost of transport, a full afternoon rehearsal, the hiring of the venue and 3 rehearsals with professional musicians. The results are well worth the hard work when the children join with other schools to take part in the end of year concert. There may be opportunities to sing for other events too, including Christmas Carol Singing and School Assemblies.


FREE EVENT
Nelson
Food and Drink Festival
2026
LIVE COOKING DEMOS
MEET
ZAYNAH DIN
CELEBRITY CHEF & SOCIAL MEDIA STAR
CELEBRITY CHEF
NAEM RAFIQ
FOUNDER OF PITBOYZ SMOKEHOUSE
Food | Drinks | Crafts
Live Entertainment | #shoplocal
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
11AM - 5PM
NELSON TOWN CENTRE
nelsonfoodfestival.co.uk
SPONSORED BY
Nelson Town Council
sugden
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT
SDA
SCOTT DAWSON ADVERTISING

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

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



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

- St Paul's Church | St Paul's Church of England Primary School[1]
- Home[2]

Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

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