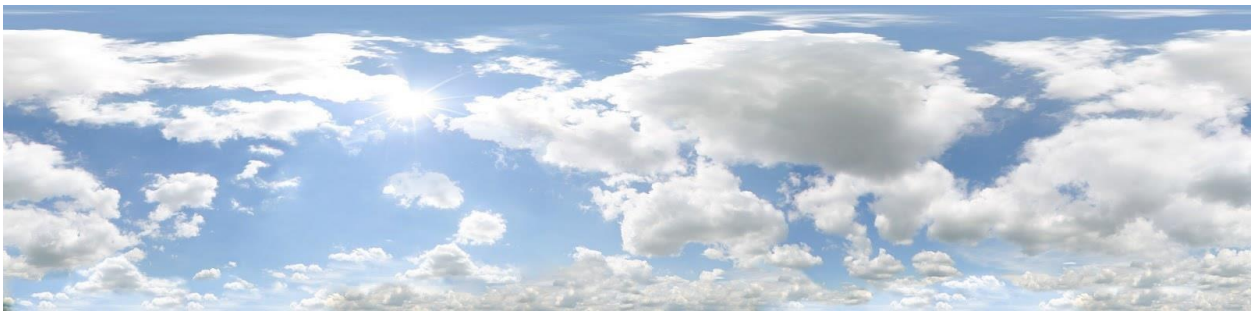
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 4th September 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

Firstly, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all the children, families and staff especially to our new children and adults. It has been a pleasure visiting the children in their new classes and watching them getting to know their new teachers and routines. The transition has been smooth and the children are happy. The values for this half term are 'Love and respect'. We thought these values would help to support the children with their new start, for the children to know that they are loved and respected and to give this in return will be the foundation for a successful school where everyone can flourish.

On Sunday 13th we will have a special Eucharist service which will include the opportunity for confirmed members of the community to take bread and wine or anyone can come forward for a blessing. Bishop Philip will be in attendance at this service. The service starts at 10:15am and will focus on the vision 2026 from Blackburn Diocese which was started ten years ago. Any children that attend the service will need an adult to stay with them at all times. It is heavily community based and I would really like to see as many of our families in attendance as possible. Our Ethos Encouragers have a special role in worship where they have certain jobs such as leading the school in prayer and lighting the candle. This week they were acting as characters from a story in the bible and did a wonderful job. These children will work with me next week to create some artwork which unpicks each of our values ready for the service on Sunday.

Please can I thank you for ensuring that your children came to school in smart uniform, a positive attitude and with all the correct equipment. Any children that find this transition tricky will be fully supported by our pastoral and SEND team. We always refresh the children's memory about policies and routines at this time of year so that they are clear on how to behave and treat each other.

On Thursday 8th October we have our careers convention in the afternoon. This will give the children an opportunity to meet people from different professions and jobs and question them about their roles. Hopefully this will inspire them and give the children an idea about the path they would like to explore in the future.

Please remember that if you have any questions or need support for anything at all then I am on the gate in a morning and at the end of the day when possible but I am always contactable so don't hesitate.

Enjoy the weekend and I hope the sun shines for you.

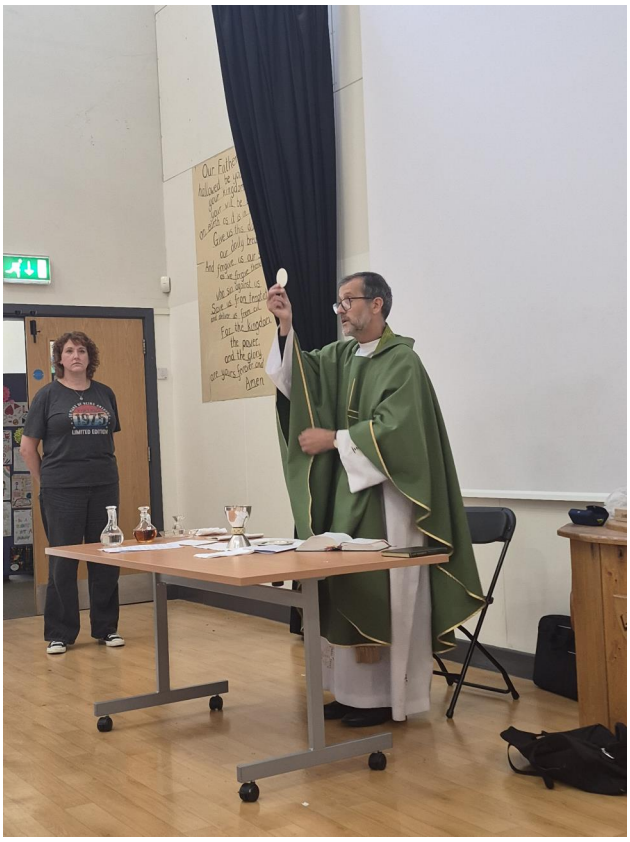
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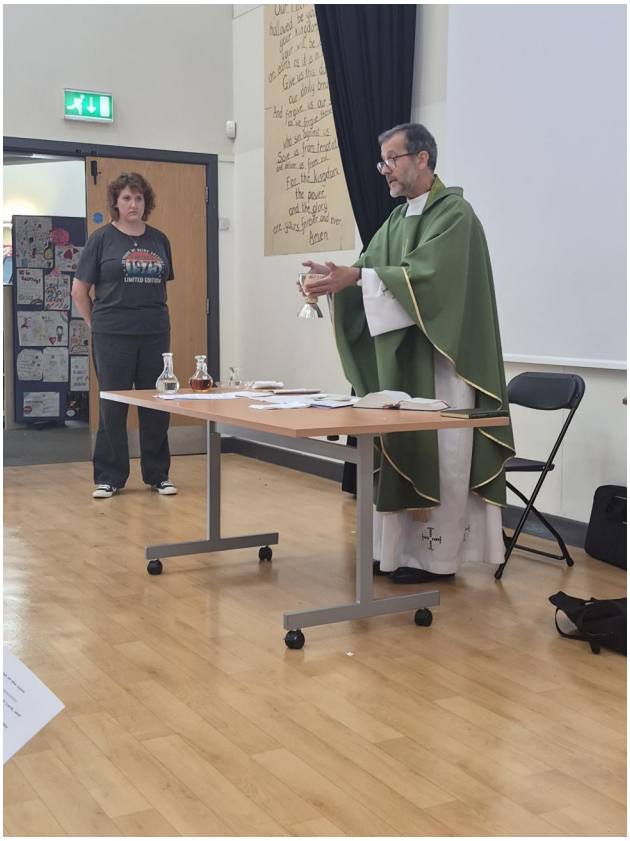
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Staff Eucharist

Our staff had a very special visit during the inset days with Father Guy. He kindly did a Eucharist service which was very special for us at St Paul's. We would like to thank Father Guy for his time and for everyone who also help with readings and prayers.







Free Breakfast Club - Early Birds

Good morning! We have some exciting news to share with you! As of Monday 7th September, we will be offering a FREE breakfast club to all pupils of St Paul's. This breakfast club will run after our current paid breakfast club, which is available from 7:30am.Children who attend the earlier breakfast club now pay less for this service as they too will receive the offer of a free club from 8:15am. The breakfast club will be based in the school hall, and we will require children to arrive and be signed-in at 8:15am. Unless your child has specific needs which require specialist support, there will be no need to pre-book into the Free breakfast club from 8:15am (pre-booking still required for earlier). We truly believe in the benefits of a good start to the school day, including a healthy meal and social activities and feel this will have a great impact on many of our children.If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing as many of the children as possible for the grand opening on Monday!



Sunday 13th September 2026 is the Education Sunday at St Paul's Church - 10:30

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.

2027 School Admissions



29th September 2026 @ 18:00

We are inviting parents and children to visit for September 2027 places. This is a chance to meet our teachers and staff, have a look round the school and relax with refreshments. All are welcome.



- 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



- Sunday 13th September 2026 - Education Sunday at St Paul's Church
- Tuesday 29th September 2026 - Prospective Parents Evening @ 18:00
- 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 (14:00)
- Wednesday 9th December 2026 - Year 2 Christmas Production (14:00)
- Thursday 10th December 2026 - EYFS Christmas Production (14:00)

- Tuesday 15th December 2026, 16:00 - 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 (14:00-15:00)
- **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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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher

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