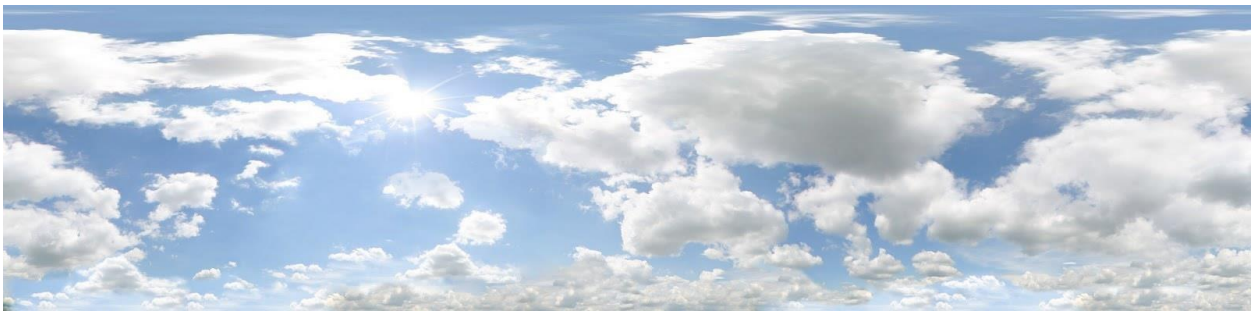
St Paul's C of E Primary School Nelson Newsletter

Love God, Love Ourselves, Love Others, Love Learning



Friday 17th July 2026



Headteacher Message



Hello,

Well firstly I would like to say thank you so much for making me feel so welcome here at St Paul's. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term getting to know everyone. I am hopefully going to cover every class next year so that I can spend a quality hour with every child. You should all be very proud of your children this year - they are a credit to you! I have read through all the reports and commented at the bottom. I was so pleased with the positive comments that were written by the staff about the children. Their effort, attainment and behaviour was excellent overall. On this note I would like to thank the wonderful team of staff here at St Paul's. They are committed and work extremely hard. They care about all of our young people and I feel privileged to be working alongside them.

We are very excited to welcome our new intake children and it has been a joy getting to know them on the transition days. However on a different note we will be saying goodbye to our lovely year 6 children. They have been a delightful year group and I feel lucky to have spent some quality time with them when I visited their residential on Tuesday evening - such characters! I would like to wish them all well and thank the year 6 staff team for the extra mile that they have gone to make their final term special. The SATs results are very pleasing and this is down to the hard work of the children and staff - well done! The headline data will be published when it has been analysed.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Dalgleish who has trained here with us and has secured a job in a local primary school, Mrs Brook-Smith who is retiring to spend time with family. Mr Perry has done an amazing job covering classes and we hope to have him back as often as we can next year. We wish them all the best. We also wish Miss Mukhtar all the best who is moving on to a high school position.

I would like to wish you a peaceful, happy and restful summer and I will look forward to seeing everyone in September. Our first value will be respect with an element of love linking to this.

I hope the sun shines for you.

Mrs J Roberts

Headteacher

New Free Breakfast Club - Named Early Bird Club - 7th September 2026 - drop off at 8:15am



We are happy to let parents know that the Early Bird Club will be starting from Monday 7th September.

This will replace bagel bar which will no longer be running.

The Early Bird Club starts at 8:15am until school starts. Please bring your children who are wanting to be dropped off at this club to the Hall Entrance at 8:15, there is no need to pre-book for this club.

Our 7.30am Breakfast Club will continue to run alongside this Early Bird Club at 8:15am which will have a reduced cost of £4 a day so they also get part of the Early Bird Club arrangement. The 7:30am Breakfast Club still needs to be pre-booked.

Both Breakfast Clubs will now be in the School Hall from September 2026.

Olympian Visit - Great Athletes - Michael Churm

Thank you to all our parents, family and friends who supported our pupils at St Paul's!! The total raised to spend in school on sports equipment is £1683.99.














Coaches
John
Francis




"Always do your best"
GreatAthletes







Year 4 - Swimming





Y4 Oaks had their last swimming lesson at Pendle Wavelengths this week. Khadijah has had such a brilliant time as did all the children.

Year 4 - Playground Upkeep



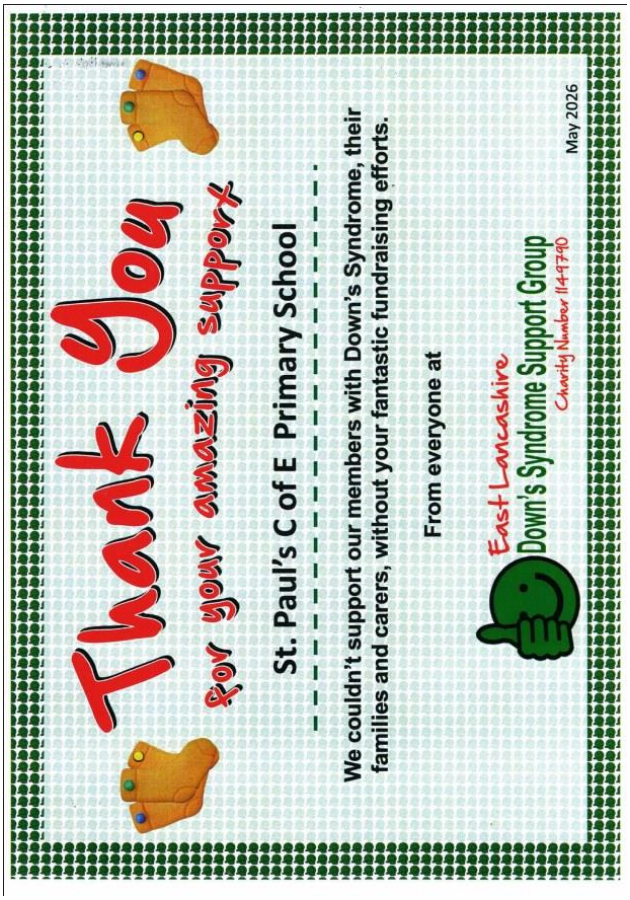






Thank you to our lovely girls in Year 4 Oak Class who have volunteered to tidy our playground up this week, keeping our school a cleaner and safer place to be. Remember to put your litter in the bin, everyone!

Thank you to all the parents and children and family members who bought gingerbread men for the Downs Syndrome Collection.



Consent form

Please fill this in and hand it in either at St Thomas' Church or at St Thomas' school office

Child's Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

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School Attended: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Contact Number 1: _____

Contact Number 2: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact
(if different from above)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Medical Information

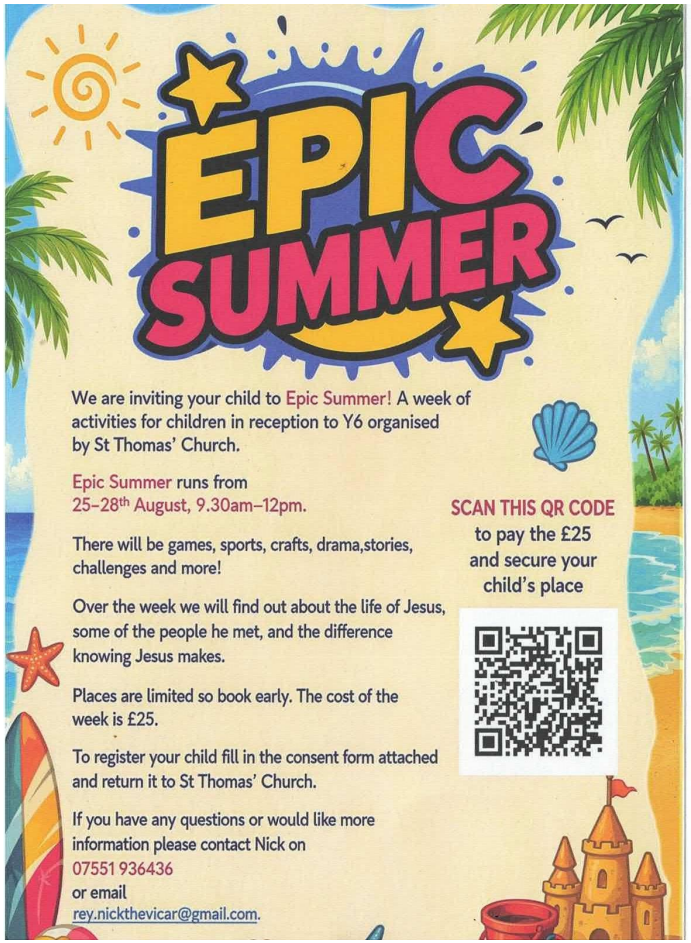
Please provide details of any medical conditions, allergies, or additional needs:

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We are inviting your child to Epic Summer! A week of activities for children in reception to Y6 organised by St Thomas' Church.

Epic Summer runs from 25–28th August, 9.30am–12pm.

There will be games, sports, crafts, drama,stories, challenges and more!

Over the week we will find out about the life of Jesus, some of the people he met, and the difference knowing Jesus makes.

Places are limited so book early. The cost of the week is £25.

To register your child fill in the consent form attached and return it to St Thomas' Church.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Nick on 07551 936436 or email rey.nickthevicar@gmail.com.

SCAN THIS QR CODE to pay the £25 and secure your child's place

Consent form

Please fill this in and hand it in either at St Thomas' Church or at St Thomas' Church

Location: St Thomas Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford, BB9 6QS

Dates: 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th August

Times: 9.30am – 12pm

Age Group: 4 -11 years

Permissions

- ☐ I give permission for my child to attend the EPIC! Holiday Club.
- ☐ I give permission for my child to receive first aid or emergency medical treatment if necessary.
- ☐ I give permission for photographs/videos of my child to be taken and used for church publicity (e.g., newsletters, website, social media).
- ☐ I am happy for St Thomas Church to contact me about future events.

Emergency Contact (if different from above)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Contact: Rev Nick Murray rev.nickthevicar@gmail.com | Mobile: 07551936436 | Landline: 01282613206

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.

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



- **Monday 20th July 2026 - Inset Day (School Closed)**
- **Tuesday 1st September 2026 and Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Inset Days (School Closed)**
- **Thursday 3rd September 2026 - Return to school**

St Paul's Church



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Kind Regards

Jo Roberts

Headteacher