



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus." (I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 2, Week 5

3rd December 2021

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is: **Patience**

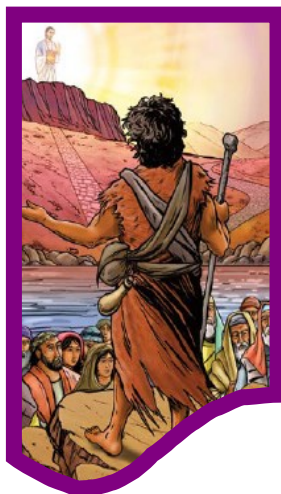
Week 5 already, how time flies when you are having fun! I've had a fantastic week in school and thoroughly enjoyed my walk around on Friday when I went to see all the DT that was going on at St Paulinus! From fabulous present wrapping and decorating biscuits in Early Years, to sewing in Year 2 and to a Mexican feast in Year 6, it was great to see the children excited about their upcoming final projects and all that they had been learning in DT. I'm sure the children will also be able to apply these skills to their jobs at home!

A quick reminder for this week: Please remember that the correct PE kit must be worn on PE days - this includes a plain white t-shirt (with or without the school logo) and the school PE hoodie. If you need any support in buying these items and you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the office and we will be able to help you.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Miss Hayes

2nd Sunday of Advent



In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming. This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed. Enjoy a very special time together hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **PREPARATION**.

"In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas."
Pope Francis

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance overall is 95.2%

Attending school on time and every day is such an important part of your child's learning process.

This week's class attendance:

EYJ : 97% / EYR : 92%

Class 1B: 98%	Class 1T: 91%	Class 2C: 92%	Class 2IB: 96%
Class 3N: 97%	Class 3W: 93%	Class 4G: 90%	Class 4T: 93%
Class 5S: 97%	Class 5SC: 87%	Class 6C: 93%	Class 6H: 94%



The winners of KS1 and KS2 are 1B, 3N & 5S they will receive extra playtime for their attendance.

'An outstanding school, which is deeply committed to the Catholic mission... this school inspires all within this faith community to live life to the full.' Ofsted 2017



Preparing for Advent Day

Year 1 - have had a lovely time preparing for Advent and decorating their classroom.

We have decorated our tree, made paper chains and decorated angels for the hall Christmas display, along with writing Advent promises and listening to Christmas carols!



Olaf (1B) with his beautiful home-made wreath

Year 2 - Our Advent Day :

2IB thought about the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

2C thought about the carol "Silent Night".

We listened to the carols and decorated houses for our display.

We also wrote some Advent Promises, a couple of these are -

- In Advent I promise to try and say hello to my grandad everyday because he is lonely.
- In Advent I promise to make some cards and presents for people who don't have anything.
- In Advent I promise to I say sorry if I do something wrong or hurt someone.
- In Advent I promise to smile at people to show I care.



We had a very busy fun day in EYU getting ready for Advent. We took it in turns to out a bauble on our Christmas tree, we made Advent promises and the Nursery children made their own Advent wreath.

St. Paulinus Church Christmas Fair

REMINDER: Saturday 4 December, 13:00 - 15:30

Come and visit Santa at St. Paulinus Parochial Hall and receive a present for £1.00. There will be a tombola, bottle stall, Christmas gifts, toiletries and refreshments available.



Congratulations to all our Early Years and Key Stage 1 super stars!

Celebration Certificates

Excellence

- EYJ Louis N
- EYR Zofia J

Endeavour

- 1B Fabian K
- 1T Luke G

- 2C Kaisen M
- 2IB Tommy D

Service to School

Star Readers

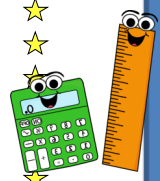
- EYJ Lucy R
- EYR Ezra L
- 1B Olaf K
- 1T Ayesha R
- 2C Francesca L
- 2IB Nevaeh S

Wonderful Writers

- EYJ Umm-E-Hani M
- EYR Antonia K
- 1B Frankie Y
- 1T Adam C
- 2C Daniyal R
- 2IB Taboka MM

Maths Marvels

- EYJ Harvey F
- EYR Cohen W
- 1B Zayan A
- 1T Caitlyn W
- 2C Maira B
- 2IB Spencer P



Early Years



On Monday we had great fun playing in the snow! We made footprints, snow angels and touched the snow- it was very cold and wet. Then we discovered some thick ice on top of the sand pit!

Musa found a gigantic piece and said it was freezing and was amazed how the leaves were frozen inside it!

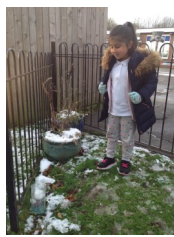
Year 1

During our worships this week we have lit the first candle on our Advent wreath.



We discussed the meaning of the first candle which is hope, and the things we are hopeful for during this wonderful time of the year.

Last week in **Science** we created a rain gauge and began an investigation measuring the amount of rainfall throughout the week. We were absolutely amazed to find that our rain gauge had frozen on Monday morning, which will eventually melt to add to our results! This was a great learning opportunity and we discussed what happens to water when the weather becomes really cold. We tipped our rain gauge upside down and no water came out as it had turned to ice!



Year 2 have had an exciting week...

Year 2

In **Science** we carried out an investigation to see what happened to chocolate when it was melted and if this change was reversible or irreversible. So we didn't waste the melted chocolate, we made them into rice crispy buns. They were delicious.

In **Maths** we began our work on Multiplication. We have used counters to make arrays to help us see how the multiplication equation looks.



We also learnt a very big word - **Commutativity**

This describes sums that can be moved around and will still give the same answer. For example: $3 \times 6 = 18$ and $6 \times 3 = 18$



Using simple stitches to make a seam.

In **Design Technology** we started to make our little bags using a simple stitch. This was very tricky but we all used our **perseverance** learning muscle.

Wanted : Christmas Jumpers

If you have any unwanted children's Christmas jumpers, please could you send them in next week.

We hope to have a sale on Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th December, after school finishes by the main reception. All funds will go into helping us buy things for the children.



Attendance Absence



...every school day counts!

If your child is absent from school you must telephone the office on (01924 488282) on the first day of absence before 9.30 am and provide a reason.

If we receive no confirmation of the reason you will receive a phone call home. If we are unable to get hold of you within 45 mins of school registers being taken we will contact the next person your child's emergency list. If we are unable if we are unable to get hold of anyone we may arrange a home visit.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 4 December
13:00 - 15:30

St. Paulinus Church
Christmas Fair
@ Parochial Hall

Monday 6 December

Advent 2 Liturgy
in classrooms

Monday 13 December

Advent 3 Liturgy
in classrooms

Thursday 16 December

Christmas Dinner,
Jumper & Chocolate Raffle

Friday 17 December

Early Finish

Friday 17 December - early finish

As per tradition, we will be closing school slightly earlier for the end of Autumn Term on Friday 17 December as follows:

Nursery : 11:45 | Reception / Years 1 - 6 : 13:30

School buses will be running and will leave school at 13:15, then make their pick up at St. John Fishers at 13:20.

FOSP Christmas

Christmas gifts are go on sale from Monday 6th December.

Wrapped gift: £1 (or 50p for children in Nursery or reception),

Christmas tree hanging decoration: £1

Guess the name of the teddy £1 an entry.

Gifts and guess the name of the teddy will be on sale until Tuesday 14th December.



Sporting Achievements

Well it has been yet another week of wonderful sporting achievements, which kicked off with KS1 taking part in a multi-skills festival on Tuesday. Then on Wednesday night 18 of

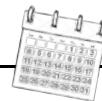
our Year 6 children took part in the Indoor Athletics quarter finals, where we came 2nd!

There were some close finishes in the track events. Well done to all of our sporting stars!



School Calendar

2021/2022



Term 1

Start	Tues 7 Sept. 2021
Half Term	Fri 22 Oct. - Fri 29 Oct. 2021
Restart	Mon 1 Nov. 2021
End of Term	Fri 17 Dec. 2021

Term 2

Start	Tues 4 Jan. 2022
Half Term	Mon 21 Feb. - Fri 25 Feb. 2022
Restart	Mon 28 Feb. 2022
End of Term	Fri 8 April 2022

Term 3

Start	Mon 25 April 2022
Half Term	Mon 30 May - Fri 3 June 2022
Restart	Weds. 8 June 2022
End of Term	Fri 22 July 2022

Occasional Days - School closed

INSET Day	Mon 6 Sept. 2021
INSET Day	Fri 22 Oct. 2021
Bank Holiday	Mon 3 Jan. 2022
Queen's platinum anniversary day (70 years of service)	Mon 6 June 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 7 June 2022
INSET Day	Mon 25 & 26 July 2022

School Milk : Spring Term 2022

All KS1 and KS2 are eligible to receive milk in school. Money for school milk for next term (Spring: January- April) is now due. Please log on to ParentPay and make a payment of **£11.65**



Deadline for last orders :
Friday 10 December 2021.

Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection Officers:
Miss Hayes, Mrs Davies, Miss Duarte,
Mr Hutton, Mrs Bentley, Miss Regan,
Mrs Cooper, Mrs Watt, Mr Regan
or ring Duty and Advice on 01484 456848,
in confidence. Thank you.