



# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

"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'

Spring Term 1, Week 1

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

# Head's welcome



Well, I have had such a wonderful week in school this week. It has been a joy to see all the children and to hear about the different things they got up to in the holidays. Lots of smiles and lots of children excited about being back in school and seeing their friends again.

Next week we have an important meeting for year 1 parents to help them with the phonics screening check that the children will be sitting in June. This term there will also be parents meetings for year 2 and Year 6 to go through the SATs, so keep an eye out for these upcoming dates if you are in these year groups.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!



Miss Hayes

### REMINDER: Admissions Deadline

#### Reception Applications

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and would like to apply for a reception place in September 2023 please apply on line at :

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx>

The application into St. Paulinus is a 2-part application, to ensure your child receives the correct over subscription criteria you **MUST** complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from our school and return this before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The Admissions deadline for this September is: **15 January 2023**

*If you have any questions about the above please contact the School Office*

### Parents Invite: Fun with Phonics

#### EYU Parents - Save the Date!

Parents of EYU children are invited to a "Fun with Phonics" session on the **Thursday 12 January** from 09:00 -10:00 am.

Please save the date so we can have as many parents as possible benefit from this session. It has been designed to showcase the outstanding phonics work we do in school that supports your child in learning to read. It will also help you support your child at home.

### Parents Invite: Phonics Screening

#### Year 1 Parents - Save the Date!

Parents of Year 1 children are invited to a "Phonics Screening Check" session on **Tuesday 10 January** at 17:00, or **Thursday 12 January** at 09:00 am.

The session on Thursday will be followed by a short parents only session. We look forward to seeing you at either of these sessions. Remember to return your consent form informing us of which session you will be attending. It will also help you support your child at home.

*'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

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## The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

## SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL



Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

**"The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God."**

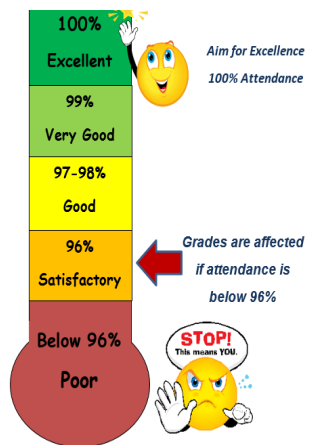
**Pope Francis**

## Attendance Matters

St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy is committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our pupils. Regular attendance is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them. Attendance and punctuality are important to allow children to achieve their full potential during their time at school.

As a school we consider attendance to be extremely important and would like the continued support of our parents in ensuring their child attends school regularly and on time. We have a zero tolerance policy on parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday. Kirklees Council will issue penalty notices or it may lead to fast track prosecution at the magistrate's court, if you are convicted, you could be fined up to £1000 and you will get a criminal record, this is regardless of your child's attendance percentage.

## ATTENDANCE



## Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 88.15%, and attendance so far 92.69%

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

### This week's class attendance:

KS1 - Nursery:	72%	Reception:	81%	Year 1:	86%	Year 2:	85%
KS2 - Year 3:	91%	Year 4:	89%	Year 5:	88%	Year 6:	94%



The winners of KS1 and KS2 were Year 1 and Year 6 who will receive extra playtime next week for their attendance last week.

## Attendance Absence



If your child is absent from school you **MUST** telephone the office on (01924 488282) on the first day of absence before 09:30 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.

## EYFS Nursery

Welcome to our 4 new nursery children who started in school on Tuesday. They have all settled in well into our school family .



## Year 1

We have a new topic in art this term. We have been learning about drawing with different drawing techniques including zigzags, stippling and crosshatch. We used different mark makers to create a garden landscape with lots of wriggling worms.



## Year 3

We have started the New Year with new topics that we are thoroughly enjoying! In **Science**, the children have been fascinated by the new subject of Light and Dark. In **P.E.**, we experienced yoga and are learning the 543 breathing technique. As part of the Epiphany, the children tasted a 'Galette des Rois' where one child who found the 'fève', was crowned King / Queen for the day.

## Year 6 Life Skills Education: Lesson 10 – 'My Support Network'

This week was our final 'Life Skills' lesson and the focus was on our 'Support Networks'. We introduced the idea of a 'support network' using the definition: *A person, group of people or an organisation you can go to for advice, information, help, encouragement, protection, or guidance.* We highlighted the following people and organisations we could turn to if we ever needed help, support or guidance: Family, Teachers, School Nurture Team, NSPCC, Childline, Kooth, Talk to Frank etc. We also completed our Life Skills reports on what we had studied over the last 10 weeks and discussed what skills we have acquired that we can use in the future to keep us safe.



## School Choir "Young Voices"

On Thursday, our St. Paulinus choir had an amazing time at the Young Voices 2023 concert at Sheffield Arena. We spent the afternoon rehearsing for the evening concert and then after a well deserved tea break we really came to life! It was a truly wonderful experience to be a part of a choir with over 4000 children. We sang and boogied the evening away and every single child gave it everything they had. We are so proud of all the children that attended and how well they represented St. Paulinus.

You are all superstars!

*Singing Together*



YOUNG VOICES



# IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Tuesday 10 January 16:00 - 17:00	Year 6 Girls BPS Trust Football
Tuesday 10 January 17:00	Year 1 Parents Invite: Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 12 January 09:00 - 10:00	EYU Parents Invite: Fun with Phonics
Thursday 12 January 09:00 - 10:00	Year 1 Parents Invite: Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 24 January 17:00	Year 6 SATs Parents Information Evening
Tuesday 24 January 16:00 - 17:00	Year 6 Boys BPS Trust Football
Tuesday 31 January 09:00 Repeated at 17:00	Year 2 SATs Parents Information Session

# School Calendar 2022/2023



Term 2 - Spring	
Start	Tues. 3 Jan. 2023
Half Term	Mon. 13 Feb. - Fri. 17 Feb. 2023
Restart	Mon. 20 Feb. 2023
End of Term	Fri. 31 Mar. 2023

Term 3 - Summer	
Start	Mon. 17 Apr. 2023
Half Term	Mon. 29 May - Mon. 5 June 2023
Restart	Tues. 6 June 2023
End of Term	Fri. 21 July 2023

Occasional Days - School closed	
May Day	Mon. 1 May 2023
King's Coronation	Mon. 8 May 2023
INSET Day	Mon 5 June 2023
INSET Days	Mon. 24 & Tues. 25 July 2023

## Spring Term 1 - P.E. Days

- Nursery : Wednesdays
- Reception : Wednesdays
- Year 1 : Wednesday & Thursdays
- Year 2 : Tuesday & Fridays
- Year 3 : Wednesday & Thursdays
- Year 4 : Tuesday & Fridays
- Year 5 : Thursday & Fridays / 5SI Swimming
- Year 6 : Monday & Thursdays



Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit, which comprises of : Grey School Hoodie with school logo / Plain White t-shirt (with or without logo) / Jogging bottoms in plain grey or black. They will also need a pair of trainers.



## Safeguarding

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

## Keep in touch ...



- Download the **School Piota App** from your iTunes / playstore, search for Paulinus. Remember to allow notifications to receive all the important messages/reminders.
- Follow us on **FaceBook** 'St Paulinus Catholic Primary School
- Follow us on **Twitter** @StPaulinusDews - we hope to keep you up-to-date with all the latest news and events and look forward to reading your Tweets.
- Also don't forget to check out the **School's website** : [www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk](http://www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk)