



# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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## ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Spring Term 1, Week 2

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

# Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

*Friendship*

A great week in school this week! We really enjoyed our parent invite event, "Fun with phonics", for Early Years and for Year 1. The children loved showing off their classrooms and reading skills!

If any parent(s) would like any advice on how to help your child with reading at home, in any year group, you can either speak to your child's teacher or contact Mrs. Beirne, who is our phonics and early reading leader, or Mrs. McHale, who is our Deputy Head. I cannot promote reading enough! All research shows that children who are good, confident readers really have the best chance to flourish in their education and find accessing the whole curriculum much easier. Reading can open up so many opportunities to us at any age, and so we are determined to help every child we can to "crack the code" so that they can read any word! One of the best ways to help your child in this mission is to read to them and to listen to them reading to you every day or as often as possible. Together, we will succeed!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and I will see you all on Monday.

Miss Hayes

### Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 92.94%, and attendance so far 93.80%

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:	92%	Reception:	94%	Year 1:	99%	Year 2:	95%
KS2 - Year 3:	95%	Year 4:	89%	Year 5:	90%	Year 6:	94%

The winners of KS1 and KS2 were Year 1 and Year 3 who will receive extra playtime next week for their attendance last week.

### FINAL 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*

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## Year 3

This week in **French** the children have had fun rehearsing the French names for different body parts. They sang a song and sped up to see if they could remember them all. They had great fun!



In **P.E.**, they enjoyed their first session on the Dance Mats. They found out that they needed to listen and look at the same time to be able to tap the right part of their Dance Mats.

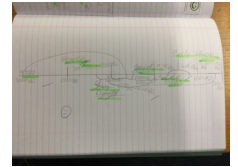


## Year 4



This week in **P.E.**, we got to use the dance mats! We loved dancing along to the songs and learning new routines... some of them were hard but extremely fun!

In **History**, we started our new topic of 'The Shang Dynasty'. We learnt about how and when the Shang Dynasty began.



In **Maths** we have been looking at fractions and different ways of representing them! We have investigated equivalent fractions and what makes them equivalent.

## Year 6

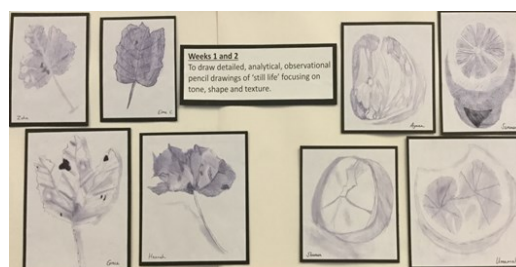
### English: 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan.

This week, we were began to our new class book which is an award-winning picture book entitled 'The Arrival'. The book is particularly special as it is a visual narrative meaning there is no text, just a series of images that help us to drive the story forward using our inferential skills. Over the coming weeks, we will create the text to support the pictures through our narrative story writing and then later, produce a recount and poetry on events in the plot. So far, we have made predictions on what the story is about by examining the front, back and inside covers. Also, we have looked at the opening page's images which give an insight into the lifestyle the main characters have and again made predictions on the situation they find themselves in.



### ART – Drawing Skills: Lessons 1 & 2

Over the last two weeks, we have been doing detailed, analytical, observational drawings using pencils. We have drawn leaves and slices of fruit in detail focusing on various elements such as line, shape, texture, tone, pattern and form. We then discussed and reviewed the images and looked at how we can improve our work taking into account these comments. Our next step is to enlarge a specific section of our drawing in greater detail.



# IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Wednesday 18 January  
09:00

Parents Invite:  
Coffee Morning & Chat  
with Debby Murphy  
(Parent Co-Worker)

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

Friday 2 February

Eurovision

## Parents Invite : Cuppa and a Chat

Wednesday 18 January at 09:00 am

Come and join Ms Murphy (Parent & Community Worker) for a cuppa, biscuit and an informal chat about what we can offer you and your child in terms of support, etc.

We look forward to meeting you.



# 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

INSET Day	Mon. 6 Sept. 2022
Queen's Funeral	Mon. 19 Sept. 2022
INSET Day	Mon. 31 Oct. 2022 (Trust Training Day)
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

## Safeguarding

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



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### TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 – 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023			SPRING TERM 2024			SUMMER TERM 2024		
40 days (1 Inset)		35 days (1 Inset)	25 days (8 Inset)		25 days	34 days		36 days (2 Insets)
75 DAYS			50 DAYS			70 DAYS		
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY
TUESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> SEPT.	MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> OCT.	FRIDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> DEC.	TUESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> JAN.	MONDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> FEB.	FRIDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> MAR.	MONDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	MONDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> MAY	FRIDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> JULY
	RETURN			RETURN			RETURN	
	TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> NOV.			MONDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> FEB			TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	

#### DAYS TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

GOOD FRIDAY: FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024  
EASTER MONDAY: MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024

MAY DAY: MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

#### \* STAFF TRAINING (INSET) DATES – Pupils do not attend on these days (these may be subject to alteration)

- MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023
- MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023
- MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024
- MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024 (INSET DAY)
- MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024 – DISAGGREGATED DAY

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