

*Through the love of God, we protect our school community. Together we trust, hope, persevere and flourish on life's great adventure.*

## Events in school this term

### The Plumber Drummer

The Plumber Drummer is an incredible musical entertainment act like you have never seen before. Nathan the plumber drummer has his own unique homemade pipe drum kit which uses slippers and not drum sticks!. He created a fun and engaging atmosphere, which the pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed.



### Fundraising disco

Party Mania Discos once again entertained the children with crazy dances, hilarious jokes and brilliant tunes! The children and staff had a fantastic time and our KS1 pupils also had a surprise visit from Katie Bear the mascot of the Leeds Children's Heart Surgery fund. Every child who has open heart surgery at the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit receives a Katie Bear teddy, certificate, and medal and thanks to everyone's support we raised just over £180 which will go towards the purchase of Katie Bear teddies and medals.



### SEN coffee morning

Mrs Evans, our SENDCo, hosted a coffee morning in January for parents in school whose children receive additional support in school. We were joined by representatives from Bradford SENDIASS who help parents to work together with schools and the local authority so that they have a good understanding of what support is needed for their child.

### Mosque Visit

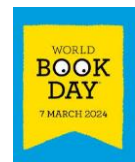
Year 2 visited a Mosque to learn more about the Islamic faith. Pupils learnt about the structure of the mosque building, prayer routines and celebrations. Children were able to handle artefacts and ask questions. The children learnt many interesting facts and enjoyed reflecting on their trip back in the classroom.

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 is World Book Day

Throughout the week we will be celebrating reading and to make it extra special for the children we have organised some surprise activities that we will reveal closer to the date!

On World Book Day itself, we are inviting children to wear non-uniform linked to planet earth, this could be in the theme of recycling, saving energy, the planets, explorers, maybe wearing blue or green or... get creative and think outside the box!

We really hope the children find the events throughout the week both enjoyable and inspirational.



## Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Travelling Books fair in the school hall at the end of the school day from Tuesday 27 February to Tuesday 05 March 2024.

Every book purchased earns credits towards free books for our school.

Cashless Payment Option: Parents can pay for books while they're at the Fair using a QR code to easily access our parent pay website.

There is something for every pocket on the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. Approximately 30% of titles are under £5.

Prices start at just £2.99 and there are a number of ways to pay, children will also be able to use World Book Day tokens towards the cost of selected books. The catalogue of books available can be found on the Scholastic website.

For further information visit

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

The Scholastic logo is a red square with the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters and a small white icon of a book to the left.

## Late arrivals to school

Please be reminded that school starts at 8:40am prompt.

Since returning to school on the 3rd January there have been **82 children** arriving late to school, of these **52 have repeatedly arrived late to school** collectively missing a total of **120 hours and 15 minutes** of learning time.

- ***If a child is late they miss important information about the days activities.***
- ***A child that is late will miss school work.***
- ***Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day with them.***

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

We understand there may be times when a late arrival is unavoidable, however, this should only ever be due to exceptional circumstances.

We will be writing to all pupils who persistently arrive late to school with details of additional monitoring we will be putting in place to ensure the correct support is given to address reasons for repeated late arrivals.



## Swimming update



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February was the final swimming session for our Year 5 pupils. Looking forwards, it is our intention that our pupils will access swimming in an alternative way to avoid expensive transport and staffing costs.

During the summer term of 2025, we plan to have a temporary swimming pool on our school site, enabling at least two classes to access lessons via an intensive course. Year 5 (they will then be year 6) will be able to access further swimming during this time.

We hope that this approach will impact positively on the swimming outcomes of our pupils; ensuring that as many pupils as possible can keep themselves safe and achieve the standard expected in the national curriculum.

## Updated information regarding Educational/ Residential Visits

In line with our recently reviewed Charging and remissions policy, we have also written an Educational Visits and Residential Strategy. We are pleased to share that moving forwards, St Paul's have made the commitment to give our pupils the opportunity to have one residential experience during Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) and one educational visit per year for all pupils. The visits this year will be in the summer term and linked to the learning that your child has undertaken throughout the year.



Detailed information, including payment details, will be shared with parents after the half term holiday.

## Attendance

As a school, we aim for a whole school attendance figure of 96%, our current whole school attendance is 94.6%.

We understand there are times when your child may be ill and cannot attend and as a school we will support children to miss any work they may have missed out on.

Unfortunately, we continue to have families taking their children out of school during term time for holidays and this has a big impact on the children and the other pupils in class.



***Please be reminded any unauthorised leave of absence during term time can lead to a fine being issued, this can also include days off from school where no acceptable reason has been provided e.g repeated illness without evidence or consistent late arrivals.***

## School Uniform

We continue to have children wearing incorrect PE kits to school. Please be reminded the required clothing for PE days is:

- Navy shorts, (warmer weather) white round neck T-shirt
- Family zipped hoodie
- Plain navy or black track suit bottoms and trainers

Family hoodies can be purchased from <https://maduck.co.uk>, Tel: 01274 410816 or search for Mad Duck Ltd on Facebook.

For any family finding it difficult to purchase a family hoodie, please speak to Mrs Moore as a payment plan can be agreed to help.

## Rainbow Squad

Our Rainbow Squad childcare provision is now fully up and running and we have crammed in a lot of exciting activities this half term and have been enjoying outdoor games in the lighter afternoons.

The Rainbow Squad childcare is available every Monday to Friday, 3:10pm to 5pm at £6 per day.

To reserve a place contact the school office.



February half term  
**SPORTS AND DANCE CLUB**

**MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

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## Dates for your diary

### February

- 19 School reopens
- 19 Young Voices in Sheffield
- 19 Reception class audio screening
- 20 Reception class eye tests
- 20 Year 6 SATS parents meeting
- 21 Year 2 Friendships workshop
- 23 Year 3 Road Safety workshop part 1
- 26 Year 2 My Feelings workshop
- 27 First day of travelling book fair
- 29 Year 3 Road safety workshop part 2

### March

- 05 Last day of travelling book fair
- 07 World book day
- 12 Baby chicks in Reception class
- 22 Easter themed lunch
- 22 School closes for Easter break

