

Monday Memo



Monday 8th June

Summer Term

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Welcome back to Summer 2 Term

☀️ Welcome back to Summer 2! We hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and are ready for an exciting and busy final half term of the school year.

This half term, we have lots of engaging learning opportunities planned across the curriculum. We will continue to build on the progress made so far and encourage the children to challenge themselves, develop their independence, and celebrate their achievements. 📚

As always, thank you for your continued support with reading, homework, and attendance. These all play an important role in helping your child/ren succeed.

📅 Please keep an eye on upcoming communications for important dates, events, and any additional information about activities taking place this half term. The diary dates on the Monday Memo could be amended each week. ✨

Staffing

★ After 14 years of dedication and hard work, at the end of the academic year we will be saying farewell to a valued member of our school community, Mrs Almond. Throughout her time at St. Paul's, Mrs Almond has inspired so many pupils and helped create wonderful memories, opportunities, and experiences. ★

Mrs Almond's passion as Forest School Lead and PE Lead has made a lasting difference to so many children and staff alike. We wish her all the very best for the future and every success in her next chapter. Good luck, you will be hugely missed by all! 🍀

Over the next few weeks, we will begin the process to recruit a Year 5 teacher/PE specialist. We will keep you updated with staffing arrangements for September 2026.



We also wish a fond farewell to Reverend Margaret who has supported school during her time at St. Paul's Church. While we are sad to see her leave, we are grateful for the time we have shared and for all that Rev. Margaret has given to our community. In September we welcome Reverend Hannah to begin a new chapter at St. Paul's. Please join us in giving Reverend Hannah a warm welcome.



Well done!

♥ Well done to five of our amazing staff team who participated in Race for Life on Saturday at Avenham Park, in Preston. So far they have raised £928.75 for Cancer Research UK. Special thanks to Mrs Braddock for her wonderful support as cheerleader! ♥



Diary Dates – Information to follow

Monday 8 th June School re-opens for Summer 2 Term	Wednesday 10 th June Year 1 Phonics Check & Year 2 Phonics Re-Check Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Year 5/Year 6 Athletics Club starts	Monday 15 th June Key Stage 2 Sword Fencing Club starts	Tuesday 16 th June FOSPS Father's Day Pop-Up Shop Year 2 Child Safe & Year 6 Road Sense Visit
Friday 19 th June Year 6 Reading Breakfast 09:05am Sports Day Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) 10:00 - 11:30am EYFS/Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) 1:30pm - 3:00pm		Monday 22 nd June Whole class photographs	Wednesday 24 th June Dance from the Heart Roadshow



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Sunday 28th June FOSPS Colour Run	Thursday 2nd July Transition Day for all classes	Saturday 5th July St. Paul's Church Summer Fayre (See poster below)	Tuesday 7th July Year 4 Class Trip SATs Results Key Stage 2 Production 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday 8th July Year 2 Class Trip Key Stage 2 Production 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Thursday 9th July Reception Class Worship 09:05am	Tuesday 14th July FOSPS Disco Key Stage 1 1:30pm Key Stage 2 2:15pm	
Thursday 16th July Whole School End of Term Awards 09:00am - 09:30am in school hall Year 6 Leaver's Awards 10:30am - 11:30am in school hall		Friday 17th July End of term service at St. Paul's Church 1:30pm - 2:00pm Collect from church	



St. Paul's Farington Moss

Summer Fayre

Sunday 5th July

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Raffle - First Prize £100

Drawn at 1.30pm by

The Worshipful Mayor of South Ribble

Tombola Cake Stall Bric-a-Brac

Food & Drink Local Crafts

And much more...

Free Entry



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and linked accounts. In the UK, licensed gambling is illegal for under-18s, yet young people may still encounter betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

EASY ONLINE ACCESS

Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available and can be accessed through phones, tablets, computers, and, indirectly, gaming or social platforms. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's account. Digital wallets, prepaid cards, and saved payment details can also make spending harder to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.

PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Social media influencers, online tipsters, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or part of being a committed fan. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends talk about odds, accumulators, or predictions during matches. Gambling advertising rules aim to protect under-18s, but children can still see persuasive betting content in online spaces.

FREE BET OFFERS

Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or 'risk-free' promotions to attract users. These offers can make gambling seem safe or low commitment, but they usually include terms and conditions that young people may not understand. A free incentive can lead to real spending, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.

NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can make gambling feel like a routine part of watching sport. Young people may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than as financial risk. This can also blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skins betting, or casino-style games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting brands through sports broadcasts, social media, sponsorship, pitch-side advertising, and content linked to major fixtures. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem normal, glamorous, or expected as part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may connect betting with excitement, loyalty, and success, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated decisions can become costly and emotionally harmful.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or online tipsters. Keep the tone calm and curious, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without fearing punishment.

EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE

Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around live sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, tipster pages, or discussions between friends. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.

Meet Our Expert

Bubba Gaedert is a Senior Lecturer and the Head of Events at the University Campus of Esports. He is also the President and Co-Founder of the Videogames and Esports Foundation, a charity that supports safe and inclusive gaming environments. With over 25 years of experience in esports, education, and media, Bubba is a global leader in promoting positive gaming practices for youth and families.



SET SAFER BOUNDARIES

Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions where possible, and require adult approval for purchases. Check payment histories for unfamiliar withdrawals, digital wallet use, or repeated small transactions. These safeguards work best alongside clear conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.

NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT

Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather information and seek specialist advice where needed. Organisations such as GambleAware, Ygam, GAMSTOP, and the Gambling Commission provide information about gambling harms, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

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