



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 2 - 26.09.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks here at St Paul's as the children have continued to immerse themselves in their learning and topics. What has been lovely is that so many parents and carers have commented that their child/ren are coming home talking about what they have been learning at school. This shows to me that our teachers are working hard to ensure that learning is engaging and memorable. If you have not done so already, please do look on your child's class page on the school's website; here you will find a range of knowledge organisers that may support your discussions at home about what your child is currently learning.

Something we have been working on this year since returning is the provision at break time and lunch time. We are currently investing in new resources and ideas that will provide the children with fun activities to engage in. Our new outdoor 'Connect 4' and 'Jenga' have already arrived and the children are enjoying playing with these. We are looking forward to introducing circus skills and learning magic tricks at lunch time too. We will even be having silent discos each week

Next week, we will be hosting our first PTA meeting of the year. This will be taking place on Thursday 2nd October at 9.00am in the school. It would be amazing to see as many parents and carers as possible - we are particularly looking for more dads to come forward and help. The work of the PTA helps our school hugely in being able to drive the school forward with the money they raise and we really do appreciate all of your help!

It is coming to that time when new families will be looking for Nursery and Reception spaces for September. Please do spread the word about how amazing our school is - we would love to welcome even more new children to our school.

Have an amazing weekend!

Upcoming events:

Harvest Donations Due -
Wednesday 1st October

EYFS Parents Meeting on Phonics -
Wednesday 1st October @ 2.00pm

PTA Meeting - Thursday 2nd October
@9.00am

YR/Y3 Buddy Assembly 1 - Tuesday
14th October @ 2.45pm - details to
follow

YR/Y3 Buddy Assembly 2 -
Wednesday 15th October @ 2.45pm
- details to follow

Parent's Evening 1 - Wednesday
22nd October - 3.30-6.00pm

Parent's Evening 2 - Thursday 23rd
October - 3.30-7.00pm

INSET Day - School Closed to
Children - Friday 24th October

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Anelis - Year 4

Anelis - since moving into Year 4, I can see how hard you are working, how much effort you are putting into your work and how successful you are now becoming in your learning. You have also been working really hard on being a good friend and class mate. Well done Anelis!

Year 1 - Remi

Year 2 - Tomas

Year 3 - Millie

Year 4 - Ted

Year 5 - Alex

Year 6 - Swe



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Beau - Year 1 **Devon - Year 2** Penelope - Year 3 **Willow - Year 4** Eliza - Year 5 **Joseph - Year 6**

Teacher of the Week

Our 'Teacher of the Week' has been chosen by our pupils and this week it goes to

Miss Williams / Mr Woods

Miss Williams - for working really hard with helping our new children to settle
Mr Woods - for always helping everyone

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 95.5% - Good

Nursery - 98% - Great!

Reception - 91.3%

Year 1 - 94.7%

Year 2 - 96.2% - Good

Year 3 - 99.6% - Great!

Year 4 - 97.7% - Good

Year 5 - 96.8% - Good

Year 6 - 91.7%

School Attendance - Every Day Counts

Good attendance helps with ...



Over half a term missed

Did you know ...

Pupils whose attendance is between 95-100% are nearly 2x more likely to reach the expected standards by the end of Year 6, compared to those whose attendance is below 90%.

This is the same of pupils in KS4 - pupils are more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths when their attendance is good.

Just by improving your attendance by 5% means that pupils are 30% more likely to reach the expected standards for their age.

Ask us about our learning this week:

Nursery Class - ask us about our learning in class this week where we have been reading different poems and using materials to make our own portraits.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in Literacy this week where we have been reading the book 'Hello Friend'. We have used this to think about what being a good friend looks like.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in history this week where we have been thinking about toys - what they looked like in the past and what they are like now.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been enjoying the story 'How to Find Gold'. We have then been designing and making our own treasure maps based on what happens in the story.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in history this week where we have been exploring what life was like during World War 2. We have been thinking about the concept of rationing.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in music this week where we have been thinking about tracking music and exploring sounds, pitch and volume.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in RE this week whereby we have been exploring the idea of evolution and cosmology and how this compares to the creation story in Genesis.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in history this week where we have been continuing to investigate the Aztecs and Maya. We have been considering what maths was like then.



Fresh off the Press



Hi everyone. This is our sports / expressive arts news for this week:

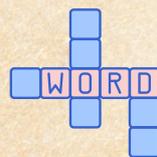
Yesterday, a group of girls from Year 3,4 and 6, went to Longdean Secondary School to represent us at a girls' football event. They enjoyed being out of school for the afternoon. Flo was proud to score lots of goals and Amelie and Esme also enjoyed scoring a goal. Penelope played her first match and was happy to win!

Emilia in Year 5 won her football match. Flo, Eva, Amelie and Emma R worked as a team and won their recent football match. In Year 3, Annie scored her very first goal .

Esme got a certificate in gymnastic. In Year 2, Freddie won man of the match and Etta moved up a stage in swimming.

If you have any sports news that you would like featured in our newsletter, please send it to sportscommittee@stpauls909.herts.sch.uk

Milena's Book and Word of the Week



Carnage (noun) meaning something is chaotic e.g. The shopping centre was absolute carnage.



'The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks' by Katie Kirby. This book is written in the style of a diary and shares the daily life of Lottie as she dreams of a 'glow up'. This is great for children in Year 5 and Year 6.