



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 3 - 03.10.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

This year, we have introduced Forest Schools and outdoor learning into our curriculum. Our Forest School Lead, Mrs Hodgson, has been working incredibly hard to bring the outdoors into our learning and each week, our Year 3 class are engaging in their forest school sessions. There is a huge amount of research to show that a forest schools approach has huge benefits on children's academic and personal development and the children in Year 3 are already loving their Wednesday afternoons in the great outdoors - we are so lucky to have such great outdoor spaces right on our doorstep! We are investing into quality resources and Mrs Hodgson and Mr Woods, with the help of some parent volunteers, are working hard to refresh our pond area in school so that we have our own dedicated forest school space. A huge well done to Mrs Hodgson and our lunchtime gardening club who have also just been awarded with the Level 1 School's Gardening Award.

On Thursday, we held our first PTA meeting and it was so warming to see so many parents and carers attend the meeting to share ideas and support the fundraising for the school. The PTA have some great events planned this year with some of our favourites and some new, really exciting ideas. We will be sharing with you soon our next big fundraising project so watch this space ...

I have been blown away by the efforts some of our pupils have gone to in putting together their election videos for the role of MP. We have been watching the election videos this week and will be hosting a polling station next week so that we can vote. This is another example of how we are preparing our children for life beyond primary, giving them knowledge about how our world works.

Please can we ask parents to ensure that children are now coming to school with jackets and coats.

Have an amazing weekend!

Upcoming events:

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

Trip to Hazard Alley - Monday 3rd
November

Remembrance Service at St Paul's
Church - Sunday 9th November

PTA Christmas Movie Night -
Wednesday 26th November - details
to follow

PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 12th
December

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



George C - Year 5

George - I have been so impressed with how hardworking, conscientious and dedicated you are. You are a great friend and learning partner and demonstrate a really mature attitude around school. Keep working hard George - well done!

Year R - Arizona

Year 1 - Oliver S

Year 2 - Etta

Year 3 - Inigo

Year 4 - Emma P

Year 5 - George G

Year 6 - Jennifer



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Jayden - Year R Oliver C - Year 1 Indiana - Year 2 Alfie H - Year 3 Freddie - Year 4 Archie / Florence - Year 5 Milena - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Mrs Head

You are fun, kind and positive and are really caring and patient, especially with Daisy who you care for every day.

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 97.8% - Good

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception - 98% - Great!

Year 1 - 96% - Good

Year 2 - 98.3% - Great!

Year 3 - 98.3% - Great!

Year 4 - 98.7% - Great!

Year 5 - 99% - Great!

Year 6 - 96.3% - Good

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 thinking about families. We have been sharing who we have in our own family.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in Maths this week where we have been developing our counting. We have been learning to subitise to support our counting.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been exploring the story of 'Traction Man' and the adventures he goes on. We have been completing some writing on this book.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in Maths this week where we have been developing our place value knowledge by thinking about odd and even numbers and how we can recognise whether a number is even or not.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in history and English this week where we have been exploring the story 'Stone Girl/Bone Girl' and writing stories about fossil hunters.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in history this week where we have been exploring roman armour, thinking about the pros and cons of the type of armour they had.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in history this week where we have been exploring the conditions that Victorian children lived in and how Dr Barnardo helped them.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in RE this week where we have been reflecting on Psalm 8 and how we can work to make the world a better place.

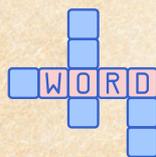
Fresh off the Press

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

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament. Both classes did an incredible job and won all of their matches. In Year 4, Florence and Emma P were awarded 2nd place in their recent dance competition. Viktor and Ronnie have both moved up a level in their swimming. In Year 3, Annie recently won player of the match. Addison has moved up a level in her gymnastics. Esme has learned how to do a front flip. In Year 2, Finley scored 7 goals in his recent football match.

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



Strategy (noun) meaning having a plan of action to achieve a goal e.g. Y6 had good strategies to help them do well in their tests.



'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. This picture book is great for helping young children understand their emotions. This is great for children in EYFS and KS1.