



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 4 - 10.10.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

School has seemed particularly quiet this week as lots of children have been off school due to illness. There has been lots of coughs and colds and children feeling generally poorly. Accompanying this email is a leaflet explaining the benefits of the Flu Vaccination for children; please do consider this. Please continue to speak to your children about the importance of washing hands and covering mouths to help stop the spread of germs.

This week, all staff met to refresh their safeguarding knowledge with our annual update and refresher. We discussed the impact of online safety lots and how the internet can be wonderful but also incredibly dangerous if not used correctly. We explored the impact of fake news, misinformation and disinformation and how we can support children with understanding this to keep them safe. As part of our safeguarding curriculum, over the coming week, each class will be completing an NSPCC PANTS lesson - reminding the children about the importance of keeping our private parts private and how important it is to speak out if we feel unsafe. If you want to know more about this approach, please have a look at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

We are now in the process of planning our popular St Paul's Food Week. This year, each class will be working hard to plan and make a tasty savoury meal that parents and carers will be able to try during their Parent's Evening appointment. To support this, we are asking parents and carers to kindly donate £2 which will contribute towards the cost of ingredients. This can be done via Arbor. We are incredibly thankful and appreciative of the contributions from parents and carers as they really do help to support the delivery of our curriculum.

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 - Ivy

Year 1 - Rafaella

Year 2 - Jesse

Year 3 - Alice

Year 4 - Viktor

Year 5 - Carter

Year 6 - Marlena



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Nancy - Year R Rafaella - Year 1 Aimee - Year 2 Elsie - Year 3 Eva - Year 4 Antonia - Year 5 Evie - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Miss Dance

You are great at helping people and you never refuse to help one of your pupils.

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 94.2%

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception - 94.2%

Year 1 - 98% - Great!

Year 2 - 90.9%

Year 3 - 95.7%

Year 4 - 97%

Year 5 - 98.2% - Great!

Year 6 - 84.9%

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 exploring the story 'Maisie's Birthday Party' and thinking about how we celebrate our own birthdays.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in RE this week where we have been reflecting on the meaning of Harvest and painting pictures of things we are thankful for.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been exploring the story of 'Traction Man' and writing diaries about his adventures with his pal scrubbing brush.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been investigating animals including humans. This week, we have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and how it grows from a tadpole.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in PE this week where we have been creating our own dances in the style of machines. We have thought about how to use different levels and movements.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been using freeze framing to explore our story 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. We have also been completing singing lessons.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in maths this week whereby we have been exploring how to find factors of a number, using the factor bug approach to help us.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been strengthening our knowledge of inverse and working backwards to solve a problem.



Fresh off the Press

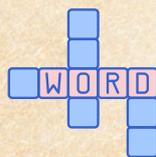


Hi everyone. This is our sports / expressive arts news for this week:

On Wednesday, Year 3 took part in a sporting event at Ashlyn's Secondary school. The class demonstrated great participation and team work. Our Year 5 and 6 class also took part in a scooter workshop this week. Not only did the workshops test the children physically, it also helped to support their understanding of 'flearning' - failing in learning and how having a growth mindset is so important. Mr Fanshaw and Mrs Smith are already seeing the benefit of this work in class. On Saturday, six Year 6 pupils took part in the quarter finals penalty shoot out. They showed lots of courage with thousands watching! Sienna made a great save and Elliott and Swe scored but sadly we lost 2-4. Elliott in Year 6 has just made the district cricket team.

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



WORD hullabalo (verb) meaning a lot of loud noise and craziness e.g. The animals were making a real hullabaloo.



'Oh Dear - Look What I Got' by Michael Rosen. This picture book is great for helping with rhyme and rhythm. This is great for children in EYFS and KS1.