



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 4 - 10.10.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

It is difficult to believe that we are coming to the end of our first half term. I can tell by how tired the children (and staff) are now feeling that it has been a busy half term with lots of events and learning already.

One of our big successes this year already has been our new forest school provision that Mrs Hodgson and our Year 3 staff have been working hard to deliver. From speaking to staff, there has already been a difference seen in the children's general engagement and it has been amazing to hear that the children have already developed their independence, resilience and risk taking skills. Next half term, Year 3 will be making their way over to the woods which will really bring their forest school learning alive!

Next Wednesday and Thursday will be our first Parent's Evening of the year. This will be a great opportunity for our parents and carers to hear about how their children have settled back to school this year and the progress they have been making, as well as any targets that the teachers may have. You will also be provided with a copy of our new 'Mastery Must Haves'. These must haves have been devised by staff here at St Paul's and are key objectives that we would like children to have secured / mastered by the time they leave each year group. We are hoping that these must haves will help to provide suggestions of areas that parents can support with at home.

Next week is our St Paul's Food Week. Each class will be busy preparing yummy savoury dishes that parents will be able to try at Parent's Evening. If you have not done so already, please can we ask you to donate £2 on Arbor which supports with the buying of ingredients.

Look out for our poster on our PTA events this year and what we are fundraising for - your support with these events is greatly appreciated!

Have an amazing weekend!

Upcoming events:

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

Occasional Day - School closed to
children - Friday 28th November

INSET Day - School Closed to
children - Monday 1st December

PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 12th
December

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Billy - Year 3

Billy - you have such a bright, positive energy and make those around you smile. It has been noticed, particularly during your forest school sessions, how much you are challenging yourself, developing your independence and building your resilience by keeping going even when tasks feel challenging. Well done Billy!

Year R - Joey

Year 1 - Ren

Year 2 - Lilah

Year 3 - Alfie H

Year 4 - Bertie

Year 5 - Emilia

Year 6 - Jess



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Seb - Year R Ellis - Year 1 Maggie - Year 2 Martha - Year 3 Emma R - Year 4 Imogen - Year 5 Sephy - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Mrs Adams

You have really helped your class to become great buddies and helped them lots with their assembly.

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 95.9%

Nursery - 92.5%

Reception - 99.6% - Great!

Year 1 - 99% - Great!

Year 2 - 95.7% - Good

Year 3 - 99.6% - Great!

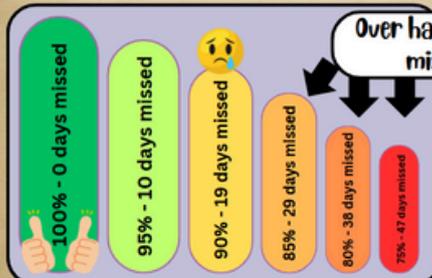
Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 94%

Year 6 - 88.6%

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'. We have been baking our own cupcakes for Maisie.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in Maths this week whereby we have been exploring patterns in maths. We have used resources to create our own patterns.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in RE this week whereby we have been exploring the creation story from Genesis and reflecting on how Christians believe the world was made.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in history this week where we have continued to learn about Rosa Parks. We explored how people boycotted bus transportation and the impact this had on Rosa and the black community.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in French this week whereby we have been learning to ask questions in French for example, Comment tu t'appelles?

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in history this week whereby we have been investigating every day life in the roman times and comparing it to how we live now.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in English this week whereby we have been learning about how to use embedded clauses in our writing to provide further details.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in PE this week whereby we have been practicing our target games skills by playing 'Bodgeball' - a style of dodgeball.

Fresh off the Press

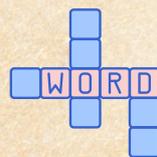
Hi everyone. This is our sports / expressive arts news for this week:

This week, our Year 4 class took part in a cross-country event/competition with other schools in Dacorum. Our Year 4 children did a fantastic job and a special mention to Jacob who came in 1st place.

After weeks of practice, Amelie in Year 4 takes to the stage this weekend as she performs the lead role of Matilda - Good luck Amelie!

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



riveted (verb) meaning being fixed and focused e.g. His eyes were riveted on the scene.



'Cosmic' by . This story is about a boy who pretends to be a parent so that he is able to go on a rocket ship to space - the scariest ride in the world. This book is great for children in Year 5 and Year 6.