



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 6 - 07.11.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

Welcome back - I hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It is hard to believe that we are already into November and we are now into one of the busiest half terms with everything Christmas on the horizon.

KS2 had a great start to the week with a trip to Hazard Alley Safety Centre in Milton Keynes. The children spent the day learning how to be safe in the real world. The children explored how to cross roads safely, what to do in the event of a fire, how to recognise hazards, how to stay safe online and what a call to the emergency services would involve. It was an incredible day and allowed the children to further develop their life skills and knowledge. This learning continued today as children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in First Aid training. The children did an incredible job in learning key skills and knowledge and again helped to prepare them for life in the real world.

Our recent Parent Consultations were a success and it was lovely hearing from parents about how they feel school is going. Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our feedback questionnaire. The main headlines were as follows:

- 100% of parents who completed the survey feel their child/ren is happy and safe at school.
- 100% of parents who completed the survey feel the school help children to behave well.
- 92% of parents who completed the survey feel that their child/ren make good progress at this school.
- 100% of parents who completed the survey feel the school supports the wider development of children.
- 95% of parents who completed the survey would recommend this school to some one else.

This is incredible feedback and I will be writing a response shortly to some of your suggestions. Thank you for your continued support.

We are currently looking for two parent governors, particularly with a background in education and specifically safeguarding. If you feel you may be interested in supporting our school through our governance, please speak to Carly-Anne Heaphy or myself.

Have an amazing weekend!

Upcoming events:

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

EYFS Christmas Sing-a-long - Friday 12th December @ 9.00am - details to follow

PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 12th December

KS1 Christmas Production 1 - Tuesday 16th December @ 1.30pm - details to follow

KS1 Christmas Production 2 - Wednesday 17th December @ 1.30pm - details to follow

End of term - Friday 19th December @ 1.30pm

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Spencer - Year 4

Spencer - I can see how hard you have been working on your learning and how much effort you have been putting in since being in Year 4. You are showing great promise in your reading comprehension and I know you have been trying hard with your presentation, having just got your pen licence. Well done Spencer!

Year R - Maddox

Year 1 - Charlie

Year 2 - Noah M

Year 3 - Charlie

Year 4 - Reuben

Year 5 - Harry

Year 6 - Oliver



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Harrison - Year R Sadie - Year 1 Matilda - Year 2 Zac - Year 3 Amelie - Year 4 Cooper - Year 5 Elodie - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Miss Vine

You are kind, patient and organise lots of fun things for us in English!

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 96.6%

Nursery - 95% - Good

Reception - 99.2% - Great!

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 96.6% - Good

Year 3 - 98.3% - Great!

Year 4 - 99.5% - Great!

Year 5 - 95.2% - Good

Year 6 - 92.7%

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 exploring our new class book 'Owl Babies'. We wandered into the woods and found 3 lonely owls that need our care.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in class this week where we have been exploring our new class book 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have been using our phonics to help us write.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in PE this week where we have been developing our gymnastic skills, thinking about practicing our balance and different levels.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in geography this week where we have begun our new topic on London. We have been learning that London is our capital city and have started thinking about famous landmarks in London.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in computing this week where we have been exploring programmes to help us code and provide instructions.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have started to explore factors. A factor is a number that can be used to make a multiple.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in PSHE this week where we had first aid training. We learned about how to give CPR and use the DR-ABC approach to help with this.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been investigating the area of shapes, drawing on our knowledge of multiplication facts to support this.



Fresh off the Press



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

Our Sports Committee took part in a leadership training day this week, sharing qualities of a good leader and learning how to motivate less active pupils to be more active. They had some great ideas and were so enthusiastic about making a difference to pupils in our school.

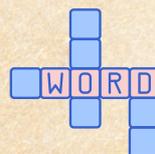
Fourteen Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the district cross country this week and did us proud! They all completed the 2km, muddy course and Annabelle came 3rd out of 80, whilst Evie came 10th! This is such a great result and we are so proud.

During half term, a group of our pupils took part in Collective's Dance Show where they had to perform several routines. After weeks of rehearsal, the children did a fantastic job and we are all very proud of them!

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



assumption (noun) - the name of a thought or idea before knowing e.g. We made the assumption that he could not do it.



'Eldest' by Christopher Paolini. This book follows the story of Eragon as he learns to develop and harness his magical abilities linked to him being a dragon rider. This book is great for children in Year 5 and Year 6.