



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 10 - 12.12.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

It is so hard to believe that we have not only come to the end of another term but also another year, with us now approaching 2026. It has been another really successful term here at school with lots to celebrate.

As we approach the Christmas period, I have been reflecting on what Christmas means as well as the fact that the foundations of our school are built on love and care for all within our community. Whilst many of us are in fortunate positions to be able to spoil our children at Christmas and come together with all our families and celebrate over incredible feasts, there will be some in our community for whom this isn't the case. Whilst the presents, meals and celebrations are wonderful and so well deserved, please do take time this Christmas to think about those within our school and community whose Christmases may feel lonely or sad. Here at St Paul's, we talk about 'love' lots. Let this Christmas be a chance for us all to practice what we preach and show love to those around us who may be less fortunate than ourselves; a simple 'Merry Christmas' or a card will truly go a long way.

One way our school have given back recently has been with our toy donations. Thanks to our PTA and in particular, Chantel, our school have donated nearly 100 toys to our local hospital, meaning that the poorly and vulnerable children who will be spending their Christmas in hospital this year will have something nice to wake up to on Christmas morning. Thank you for everyone's kind donations for this - it really has made a difference!

Another huge 'well done' and 'thank you' to our PTA and all our parents for their help and support with all of our events this term. So far this year, we have all managed to raise around £3500 for our school, which again, really does make a big difference.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you again to everyone in our community. St Paul's truly is a special school which continues to grow and flourish. The support from parents is truly appreciated, my staff work tirelessly to make sure every day is the best it can be and all of our pupils are just awesome!!

Have the most amazing Christmas break, be kind, show love and we look forward to seeing you back in 2026.

Upcoming events:

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

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

Christmas Dinner and Christmas
Jumper Day - Friday 19th December

End of term - Friday 19th December
@ 1.30pm

INSET Day - School Closed -
Monday 5th January 2026

Children return to school - Tuesday
6th January

PINS Parent Meeting - Wednesday
7th January @ 9.00am

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Joseph - Year 6

Joseph - since starting here with us in Year 4, I can see how much you have grown in confidence and how you have made great friendships. You are working really hard in class and have made excellent progress. Well done Joseph!

Year R - Ivy

Year 1 - Ellis

Year 2 - Sullivan

Year 3 - Thea

Year 4 - Myroslav

Year 5 - Amelie

Year 6 - Rocco



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Arlo - Year R Winston - Year 1 Evie - Year 2 Bella - Year 3 Max - Year 4 Naomi - Year 5 Tommie - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Mrs Weller

For being kind, patient and always helping us in class.

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 91.1%

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!

Reception - 71.3%

Year 1 - 96.5% - Good

Year 2 - 96.1% - Good

Year 3 - 94.6%

Year 4 - 93.5%

Year 5 - 99.4% - Great!

Year 6 - 88.5%



Handwriting Stars

The following children have been recognised by Jessica and Mary, our lead ambassadors, for their great presentation and handwriting this week:

Matilda - Y2 Emma R - Y4

Ask us about our learning this week:

Nursery Class - ask us about our learning in class this week where we have been reflecting on Christmas. We have been using our craft skills to make Christmas cards and Christmas Reefs.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in Literacy this week where we have been exploring the story 'The Runaway Chapatti'. The children even had the opportunity to try some chapatti in class.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been investigating our senses. We learned what are senses are and which parts of our bodies help us with which sense.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been continuing to develop our knowledge of addition and subtraction, attempting to add and subtract numbers to 100.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in English this week as we have continued to explore our text 'One Plastic Bag'. We have been creating Ted Talks about trying to reduce water pollution.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in geography this week where we have continued to explore our topic on rainforests. This week, we were learning about the Yanomami Tribe.

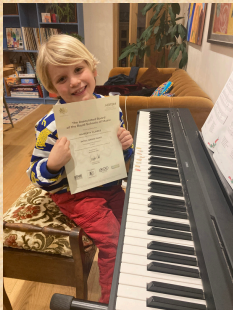
Year 5 - ask us about our learning in RE this week as we continued to explore the Nativity story and the concept of incarnation. Reverend Sarah spoke to us this week about the true nativity story.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been investigating our circulation system. This week, we had the chance to dissect an animal heart.

Fresh off the Press

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

There is no sports news news this week.

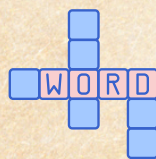


Rafferty in year 3 passed his preliminary piano and grade 1 violin exams this term, both with a distinction. Sephy is year 6 passed her lamda musical theatre exam grade 3 with a distinction and is performing as part of the junior dancing ensemble at the Watersmeet Pantomime this Christmas, Beauty and the Beast.



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



liquefy (verb) - to make a liquid e.g We tried to liquefy the chocolate bar.



'Hatchet' by Gary Paulson. Brian is a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crash-lands in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is a hatchet - and a desperate will to survive. Now Brian must learn to live the hard way - or

This book is for children aged 10+