



ST PAUL'S NEWS

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A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

Another great week at school with lots of learning taking place as children engage in their new topics. This half term is already going quickly but I think we are all now looking forward to some spring weather and brighter days.

This week in Collective Worship, we explored as a school the area of neurodiversity and how our brains all work and feel differently. We looked at how we all may have traits in common, for example, not liking the care labels on clothes or not wanting food to mix on the plate and it was incredibly powerful to see that actually the majority of children in school could relate and identify with at least one of the traits that a neurodivergent learner may experience on a daily basis. The message from the worship was all about children being kind, considerate and empathetic towards those in our community and world that have a neurodivergence and how we should celebrate our differences; neurodiversity is not a deficit, it is just a difference. I know some children went straight home and helped to educate their parents further on this which is great.

Last week, we held our second PINS Parent Meeting which was attended by some of our parents. This was a great opportunity to share how we are supporting inclusion at our school and receive some positive and constructive feedback. We are now in the process of organising some general class coffee mornings where we can meet, network and work together to continue to drive the school forward; please look out for further information on these in the coming weeks. I also met with the new MPs this week who have some great ideas on how we can make our school even better.

Have a great weekend.

Upcoming events:

Y4 Show Racism the Red Card
Fundraiser Event - children to wear
football / sports kit - Friday 30th
January - see separate letter

PTA Sponsored Pancake Flip Event
- Wednesday 11th February - details
to follow

PTA Valentine's Disco - Wednesday
11th February - details to follow

St Paul's Art Gallery - Friday 13th
February @ 3.30pm

KS2 Theatre Trip - Thursday 5th
March - details to follow

Character Dress Up Day for Book
Week - Friday 6th March

EYFS / KS1 Theatre Trip -
Wednesday 11th March - details to
follow

Y6 Voice in a Million Trip -
Wednesday 18th March

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Eva - Year 6

Eva - I can see how much you are growing in confidence in and around school and are willing to express yourself more. You are showing courage in your learning and are working hard in class. You are also doing a great job in your leadership role. Well done Eva!

Year R - Emilia

Year 1 - Navi

Year 2 - Cody

Year 3 - Jack

Year 4 - Spencer

Year 5 - Eliza

Year 6 - Joseph



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Thankfulness this week:

Joey - Year R Callum B - Year 1 Margot - Year 2 Evie - Year 3 Emma P - Year 4 Oliver - Year 5 Alexa - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Mrs Hodgson

For introducing Forest School at St Paul's and for making the sessions in Year 3 really fun and engaging.

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 97.8%

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception - 99.2% - Great!

Year 1 - 95.5% - Good

Year 2 - 96.1% - Good

Year 3 - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Year 4 - 99% - Great!

Year 5 - 97.7% - Good

Year 6 - 96% - Good



Handwriting Stars

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

Sadie - Y1 Elijah - Y4

Ask us about our learning this week:

Nursery Class - ask us about our learning in class this week where we have been working on making our own toast and how we can do this safely.

Reception Class - ask us about our work in class this week where we have been learning about the emergency services and how to make a 999 call if there was an emergency.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been thinking about the seasons within a year. We have been learning about what the weather is typically like in each season.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been developing our knowledge of money by counting pounds and pence and making different amounts using different coins.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have explored the features of instructions and then worked to write our own set of instructions.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in history this week as we have continued to investigate the Romans and the impact they had on the Britain we live in today, for example, our roads.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in English this week as we have explored our class text 'Cosmic'. We have been working on our persuasive skills to write persuasive emails.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in geography this week where we have been developing our map reading skills, reading lines of longitude and latitude to find a location.

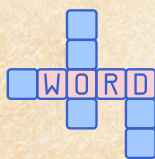
Fresh off the Press

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

In Year 5, Cooper's Football Team unfortunately lost 8-2 in their recent football match but played their hardest. Emilia's Team won 5-0 in the under 10s football match. In Year 4, Emma P played her first football game of the year and won 5-0. In Year 3, Penelope was awarded a gymnastics certificate. Gene got man of the match in his football game. In Year 2, Finley scored his first goal of the year. Etta learned how to do a cartwheel. Jaxx also scored his first goal of the season. In Year 1, Navy started tap dancing lessons. Harper took part in a dance show and Beau started boxing lessons.

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



inhospitable (adjective) - difficult to live in e.g. The shack was inhospitable.



'Charlie and Lola' by Lauren Child. This book is great for children in KS1. It explores the lives of Charlie and Lola and how Lola is a fussy eater!

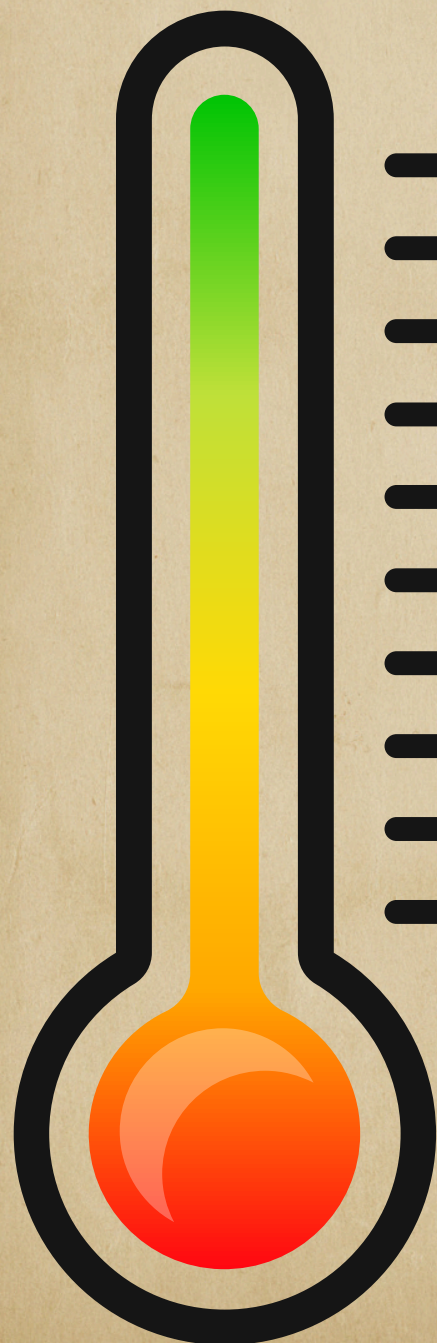


St Paul's PTA

Our Fundraising Project

Each year, our PTA do an amazing job at raising vital funds to help us improve our school. We are now working hard to raise money for our next big project - renovating our playground ...

This is our target for the end of this year.



- £30000
- £27000
- £24000
- £21000
- £18000
- £15000
- £12000
- £9000
- £6000
- £3000

We are currently at £14,500.

£3500 raised in the Autumn Term!

Please scan me to donate!

