ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 20 - 15.05.26



A note from Mr Varney:

Hello everyone,

This week, our pupils in Year 6 completed their statutory assessment tests (SATS). These government driven tests are designed to enable our pupils to show everything they have learned over their time in KS2. Each morning started with some yummy breakfast provided by our cook Karen to ensure that the children had full tummies and could perform well. The children in Year 6 have worked so hard all week and have given everything to the tests; we will find out later in the year how well the children have done. The children were able to come into these tests calm and prepared thanks to the amazing support and teaching they have received from our staff. Mrs Smith and Mrs Sharp have worked tirelessly over this year to ensure the children were equipped to deal with the exam stress. Our whole school community in general have been so supportive this week as we have needed to ensure the school was calm and quiet whilst these tests were taking place. Our support now moves to our Year 1 and Year 4 class as they prepare for their phonics screening and multiplication screening next half term.

Due to the continued excellent physical activity provision, the high profile of physical activity, and the engagement in competition by every child in our school, we have gained the School Games Gold Award for 2025/26. The School Games initiative has been instrumental in helping to put physical activity and school sport at the heart of schools, and the DSSN have worked hard to promote it through their events. We at St Paul's recognise the importance of physical activity and are pleased to have been recognised for the number of opportunities we provide!

Next Friday, 22nd May, we will be hosting our next PTA meeting at 9.00am in the staff room. If you are able to give an hour of your time, it would really help with us driving our events even more.

Have a great weekend!

Upcoming events:

Y6 PGL Residential - Friday 15th May - Tuesday 18th May

EYFS Stay and Play session - Friday 15th May @ 8.45am

Whole Class Photos - Wednesday 20th May

INSET Day - School Closed - Monday 1st June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week - Monday 8th June

YR Visit to Whipsnade Zoo - Thursday 11th June

KS1/KS2 Sports Day at Jarman Park - Monday 6th July

St Paul's Open Evening - Wednesday 15th July @ 3.30pm

Achievements this week:

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to .....



Beau - Year 1

Beau - from seeing you around school, I can see how hard you are working and how good your behaviour has been in class. Your hard work is allowing you to continue to learn and you are kind and polite to those around you. Well done Beau!

Stars of the Week

Year R - Aurora

Year 1 - Scarlett

Year 2 - Maggie

Year 3 - Esme

Year 4 - Amelie

Year 5 - Imogen

Year 6 - Year 6

Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Thankfulness this week:

Jude - Year R Charlotte - Year 1 Amelia - Year 2 Albie - Year 3 Ronnie - Year 4 Amelie - Year 5 Jess - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

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

Karen

for making us delicious breakfast for SATs week this week.

Handwriting Stars

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

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 96.5%

Nursery - 95.1% - Good

Reception-99.2% - Great!

Year 1 - 95% - Good

Year 2 - 94.8%

Year 3 - 98.3% - Great!

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 93.8%

Year 6 - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Ask us about our learning this week:

Nursery Class - ask us about our learning in class this week as we have been thinking about how important recycling is and how it can help to make our planet healthy.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in class this week as we have been investigating plants and learning about the different parts of a plant. We know plants need roots and leaves to help them grow well.

Year 1 -ask us about our learning in RE this week as we have continued to explore the religion of Judaism . We have learned that a Torah Scroll is read by some Jewish people and that it brings the special messages of God.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in maths this week as we have continued to explore fractions. This week, we have been working to find a quarter of an amount.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in PE this week as we have been developing our orienteering skills. We have been using the school map to find the different markers around the school and use these to answer questions.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in maths this week as we have been learning all about the use of roman numerals. We are now able to read and write numbers to 100 in roman numerals.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in English this week as we have continued to think about the use of a fronted adverbial and how it can provide more detail in a sentence.

Year 6 - don't ask us about our learning this week - we have been too busy doing SATs and now just need a rest!



Fresh off the Press



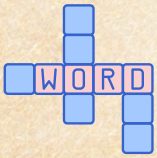
Hi everyone. This is our sports / expressive arts news for this week:

Recently, our Year 3 and Year 4 class took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament against other local schools. Both classes did an incredible job and all children demonstrated great skill and team work.

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 .....





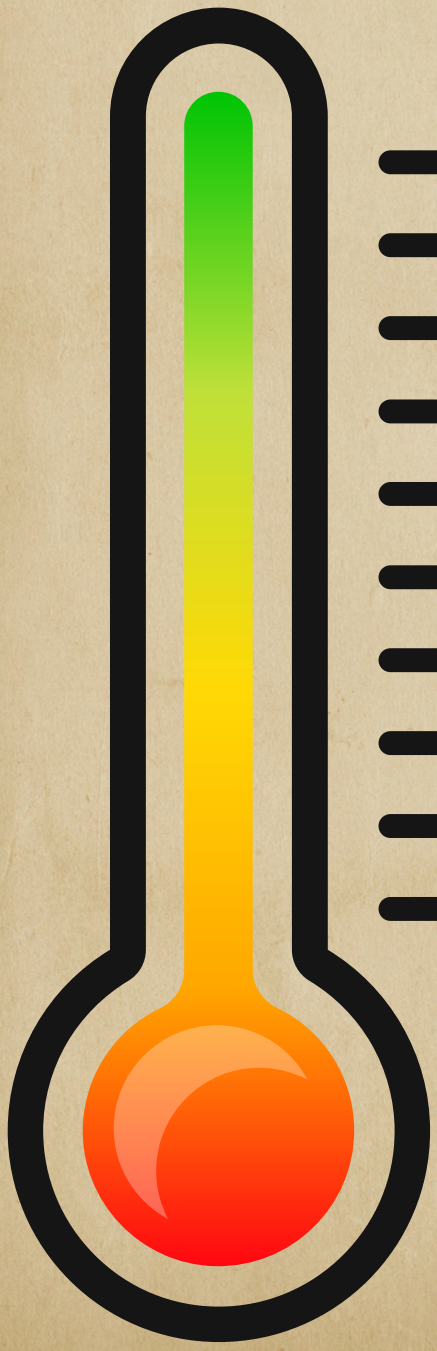
microbe(noun) - a living organism too small to be seen e.g. The scientist was studying a range of microbes.



'Frostheart' by Jamie Littler. Way out in the furthest part of the known world, a tiny stronghold exists all on its own, cut off from the rest of human-kin by monsters that lurk beneath the Snow Sea....

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 ...



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

This is our target for the end of this year.

We are currently at £15,600.

£3500 raised in the Autumn Term!

Please scan me to donate!