



ST PAUL'S NEWS

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A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the final half term of this year. The children have hit the ground running this week, being immersed in their new topics. As always, this final half term is always one of the busiest but we are really looking forward with what is to come as there are lots of trips and events that will be taking place in the coming weeks - be sure to keep checking the summer events calendar that was sent previously.

Over the next few weeks, leaders and staff will be working to finalise plans and ideas for the new academic year. We are really pleased with how much the school has developed in the last few years but know that we can continue to grow and strive for greatness. One of the things we are really looking forward to in September is the introduction of our Forest Schools Sessions which will be led by Mrs Hodgson - we will share more on this with you soon. The children are now beginning to think about their transition and are wondering who their teacher might be next year. We will be sharing this with you all in the next few weeks when your child's annual end of year report comes home.

This week, we held our first few uniform shops as we will be providing items from our school uniform moving forward. If you did not get an opportunity to visit one of these, there will be more in the coming weeks, with our uniform shop taking place on Monday and Tuesday of this week (9th and 10th June). I will be writing to parents shortly to further clarify the school's new uniform policy. Thank you to those parents who have already begun donating towards their child's stationery in September - please continue to do so on Arbor if you have not already.

Have a
great week-
end!

'He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.'

Exodus 35:35

Upcoming events:

EYFS Stay and Play - Thursday 12th June

Y3/4/5 trip to Neasden Temple - Friday 13th June

St Paul's Got Talent - Friday 13th June

Y6 Residential Trip - Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June

PTA Summer Fair - Sunday 29th June - details to be confirmed

EYFS Sports Day - Friday 4th July - 9.15am

Y1-Y6 Sports Day at Jarman Park - Monday 7th July - details to be confirmed

St Paul's Open Evening - Wednesday 9th July - 3.30pm-5.30pm

End of Term - Friday 18th July @ 1.30pm

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week



Headteacher Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to

Noah J - Year 1

Noah - you are so hardworking and take your time at school very seriously, which is leading to you making good progress. Your behaviour in and around school is fantastic and I know what a good friend you are to other children. Well done Noah!

Reception - Charlie

Year 1 - Finley

Year 2 - Annie

Year 3 - Jacob

Year 4 - Emilia

Year 5 - Dante

Year 6 - Ollie



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Courage this week:

Scarlett - Rec Matilda - Year 1

Jude - Year 2 Ted - Year 3

Naomi - Year 4 Sephy - Year 5 Austin - Year 6

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 96.7%

Nursery - 95.6% - Good

Reception - 93.8%

Year 1 - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Year 2 - 96.6% - Good

Year 3 - 92%

Year 4 - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Year 5 - 94.4%

Year 6 - 100% - Outstanding!!!

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 investigating creatures and mini-beasts. We also read the Hungry Caterpillar.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been thinking about poetry. We have watched some poems being performed and have thought about words that rhyme.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in computing this week where we have been exploring the use of Scratch to help us code. We have been coding our own spaceships and astronauts.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been exploring collecting and handling data. We have then been recording the data we have collected.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been developing our knowledge of telling the time. We have been learning to read a clock to different intervals.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in RE this week where we have continued to explore the religion of Sikhism. We have been learning about the 10 Gurus.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in design technology this week where we have been designing and making our own trucks. We have thought about the mechanisms needed for them to move.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in geography this week we have been investigating rivers and creating our own river models.



Sports News

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

There is no sports news this week.

If you have any sports news that you would like featured in our newsletter, please send it to sportscommittee@stpauls909.herts.sch.uk

Expressive Arts News

Hey guys. This is the expressive arts news for this week:

Eva in Year 5 has recently been awarded a distinction in her Bronze Tap Award.

If you have any expressive arts news, please email it to sportscommittee@stpauls909.herts.sch.uk



St Paul's Acorn Fund

What is the Acorn Fund?

The Acorn Fund is a voluntary contribution fund that allows our school to complete any large scale maintenance or improvement works to our building and learning environments. Being a Voluntary Aided school means we have more autonomy over admissions, curriculum and buildings and we are supported by St Alban's Diocese via a grant when wanting to complete any bigger projects to the building.

The Diocese require a successful grant to be supported by the school community (parents, carers and governors) and as a school, we are expected to provide 10% of the overall cost.

Parents are kindly asked to donate £10 or more a month to our Acorn Fund so that when building work is required, our fund will support our 10% contribution.

How will the Acorn Fund benefit my child?

Over the years, the Acorn Fund has been used to make improvements such as a new hall roof and with the support of our community, we were able to contribute £14,000 towards this £144,000 project.

As a school, we are now raising money in our Acorn Fund to support the installment of new pupil toilets and solar panels.

How can I donate to the Acorn Fund?

Each term, you will receive a 'Google Form' with details on how you can start to donate.

Thank you for your donation!