



ST PAUL'S NEWS

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A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

Following on from the launch of our Book Borrowing Library on the common, I have today been informed that we have two small reading fairies in the school. These reading fairies are hiding books in different places for others to find and enjoy. What an incredible idea and incentive from some of our creative pupils. Thank you to our reading fairies - you know who you are!

This week, Year 6 were visited by Alison Hoffman, a working magistrate, who completed a workshop with the children. The children were presented with different 'cases' and had to decide whether the person in question was guilty or not guilty. This was an incredible session and allowed the children to not only get a better understanding of the concept of law but also allowed the children to develop their communication, reasoning and debating skills. Alison was incredibly impressed with the class, commenting on what a delight they were.

Today, I met with our School Improvement Partner to look at the school's self-evaluation and discuss the improvements the school is making. She was incredibly impressed with the work we are doing here at St Paul's and could see that we live learning through all that we do. There is exceptionally strong practice here within St Paul's and we are now working towards exemplary practice at our next inspection.

I am really looking forward to watching all of the children perform at St Paul's Got Talent this evening - I know they will be amazing!

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:

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

Wizard of Oz - Performance 1 -
Tuesday 15th July @ 1.30pm -
tickets to be released soon

Wizard of Oz - Performance 2 -
Tuesday 15th July @ 6.00pm -
tickets to be released soon

Wizard of Oz - Performance 3 -
Wednesday 16th July @ 1.30pm -
tickets to be released soon

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

Elsie - Year 2

Elsie - you have been doing a fantastic job in class and I have seen for myself how hard you work. You are a great friend and role model and are really kind and supportive to those around you. I was really impressed with your efforts in PE this week too. Well done Elsie!

Reception - Navi

Year 1 - All of Year 1

Year 2 - Elsie

Year 3 - Eva

Year 4 - George C

Year 5 - Eva

Year 6 - Sophia



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Courage this week:

Louis - Rec Maggie - Year 1

Harry S - Year 2 Amelie - Year 3

Eliza - Year 4 Elodie - Year 5 Seb - Year 6

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 96.8%

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception - 95.8% - Good

Year 1 - 94.4%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 98.5% - Great!

Year 4 - 96.2% - Good

Year 5 - 99.5% - Great!

Year 6 - 99.1% - Great!

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 reading the well known story 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We made our own play dough caterpillars and painted our own symmetrical butterflies.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in class this week where we have been developing our knowledge of numbers, thinking about whether a number is odd or even.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been investigating different animals and their habitats, exploring what the conditions of these habitats may be.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been exploring the story of 'The Jolly Postman'. We have been learning about letters and preparing to write our own.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in french this week where we have been practicing saying words in french. We have been learning to say colours and count.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in Geography this week where we have been engaging with our topic on North America and 'The Magic Kingdom'.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been investigating the relationship between the size of an animal and its gestation period.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in geography this week we have been further developing our knowledge of rivers by completing a river project, including making our own river models.



Sports News

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

In Year 6, Archie recently took part in a football tournament and his team came second. Well done to the girls' cricket team who thoroughly enjoyed their district tournament last week and made huge progress throughout the day. They finished 4th out of 10 teams and Lucy led the team professionally. Lots showed great skill and teamwork. Well done to Kim for representing us at a 'Can do' event where she had a go at wheelchair basketball and judo with confidence. McKayla-Rae supported brilliantly in her role as leader. Chipperfield Cricket Club have won two games against Kings Langley. In Year 4, Beau was awarded 'Man of the Match' in a recent football game. Harry was awarded a trophy for his football. In Year 5, Alfie was recently awarded top goal scorer by his football team. In Year 3, Florence and Emma P have completed a dance workshop. Amelie took part in a race, raising money for Cancer Research. In Year 2, Harry W moved up a stage in his swimming lessons. Esme also moved a level in swimming. Zac won a medal in a football tournament.

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:

Bryony took part in a Peter Pan musical production with her theatre company over half term as part of the chorus. Mrs Smith went to watch and was impressed with her performance.

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