



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 29 - 27.06.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

Throughout the year, particular year groups are expected to complete statutory assessments. For a primary school, children in Year 1 complete a Phonics Screening Check, children in Year 4 complete a Multiplication and Times Tables check and children in Year 6 complete their SATs tests. We are really pleased to share the outcomes of some of these assessments with you:

Year 1 PSC - 85.7% of children met the required standard of the check. This is slightly above the national average and indicates that our pupils are taught phonics well, helping to become fluent readers. Well done to all of the Year 1 children and phonics teachers for their wonderful efforts.

Year 4 MTC - Every child in Year 4 sat the check and has to answer 25 random times tables questions, with only 6 seconds per question. Whilst there is no current national average, our average score for the class is 23/25 which is firmly above previous national averages (with many children scoring 25/25). A huge well done to the Year 4 children, Miss Dance and Mrs Gilmartin for all their hard work on this.

We are still awaiting our Year 6 SATs results but know the children gave it their all. Whilst we may not believe in the testing approach, these results certainly reflect the incredibly strong teaching and learning within our school.

Accompanying the newsletter this week is a letter about the staff deployment for next year; please do look for this in the email. The teachers are looking forward to meeting their new classes for transition day on Thursday 10th July.

I have re-included the term dates for next year at the bottom of this email so that parents and carers will be clear about when their child is at school, meaning no term time holidays will be booked. There have been several unauthorised absences over the last week due to families being on holiday. I strongly urge parents not to take children out during the term as they are then absent for vital learning.

We are really looking forward to our Summer Fair this weekend which starts at 12.00pm - we hope to see you there.

Have a great weekend!

Upcoming events:

PTA Summer Fair - Sunday 29th
June - 12.00pm - 2.00pm

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 @ 6.00pm -
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

Darcey - Year 6

Darcey - I can see how much you are cared for and appreciated by your friends and this is because of how kind and funny you are. You have worked incredibly hard this year and I was so impressed by your attitude and how you challenged yourself whilst we were away at JCA. Well done Darcey!

Reception - Beau

Year 1 - Rosie

Year 2 - Harry W

Year 3 - Thomas

Year 4 - Beth

Year 5 - Marlena

Year 6 - Darcey



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Courage this week:

Edie - Rec River - Year 1

Isla - Year 2 Florence - Year 3

Hugo - Year 4 Swe - Year 5 Archie - Year 6

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 93.8%

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception - 88.9%

Year 1 - 97.8% - Good

Year 2 - 93.5%

Year 3 - 90%

Year 4 - 96.2% - Good

Year 5 - 96.9% - Good

Year 6 - 90.9%

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 thinking all about the zoo. We visited the zoo this week and saw lots of animals which we then wrote about during our play.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in Literacy this week where we have been reading the story of 'The Gruffalo'. We thought about what he looked like and drew our own pictures of him.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in music this week where we have been learning a song linked to our topic on the seaside. We were thinking about singing in time and as a group.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been comparing the story of 'The Jolly Postman' to other traditional tales and thinking about what was the same and different.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have started exploring decimal numbers. We have thought about the values of decimals being tenths and hundredths

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been using personification; this is where you describe something an object does to make it sound human.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in science this week where we have been investigating regular and irregular polygons; we have been learning the differences between them.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in topic this week where we have been creating our own 'Flanimals'. We have been considering their evolution, how they adapt and their life cycle.



Sports News

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



This week, Year 6 took part in the Dacorum District Athletics Tournament. The athletics was so fun. We too part in races and throwing activities and we won everything! We all got a medal and we won the overall winners and the boy/girl points trophy as well. Everyone tried their best and it paid off. Some of the outstanding performances were; Lucy coming first in 800m race, the boys coming first in the 100m relay race and Archie came first in 200m sprint.

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:

In Year 1, Finley has started art lessons. In Year 2, Isla performed a song. In Year 3, Emma P, Florence and Alfie will be taking part in next week's piano concert. In Year 4, Eva took part in a dance show. All of Year 6 are working hard, preparing for the production. Year 4 did a fantastic job this week, singing our school song for the Electric Umbrella 'Shine a Light' concert.

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



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

Monday 1st - Tuesday 2nd September - School Closed to Children - School Holidays
Wednesday 3rd September - INSET Day - School Closed to Children

Autumn 1 - Thursday 4th September - Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October - INSET Day - School Closed to Children

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Autumn 2 - Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Friday 28th November - Occasional Day - School Closed to Children

Monday 1st December - INSET Day - School Closed to Children

Christmas Holiday - Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term

Monday 5th January - INSET Day - School Closed to Children

Spring 1 - Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13th February

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Spring 2 - Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Easter Holiday - Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Summer Term

Summer 1 - Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May (Bank Holiday Monday - 4th May)

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June - INSET Day - School Closed to Children

Summer 2 - Tuesday 2nd June - Thursday 23rd July