



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 30 - 04.07.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

This will be our last official newsletter for this academic year and what a year it has been!

This year, St Paul's has continued to grow, develop and show what an incredible school it is. Our new curriculum has continued to be embedded and it is clear from speaking to the children, how much knowledge, skill and understanding has been attained from this; our pupils truly live and breathe our ethos of loving to learn. The quality of teaching within the school continues to be a significant strength and we are so lucky to have the staff that we have. The experience and dedication of our staff allows us to provide the best education to our pupils and enables us to be innovative and try new things, bringing St Paul's to the forefront of primary education. The school's reputation continues to grow as more people hear about the fantastic things that are happening here; this is evident as we continue to welcome new children into our school. Our pupils continue to a joy to teach and be around, making our jobs the best job in the world. You should all be very proud of your children.

Next Friday, you will receive your child's end of year report which will detail how your child is developing both academically and personally. Having read all of these reports, it is clear how well your child's teacher knows them. Next Thursday, your child will be meeting their new teacher - this will be a great opportunity for both teacher and child to get to know each other a little better before returning in September.

A huge 'thank you' to our PTA - our recent Summer Fair was a big success and has once again raised vital funds that we can put towards developing the education of our pupils.

Only 2 weeks left to go; I have a feeling they are going to be great!

Have an amazing weekend!

Upcoming events:

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

Rupert - Year 6

Rupert - although you have only been with us a year, you have made a big impact on us. I can see how much you have grown and matured in these last months and the friends you have made is testament to who you are as a person. Well done Rupert!

Reception - Nancy

Year 1 - Alfie

Year 2 - Jack

Year 3 - Emma P

Year 4 - Oliver

Year 5 - Alfie

Year 6 - Ollie



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Courage this week:

Honey - Rec Lilah - Year 1

Millie - Year 2 Alfie - Year 3

Imogen - Year 4 Mary - Year 5 Eloise - Year 6

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 92%

Nursery - 98.6% - Great!

Reception - 86.1%

Year 1 - 90.2%

Year 2 - 93.1%

Year 3 - 92.1%

Year 4 - 94.2%

Year 5 - 93.1%

Year 6 - 90.5%

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 story 'Handa's Surprise'. We tried all the delicious fruits from the book and thought of words to describe them.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in Literacy this week where we have been using drama to retell the story of The Gruffalo, thinking about using actions and our voices.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been using drama to share the facts we have learned about crocodiles and how they live.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been developing our knowledge of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions and using them in our writing.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in English this week where we have been writing emails from the 'boy' in our story to his mum. We had to use inverted commas to mark our dialogue.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in maths this week where we have been developing our knowledge of division by using a short division method (bus stop) to divide numbers.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in RE this week whereby we have been using materials and items to build our own churches, drawing on our DT skills.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in PSHE this week whereby we were learning about puberty and how our bodies can change and grow, for example, like growing hair on our armpits.



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:

Well done to Sophia and Isla S in Year 6, Beth in Year 4, Florence, Amelie, Alfie and Emma P in Year 3, Martha in Year 2, Noah J in Year 1 and Sadie and Ellis in Reception who all performed in an incredible piano performance this week.

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