



ST PAUL'S NEWS

Newsletter 1 - 12.09.25

A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

A very warm welcome back after what I hope was an incredible summer holiday. It has been great catching up with the children over the last week and hearing about all of their summer adventures. It has been a really busy and productive first week back as classes have been setting up new routines, communicating expectations and engaging with their new topics and learning. It has been a joy welcoming our new children and families to our school too. I am sure there have been lots of tired little people coming home each evening.

What struck me immediately last Thursday was how incredibly smart everyone looked in their new uniform and how striking the black and red now looks. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for their support with this - it really has made a big difference. We would just like to clarify for PE, children should be in the black football style shorts or jersey sorts rather than leggings or cycling shorts; trainers worn for PE lessons should also be black. Can we also please remind parents that any children with long hair should have this tied up and no jewellery should be worn to school.

In assembly on Monday, we discussed what a government and parliament is and how important their work is. Since starting our own St Paul's Parliament, our class MPs have done an incredible job at supporting the developments in our school. Whilst our current MPs have been amazing, it is now time for an election, where we will be looking for children who may want to take up the role. Accompanying this newsletter this week is information about how your child can put themselves forward for the role of MP. I cannot wait to see the election videos!

Please can we also just remind parents and carers that children should not be on the playground equipment before or after school.

Have an amazing weekend!

Upcoming events:

Meet the Teacher Event (extra date) - Wednesday 17th September @ 3.30pm

KS1 Trip to South End - Friday 26th September

Harvest Donations Due - Wednesday 1st October

EYFS Parents Meeting on Phonics - Wednesday 1st October @ 2.00pm

YR/Y3 Buddy Assembly 1 - Tuesday 14th October @ 2.45pm - details to follow

YR/Y3 Buddy Assembly 2 - Wednesday 15th October @ 2.45pm - details to follow

Parent's Evening 1 - Wednesday 22nd October - 3.30-6.00pm

Parent's Evening 2 - Thursday 23rd October - 3.30-7.00pm

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

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Elodie - Year 6

Elodie - even though you haven't officially been assigned your leadership role yet, I have been so impressed with how helpful and responsible you have been at lunch time, especially with helping other children who want to use our new outdoor Zen Den. Well done Elodie!

Year 1 - Theo

Year 2 - Elodie

Year 3 - Gene

Year 4 - Max

Year 5 - Naomi

Year 6 - Finley



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Friendship this week:

Holly - Year 1 **Morgan - Year 2** Isla - Year 3 **Ava - Year 4** Amelie - Year 5 **Elliott - Year 6**

Teacher of the Week

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

Mr Fanshaw

for being incredibly nice to the children in his class, for being hardworking and for being encouraging of others!

Attendance:

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%

Whole School - 97.9% - Good

Nursery - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Reception - 99.2% - Great!

Year 1 - 99% - Great!

Year 2 - 99.1% - Great!

Year 3 - 100% - Outstanding!!!

Year 4 - 97.9% - Good

Year 5 - 97% - Good

Year 6 - 91.7%

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.