



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 24th February 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another great week at St Paul's with your wonderful children. We are so pleased that all of our children are now able to go on trips and also that we can have visitors in school to enhance your children's education. This week some of our classes have benefitted from workshops led by the oral health team from King's College hospital and the children learnt about how to keep their teeth and gums healthy.

The Nursery children had their first weekly PE session with a specialist PE coach. They had to learn to follow instructions so that they could develop their balancing, throwing and catching skills. They had great fun and did really well. Our PE coach was so impressed with the children and how they learned new skills with confidence. This will prepare our Acorn and Sycamore children for PE lessons when they go into Year 1.



Before half term, Ash class visited the Tower of London linked to their Capital and Culture topic of Kings and Queens. It was a bright sunny day, perfect for a trip out. They learned about what life would have been like in the Tower for Kings and Queens in the past, and the different ways that the Tower protected the royals. They had a super day and the children behaved impeccably as usual. Thank you to our parent volunteers for all trips across the school. We cannot do trips without you!



St David's Day Wednesday 1st March

Children can wear something yellow on St David's Day (the patron Saint of Wales) and Mrs Silke (who is Welsh herself) can be spotted in the playground wearing her traditional Welsh costume with pride. 😊

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023

We will be open as usual on Thursday, even though it is a teachers' strike day 😊. Our theme for world book day is Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. Children can come to school as a character from the story, a favourite character from another story, a superhero, or wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite 'book at bedtime' to school. We have given these options to make it as easy as we can for all families during the current cost of living crisis.

Online Safety

Just before half term it was Safer Internet day and Miss Bryan led a collective workshop on this. The children discussed what devices they use at home and how they can keep themselves safe when online. They had many good ideas including blocking people and not giving out personal information to people they do not know online. If you need some advice on what to do and how to keep your child/ren safe then please click on the link below. This site has many good ideas about ALL devices (mobiles, tablets and games consoles). Do take a look.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

You can also report concerns directly on the button on our website <https://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety/> this button takes you directly to the CEOP page (Child exploitation and Online Protection Command).

Attendance Matters

One more reminder that the government and the DfE have extremely high expectations of school attendance because there is a huge amount of evidence that shows children who have poor attendance **do not** make expected academic progress. As a result, attendance is one of the key performance indicators for OFSTED. There is also evidence that, in many cases, poor attendance adversely affects children's well-being as their social relationships are also affected. Although, our overall attendance is good, we still have far too many children whose attendance is below 90%. These children are identified by the DfE as 'persistent absentees' and I want to make you aware that persistent absentees are always referred to our Education Welfare Officer – Estelle Davis who will work with you to help improve your child's attendance.

When we held the pupil progress meetings recently, it was noted that some children had not made expected progress which is always a concern, the Class teachers and the Senior Leadership Team discussed what can be done to help these children catch up. However, in all cases discussed, it was noted that the child's attendance was low or erratic. Children who attend 100% of the time always do better in school. Clearly, when children have a vomiting bug they have to stay at home but if it's just a cough or a cold then they should come to school (just as we go into work as adults) and we will keep an eye on them. We do have tissues in all classrooms and children are taught to cough into their sleeve to prevent the spread of germs.

So that you are kept well informed about your child's attendance, we will be sending out copies of attendance grids starting from next term. Children whose attendance is 95% or over will get their attendance grid on green paper, children whose attendance is between 93% and 95% will receive their grid on orange paper whilst children whose attendance is below 93% and are classed as being at risk of becoming a persistent absentee will get their grid on red paper.

Our attendance policy agreed by Governors is on the school website on the following link.

<https://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Attendance-Policy-2022-23.pdf>

First Communion

A reminder that St Paul's church warmly welcomes any family with children at St Paul's school. Any young person aged 8 or older can be admitted to communion. Please contact Fr John for details: vicarofstpauls@gmail.com.

TT Rockstars (Times table rockstars)

As you know, all the children from Year 1-6 have a TT Rockstar login <https://trockstars.com/>

This is to help all the children with quick recall of all of their times tables. Knowing your times tables off by heart helps the children in all areas of maths throughout their time in primary and then secondary school. Each week in celebration collective worship we share how we are doing in the area (as we play against other schools) and who the top ten rockstars are in school. It is all based on how quickly children answer individual questions.

Top 10 TT rockstars in Year 1-4 this week

1 st Emmanuel in Ash	6 th Akosua in Larch
2 nd Luke in Larch	7 th Riley in Redwood
3 rd Rowan in Larch	8 th Shayne in Redwood
4 th Zakariyah in Larch	9 th Ruqayat in Larch
5 th Hakeem in Larch	10 th Jack in Larch

Dates for the Spring Term – Class Collective Worships in RED

Event	Date	Time
Larch Class Collective Worship	Tuesday 28 th February	9.00
St David's Day – children may wear yellow clothes to school	Wednesday 1 st March	
World Book Day – children may dress up	Thursday 2 nd March	
Redwood Class Collective Worship	Wednesday 6 th March	9.00
Year 6 Assessment week	Tuesday 7 th – Friday 10 th March	
Year 1-5 Assessment week	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	
St. Patricks Day – children may wear green clothes to school	Friday 17 th March	
Parent Conferences	Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd March	3.30-6pm

A Prayer for patience

Please forgive me, and help me to be patient with others,
as You have been patient with me.

Please also grant me Your grace that enables me to wait patiently for Your return,
and to labour steadfastly in the meantime.

It's in the name of my Saviour, Jesus Christ, that I pray

Amen

Love and prayers from all of the St Paul's team



Celebration Collective Worship Celebration nomination



20th February 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Ireoluwa	For settling into nursery this week.
Acorn	Amara	For knowing her sounds in phonics and always giving great examples of words that start with the initial sound.
Sycamore	Zeno	For settling so well into Sycamore class - we love having you here!
Sycamore	Isaiah	For being a fantastic mathematician by finding different ways to partition 5 – well done!
Maple	Pere & Frida	For settling in well as fabulous new members of Maple class.
Maple	Ezekiel	For super enthusiastic singing with actions during the Church Service.
Ash	Seig & Ayshath	For their excellent pre- knowledge about our new Capital and Culture unit "Moon Zoom."
Ash	Pelumi	For her fantastic set of instructions on how to plant sunflower seeds.
Redwood	River	A huge improvement in including fronted adverbials and noun phrases in her writing.
Redwood	Ange-Maelys	For great skill and stamina during the PE fitness assessment.
Larch	Bintu	For her fantastic progress in our swimming lessons – Keep it up!
Larch	Rashid	Great enthusiasm in our class collective worship practise.
Chestnut	The Whole Class	For working well together in computing.
Willow	Jamileer	For excellent presentation of all her work.
Willow	Lloyd	For developing confidence in sharing his work with the class.

Lining Up Awards

Bubble	Winners (class)
KS1 (Maple and Ash)	Maple
LKS2 (Redwood and Larch)	Redwood
UKS2 (Chestnut and Willow)	Willow

Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Beverly - Acorn	Edwin - Ash	Tobi - Chestnut	St George	4 th	2nd 155 pts
Moesha - Acorn	Karena - Ash	Toni - Chestnut	St Patrick	3 rd	4th 134 pts
Zachariah - Sycamore	Akosua - Larch	Jordan - Willow	St Andrew	2 nd	1st 161 pts
Glory - Sycamore	Romeo - Larch	Esther - Willow	St David	1 st	3rd 152 pts
Dominic - Maple	Thais - Redwood				
Frida - Maple	Jomi - Redwood				



Celebration Collective Worship Celebration nomination



6th February 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Rawan & Inzata	For settling in well.
Acorn	Armani	For becoming more confident and initiating her own games.
Sycamore	Michael	For independently identifying a symbol and artefacts associated with Christianity during a RE/Literacy lesson – well done!
Sycamore	Isaac	For stating that we should show our golden rule, to love one another when discussing the importance of celebrating our differences – well done!
Maple	Lyra-May & Platina	For working well together to create a lost poster on word in our computing lesson.
Maple	Enyel	For improving his English and saying some words to describe different aliens.
Ash	Abraham S	For applying spelling strategies when adding the – ing suffix in his post card in role as Bear.
Ash	Karena	For her enthusiasm during our bib verses ball warm up in PE.
Redwood	The Whole Class	For being well behaved on the trip to the Science Museum.
Redwood	Elijah	For helping Lorena sound out difficult words during whole class reading.
Larch	Hakeem	Excellent use of relative clauses in English before half term- well done!
Larch	Akosua	For her fantastic work making circuits and explaining how they work.
Chestnut	Taijah	Great role model, helpful to all adults and a good attitude to learning.
Chestnut	Ibrahim	For excellent story writing and a great attitude to his learning.
Willow	Isha & Princess	For gradually improving their strategies and understanding of mathematical concepts.

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Freya - Acorn	Rayyan – Ash	Divine - Chestnut	St George	3 rd	2nd 148 pts
King - Acorn	Morenike - Ash	Nana - Chestnut	St Patrick	2 nd	4th 125 pts
Isaiah - Sycamore	Mohammed - Redwood	Ferrona - Willow	St Andrew	4 th	1st 152 pts
Michael - Sycamore	Lorena - Redwood	Tyler - Willow	St David	1 st	3rd 142pts
Ayomide - Maple	Zakariyah - Larch				
Davi - Maple	Aalia - Larch				