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# InTouch

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO ST PAUL'S NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Faith, Hope and Love

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## Open Mornings 2023

We are pleased to announce a second series of open day dates for parents/carers with children who will be starting reception in September 2024. The dates are as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

If you would like to join us on any of the above dates, please contact the school office.

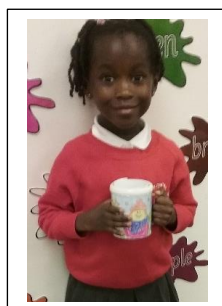
If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 they are due to start reception in September 2024. The deadline for applying for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

To apply please go to:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

## After School Club

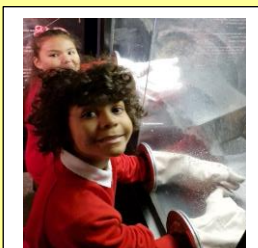
This week our children that attend after school club have started Christmas craft activities. On Monday they enjoyed decorating Christmas mugs.



If you would like your child to attend After School Club please book and pay for these sessions via your ParentPay account in advance so that the team can ensure sufficient food is provided. Bookings cannot be made through the office. If you need any assistance with the booking system please see the office staff.

## Larch Class Trip to The Science Museum

Larch Class had a fantastic day at the Science Museum, researching for their sound topic. The children experienced firsthand how sound travels through the air. The class were very well behaved and had an enjoyable outing. Thank you to the parents who supported us as volunteers, without this support our trips could not go ahead.



## LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December all items in lost and found will be placed on a table in the playground at home time. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity.



## A Message from our Headteacher

We have had a very busy but successful term to date with all of your wonderful children working and playing hard as always. We have just finished 'assessment week' and this week I and Miss Batchelor will be meeting with all class teachers to discuss the progress and well-being of every child in every class. We hope that you like our brand-new newsletter which will now be published at the end of every month. We hope that you enjoy reading about what our children are learning. There will be a focus on 2 different classes each month as well as any other news we would like to share with you.

As you know, Miss Tracy and I slept rough for the Robes charity for the homeless on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. It was very challenging with temperatures overnight of 0 degrees C. You can see photos of our sleeping spot below with a beautiful view of the Shard. Miss Tracy and I have raised £1,912 between us and the whole team have raised £6,681. This will mean that many homeless people will benefit from a dinner, bed and breakfast for the night and more importantly signposting to services that will help them get off the streets forever.

### Parent Pay

If you wish to purchase uniform or pay for a school trip please do it via your parent pay account, the link to login is:

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



### Remembrance Church Service

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we attended St. Paul's Church for our annual Remembrance Service.

We would like to thank all the parents/carers that attended the service, we are sure that you will agree that the service was very moving and the children sang beautifully.

### Poppy Appeal at St. Paul's

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Poppy Appeal through St. Paul's. We raised an amazing **£182.00!!**

### Remembrance Day

Armistice Day, or Remembrance Day as it's also known, marks the very day that World War One ended in 1918. We hold a two-minute silence at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month to remember those who have died in any conflict. We remember the Armed Forces and their families and the vital role played by emergency services.

### Why do we wear poppies?

The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it.





## Spotlight on Art

Willow class have been learning about the Indus Valley civilization this term and the artefacts and art of this period. They recently investigated Indus Valley seals and the many shapes and designs used, before designing their own replica seal in their sketchbooks and explaining the imagery and symbols used.

The children then created a replica seal using air drying clay. They kneaded, moulded and shaped their clay into a slab, before adding edges and an amazing design of their choice in the style of the Indus people.



## Year 3 News

We are very excited to announce that our Year 3 Class have been asked to take part in the 'Young Reviewers Project' by The Blue Elephant Theatre.

This means the children will go to the theatre for free and watch the Christmas Play before the opening show. The production is called The Elf Who Saved Christmas, all children will then review the play by filling in a questionnaire which will be provided by the theatre.



# Nursery Places

Full-time and part-time places are currently available at St Paul's Nursery. For more information, please call the school office on 020 7703 4896.





# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

## Spotlight on Willow Class

### YR6 Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme

Willow class have joined the Junior Citizenship Scheme and had their first visit to the Old Kent Road Fire Station. The children took part in interactive scenarios and learnt strategies for leading a safer and more responsible lifestyle.

They had a unique and invaluable opportunity to learn citizenship messages and life skills from participating agencies, including: The Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, Southwark Council, the London Ambulance Service and the Transport for London Safety and Citizenship Team.



## Spotlight on Maple Class

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Maple class went to St Paul's church for a workshop with Father John to learn more about the Nativity story. This was held at the back of the church in the 'Lady chapel'. We learned new information about the Nativity story, such as, Jesus was around 2/3 years old when he returned to Nazareth after King Herod's death. Father John was very impressed with what we already knew and gave us a quiz at the end of our workshop to check what we had learned.



### What is a Lady Chapel?

A Lady chapel is a traditional term for a chapel dedicated to "Our Lady", Mary, mother of Jesus. The chapels are also known as a Mary chapel or a Marian chapel, and they were traditionally placed eastward from the high altar.





# CYCLE CONFIDENT - SYCAMORE

Last week our Sycamore Class children took part in Cycle Confident's balance bike training. The children had a cycling session every day for the whole week. They learned how to keep themselves and others safe whilst on a bike and improved their balance and coordination skills along with their confidence.

What our children had to say:

*"Miss O'Flynn, that was so fun"* - La'Mari

*"I liked the laser beam game, we had fun riding around"* - Alice

*"I think it was so fun and I liked it a lot"* - Kendrick

*"Miss, I loved the bike and riding with my friends"* - Armani



## Who are Cycle Confident?

For over 10 years Cycle Confident have been at the forefront of cycling development across the UK. They work with riders of all abilities and ages, they also run sessions to teach people how to fix their bikes. Anyone who lives, works or studies in Southwark is entitled to free group cycling training. You can book via their website: <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/southwark/>



Cycle Confident



# KEY DATES & EVENTS

## Upcoming Events!

### EYFS Christmas Show

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am – 10.15am**

Please join us for our EYFS Christmas show. All parents/carers of children in Sycamore and Acorn Class are welcome to attend.

### KS1 Christmas performance

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 10am**

Please join us for Christmas Performance for Key Stage 1. All parents/carers of children in Maple and Ash Class are welcome to attend

### Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – 5.30pm**

Please join us for our annual Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto. Please note that only our pupils can attend (no older siblings/friends etc.) and they must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Every child and adult must have a ticket to gain entry. **Tickets will go on sale on 5<sup>th</sup> December after school in the playground.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL WITH MONEY, you need to purchase the ticket in the playground.**

**THERE WILL BE NO MORE TICKETS SOLD AFTER 4PM ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### Christmas Carol Service

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am – 10am**

At St. Paul's Church, please join us if you can!

## Term Dates

### Autumn 2023

School finishes at 1.30pm on  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Spring 2023/24

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 INSET  
DAY

Spring Term 1 - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (3.15pm  
finish)

**Half term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Spring Term 2 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
2024 (1.30pm finish)

### Summer 23/24

Summer Term 1 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
(3.15pm finish)

**May Day Bank Holiday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Summer Term 2 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (1.30pm  
finish)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day**



## Celebration Collective Worship

### Celebration nomination



27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Novah	For role playing the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Novah was a fantastic mummy bear!
Acorn	Jonathan	For clapping out syllables in a word and counting how many claps.
Sycamore	Jorja	For doing amazing blending of letter sounds during her phonics assessments.
Sycamore	Papa	For excellent counting and number recognition of numbers 1 to 10.
Maple	Elias	For growing in confidence and building his resilience skills when expressing himself – well done!
Maple	Nimi	For her impeccable presentation when publishing work – well done!
Ash	Princess	For confident answers during mastering numbers sessions and good use of the rekenrek.
Ash	Bryan & Pere	For an excellent job learning their challenging lines for The Dinky Donkeys.
Redwood	Mikel	For trying hard in all his lessons.
Redwood	Demari	For good writing in English.
Larch	Riley	For always being a fantastic role model for the rest of the class.
Larch	Shayne	For working so hard in each and every lesson.
Chestnut	Bintu	For her great effort with her writing- a great improvement of content and presentation.
Chestnut	Akosua	For her excellent focus and her determination to succeed when adding mixed number fractions.
Willow	Heidi	For having a positive attitude towards maths and developing her reasoning.
Willow	Sonny	For his daily practice on TT Rockstar and answering random multiplication questions.

#### Lining Up Awards

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

#### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Zinnie- Acorn	Platina - Ash	Beyonce - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	449	2 <sup>nd</sup> 58pts
Tae-Ron- Acorn	Frida - Ash	Rowan - Chestnut	<b>St Patrick</b>	482	1 <sup>st</sup> 90pts
LJ- Sycamore	Harry - Redwood	Poppy - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	219	4 <sup>th</sup> 53pts
Beverly - Sycamore	Karena - Redwood	Zephaniah - Willow	<b>St David</b>	426	3 <sup>rd</sup> 57pts
Michelle- Maple	Amelia - Larch				
Isaiah - Maple	Mohammed - Larch				



## Celebration Collective Worship

### Celebration nomination



20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Alex	For his fantastic home learning story box he made of the story 'The Three Little Pigs'.
Acorn	Zinnie	For her amazing singing whilst rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity.
Sycamore	LJ	For being a good friend to Chavon.
Sycamore	Alice	For her amazing independent sentence writing with the story 'The Emperors New Clothes'.
Maple	Glory	For being able to name all the body parts during a Science lesson – well done!
Maple	Israel	For great improvement in all areas of his learning – well done!
Ash	Lola	For making an effort to improve her handwriting.
Ash	Enyel	For identifying some initial sounds when writing.
Redwood	Ameerah	For focusing on her handwriting and spelling in every lesson.
Redwood	Michal	For always having her hand up to answer questions in class.
Larch	Madina	For her effort and positive attitude in Religious Education this week.
Larch	Amelia	The confidence and hard work she is showing in maths.
Chestnut	Rancel	For his fantastic effort with his reading assessment.
Chestnut	Beyonce	For her great focus in English when writing her memoir.
Willow	Joel	For identifying his next steps in maths and asking for assistance.
Willow	Divine	For making good Progress in her calculation strategies for arithmetic.

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#### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Inzata - Acorn	Joseph - Ash	Ruqayat - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	330	2 <sup>nd</sup> 50pts
Jonathan - Acorn	Enyel - Ash	Moses - Chestnut	<b>St Patrick</b>	448	1 <sup>st</sup> 80pts
Papa - Sycamore	Kaylah - Redwood	Sonny - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	265	4 <sup>th</sup> 48pts
Philippa - Sycamore	Abraham S - Redwood	Shyelle - Willow	<b>St David</b>	311	3 <sup>rd</sup> 51pts
Kassidy - Maple	Elizabeth - Larch				
Adedotun - Maple	Elijah - Larch				





## Celebration Collective Worship

### Celebration nomination



13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Inzata	For sitting beautifully in church during the Remembrance Service.
Acorn	Testimony	For his amazing role play when acting out the character of the Big Bad Wolf.
Sycamore	The Whole Class	For their amazing sitting and singing during the Remembrance Service in church.
Maple	Isaac	For his amazing prior knowledge of the Christmas Story – well done!
Maple	The Whole Class	For their fantastic behaviour and conduct during our Nativity workshop led by Father John – well done.
Ash	Davi	For making sensible choices and working hard.
Ash	The Whole Class	For being sensible on the trip and showing good behaviour.
Redwood	Areli	For always having beautiful and neat work in all lessons.
Redwood	Kaleb C	For a huge improvement in behaviour during lessons I am extremely proud of you!!
Larch	Yaelle	For the effort she has put in every single lesson this week.
Larch	Eliana	For the effort she has put into her work on subtracting work exchanges.
Chestnut	Moses	For his improved vocabulary choices when writing – keep it up.
Chestnut	Fuad	For trying hard in maths sessions and for waiting his turn to answer questions.
Willow	Rachel	For gaining confidence and becoming more fluent in Arithmetic.
Willow	Jovianni	For developing confidence when faced with challenging questions in maths.

#### Lining Up Awards

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#### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Alex - Acorn	Joshua - Ash	Tamara - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	321	4 <sup>th</sup> 42pts
Zinnie - Acorn	Princess - Ash	Simeon - Solomon - Chestnut	<b>St Patrick</b>	508	1 <sup>st</sup> 70pts
Kendrick - Sycamore	Edwin - Redwood	Cartiery - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	376	3 <sup>rd</sup> 376pts
Jorja - Sycamore	Ameerah - Redwood	Toni - Willow	<b>St David</b>	390	2 <sup>nd</sup> 390pts
Amira - Maple	Aiza - Larch				
Michael - Maple	Joseph - Larch				



## Celebration Collective Worship

### Celebration nomination



6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Alex	For his great detailed drawing of the Big Bad Wolf.
Acorn	Testimony	For his amazing acting of the Big Bad Wolf when roleplaying the character in 'The Three Little Pigs.'
Sycamore	Alice & Dhyandev	For their amazing sentence writing about 'The Frog Prince'.
Maple	The Whole Class	For fantastic participation during the P.E Multiskills festival – well done!
Ash	Adeshewa	For showing resilience when finding maths challenging and growing in confidence with addition – well done!
Ash	Liliana	For taking care with your writing and writing a fantastic letter in English.
Redwood	David	For great enthusiasm during all lessons. You are a fabulous example for the rest of the class.
Redwood	Demari	For a huge improvement in focus during lessons.
Larch	Aiza	For her lovely use of expanded noun phrases in English.
Larch	Vida	Working so hard in each and every lesson this week.
Chestnut	Romeo	For his excellent contributions during the maths input and for working hard to improve his writing.
Chestnut	Eliana	For writing an excellent informal letter and using a variety of grammar.
Willow	Taijah	For developing her confidence in maths and always living the CALM CODE.
Willow	Zephaniah	For great improvement in his reasoning and participation in his maths lessons.

#### Lining Up Awards

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KS1 (Maple and Ash)	Maple
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#### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Alex - Acorn	Dominic - Ash	Rashid - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	305	3 <sup>rd</sup> 37pts
Zinnie - Acorn	Haddy - Ash	Francisca - Chestnut	<b>St Patrick</b>	417	1 <sup>st</sup> 60pts
Moesha - Sycamore	Michal - Redwood	Rachel - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	285	4 <sup>th</sup> 37pts
Fathimath - Sycamore	Abraham Y - Redwood	Nana - Willow	<b>St David</b>	310	2 <sup>nd</sup> 40pts
Arvish - Maple	Yaelle - Larch				
Isaac - Maple	Zacharias - Larch				



## Celebration Collective Worship

### Celebration nomination



31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	All Class	For adapting well to the new changes and for being able to follow the rules and new routines so well.
Sycamore	All Class	For adapting well to the new changes and for being able to follow the rules and new routines so well.
Maple	Isaac	For speaking clearly as faith leader during Collective Worship – well done!
Maple	Chiazokam	For confidently working out different fact families during a maths lesson – well done!
Ash	Johnson	For being motivated and enthusiastic with your independent learning.
Ash	Platina	For being an excellent role model for behaviour.
Redwood	Whole Class	For coming back after half term really calm, settled and working hard during all lessons.
Larch	Jack	For the effort he has put into every single lesson this week.
Larch	Elizabeth	For working so hard at improving her skills in adding and subtracting.
Chestnut	Tamara	For an improved attitude to her work – keep it up!
Chestnut	Zakariyah	For his fantastic role model behaviour and for always trying his best.
Willow	Ibrahim	For a good understanding of equivalent fractions.
Willow	Shyelle	For a fantastic start to her narrative - it is exciting and imaginative.

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#### Top Table and Team Points

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Jonathan - Acorn	Asher - Ash	Fuad - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	180	4 <sup>th</sup> 31pts
Inzata - Acorn	Raurie - Ash	Jeremiah - Chestnut	<b>St Patrick</b>	328	1 <sup>st</sup> 50pts
King - Sycamore	Rayyan - Redwood	Abigail - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	181	3 <sup>rd</sup> 32pts
Kendrick - Sycamore	Ava _ redwood	Lillie – Rose – Willow	<b>St David</b>	183	2 <sup>nd</sup> 32pts
Glory - Maple	Madina - Larch				
Zachariah - Maple	Olivier - Larch				





## Celebration Collective Worship

### Celebration nomination



16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Tae - Ron	For his amazing counting when playing shopping game with Miss Emma matching amounts.
Acorn	Sofia	For settling into nursery and forming relationships with her peers.
Sycamore	Philippa	For showing our golden rule and always being a good friend.
Sycamore	LJ	For fantastic maths work and sharing your answers on the carpet.
Maple	Arvish	For recently adopting a more positive attitude towards her learning – well done!
Maple	Elias	For beginning to work more independently when completing tasks – well done!
Ash	Johnson	For working hard in maths and learning his number bonds to 100!
Ash	Bryan	For being an amazing, confident, faith leader and speaking clearly and loudly.
Redwood	Ava	For an improvement in focus and working hard with addition and subtraction.
Redwood	Areli	For great story writing including fronted adverbials and nouns phrases.
Larch	Shayne	For always showing our golden rule and being so supportive and caring towards others.
Larch	Ange-Maelys	For always showing our golden rule and always being a good friend to others in the class.
Chestnut	Bianca	For her fantastic retelling of a story using great cohesive devices.
Chestnut	Rashid	For his focus and perseverance in all lessons.
Willow	Poppy	For showing perseverance in all areas of her learning.
Willow	Tommy	For developing his mental calculation strategies.

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Zinny – Acorn	Johnson - Ash	Zakariyah - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	280	2 <sup>nd</sup> 26pts
Alex - Acorn	Davi - Ash	Bintu - Chestnut	<b>St Patrick</b>	450	1 <sup>st</sup> 40pts
LJ - Sycamore	Morenike - Redwood	Andrea - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	190	2 <sup>nd</sup> 26pts
Ireoluwa - Sycamore	Kaleb.C - Redwood	Tobi - Willow	<b>St David</b>	300	3 <sup>rd</sup> 24 pts
Aisha T - Maple	Ange-Maelys -Larch				
Michael - Maple	Mohammed - Larch				