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

Faith, Hope and Love

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Welcome back! We're thrilled to be back for a new school year with our wonderful children and we are delighted to welcome so many new families to our fantastic school community. The past few weeks have already been incredibly busy and productive, filled with energy and learning. As we settle into the rhythm of the term, we are excited about all that lies ahead—from enriching classroom experiences to upcoming events that bring us all together. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm; we can't wait to share another fantastic chapter with you and your children.

Wrap-around-care After School Club

We offer a very reasonably priced wrap around care service which operates from 7am to 6pm. All sessions can be booked via your ParentPay account. If you need any help using the booking service please come to the school office with your device (phone/tablet) and we will be happy to show you how to book. <https://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/spps-news/wrap-around-care-available-from-7am/>

Holiday Club

As part of our wrap around care offer, we also run a holiday club which our pupils and families in the wider community can access. Booking forms are available from the school office.

Holiday cooking sessions

For the first time we are offering fun cooking sessions during the half term. These can be booked on a first come, first serve basis. You will need to complete the booking form, an invoice will then be raised for you on ParentPay.

Help with paying for childcare costs

Please remember that many people are entitled to help with the childcare costs, check out your options at <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs>

ParentPay

We are a cashless school all uniform, holiday club payments and trips need to be paid for via your parentpay account: www.parentpay.com

When your child is absent

Please contact the school directly by calling 0207 703 4896 on the first day of absence, the office is open from 8am. You will need to provide details of why your child will be absent. Schools are required to track attendance and must record the explanations provided by parents/carers. If a valid explanation is not provided absences may be recorded as unauthorised. If your child's attendance is below 93%, absence may be recorded as unauthorised. If you child misses 10 days of school due to unauthorised absence in a 10 week period, the local authority can issue PCN fines.

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



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin a brand-new academic year at St Paul's! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful summer break. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, and there's a wonderful sense of energy and excitement across the school. We are thrilled to share some fantastic updates with you: Early Years Building Works!

Our new Early Years provision building works have now been completed! We are delighted to announce that our nursery for two-year-olds is now fully open, up and running, and already thriving. It's been wonderful to see our youngest learners exploring their new space and engaging in so many exciting early learning opportunities.

Playground Enhancements

You will also notice our new floor markings in the playgrounds, designed to support active play and learning. In addition, thanks to the generous support of our wonderful PTA, we will be receiving some brand-new playground games and resources. These will enhance the children's opportunities for creativity, teamwork, and fun during learning and playtime breaks.

Holiday Club & Cooking Fun

I am delighted to confirm that our Holiday Club will be running for the **full two weeks over October half term**, please sign up. This year, we're introducing Cooking Clubs running every day during the October break, giving children the chance to get creative in the kitchen! The club is open to all St Paul's children, as well as their friends and family, so please do spread the word.

Save the Date – Parent Christmas Karaoke Night.

I am excited to announce that I will be hosting a Parent Christmas Karaoke Evening on Friday 12th December. This will be a ticketed event, and more details will follow soon. It promises to be a fun and festive evening – a great opportunity for parents and carers to get together and celebrate the season!

As always, we look forward to a year filled with learning, unity, and opportunity – not only for our children, but for our families too.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make St Paul's a thriving, caring, and joyful community.

Ms Batchelor

Headteacher

Starting Reception in 2026?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 they will [start reception in September in 2026](#).

Please contact the school office to book a tour of the Early Years Provision.



Dear Lord,

As we begin this new academic year, we pause to give thanks for the gift of learning, community, and new beginnings.

We thank You for our children – for their curiosity, energy, and the joy they bring to our school each day. Bless them with courage as they try new things, kindness as they build friendships, and perseverance as they grow in knowledge and faith.

We pray for our families – for the love, patience, and support they give so generously. May their homes be places of encouragement, laughter, and peace as they journey alongside their children this year.

We lift up our staff – teachers, support teams, and all who serve in our school. Grant them wisdom to guide, strength to nurture, and compassion to see the potential in every child. Help us to work together in unity, building a community rooted in love, respect, and hope.

Lord, bless this school year. May it be filled with learning and growth, kindness and joy.

Help us all to shine our light, to serve one another, and to walk in Your grace each day.

Amen

Internet Safety



Below are links on how you can best monitor what your children are doing on their devices. There are also instructions on how to restrict them from visiting harmful websites. If you have any issues, please feel free to ask Mr. Aron for support.

Iphone and Ipad

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/105121>

Android

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB>

Google Chrome

<https://support.google.com/families/answer/7087030?hl=en>

Class updates

Willow Class TFL Junior Citizenship

Last week, Year 6 attended the TFL Junior Citizenship scheme where we were given workshops by the Police, Fire brigade, TFL, Money Ready and Southwark Council. We were taught about safety on public transport, knife crime, how to avoid scams and fraud, how to protect ourselves in a fire and even how to detect counterfeit goods. We were given points by each instructor and one of our teams were the first ever to score more than 100 points! "I loved how they were teaching us how to stay safe outside now that we are in Year 6" one child said .

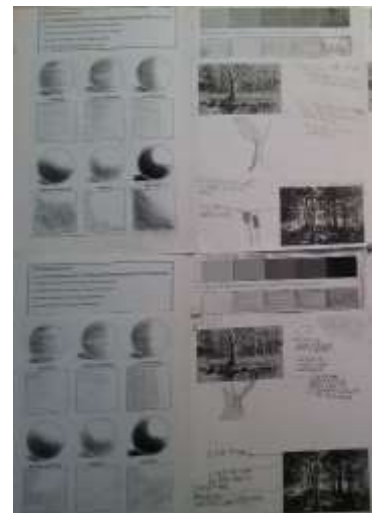


Redwood class

Redwood Class are developing their drawing and shading skills, creating lighter and darker tones while learning new techniques. The children explored these in their sketchbooks and will investigate patterns and textures using charcoal in upcoming art sessions.

Last week, the children applied their observational skills to sketch a landscape of the school grounds. Each child selected a compelling view and took their time to add detail and texture. The next step will be to use charcoal to bring depth, shading, and more detail to their landscape drawings.

Well done, Redwood Class!



A big thank you for you Harvest Donations

We received the email below from the Manna Society:

Miss Batchelor,

*Many thanks to St Paul's for your **Harvest Festival gifts** once again this year. The food that we have received will be used throughout the next twelve months to provide meals to some of the most disadvantaged members of our society.*

The work we do here is a practical and compassionate response to poverty and homelessness. Without the continuing generosity of our supporters, we would be unable to continue our work.

We ensure that all of our service-users receive a hot nutritious meal and have access to washing facilities, health care, clothing, housing & welfare advice and to the internet. On an average day we see about 120 people. All of our services are free to our service users.

We offer a place of warmth and security where all of our service-users can access all of the services mentioned above. For some it will be the only hot meal they will have in the day. The showers & washing facilities perk people up after a night on the street, hopefully encouraging them to persevere. A change of clothing (especially clean underwear & socks which every user of our clothing store receives automatically) also helps people feel better about themselves. The medical personnel (Nurse Practitioners, Mental Health Workers & Podiatrist) help address any medical issues our service-users are facing.

We are only able to continue to provide these services thanks to your support. On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity please accept my thanks.

Best wishes,

Manna Society Administrator

New 2 Year Nursery Provision

We are thrilled to announce that the brand-new nursery provision for children aged 2 to 3 years is underway and children are enjoying our lovely and fun packed provision.

This was an exciting opportunity to expand our care and education to younger children in our community, providing them with the best possible start in their learning journey. Our nursery offers a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment designed to support your child's development and prepare them for future success.



Celebrations

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Week ending 4th September

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
EYFS & KS1		
Acorn	The whole class	For settling in well ready to learn.
Sycamore	The whole class	For settling in well ready to learn.
Maple	The whole class	For being ready to learn well done.
Ash	The whole class	For returning to school with a positive attitude ready to learn- Well done!
KS2		
Redwood	Davina & Khadeejah	For settling in beautifully to Redwood Class, always showing the golden rule, taking part in lessons and completing all of their work.
Larch	William	For his focus and enthusiastic attitude during this first week.
Larch	Athena	Being a fantastic buddy and role model to our new classmate.
Chestnut	Ayshath & Emmanuel	For an excellent start of the school year with good focus and fantastic listening.
Willow	Zacharias	For being so helpful in class when setting up.
Willow	Jasmine	For her enthusiasm towards her learning.

Top Table

EYFS & KS1		KS2	
Acorn: Jesse	Maple: Margaret	Redwood: William	Chestnut: Areli
Acorn: Nyla	Maple: Tae-Ron	Redwood: Davina	Chestnut: Samuel
Sycamore: Rayleigh	Ash: Keanu	Larch: Athena	Willow: Yuliana
Sycamore: Luis	Ash: Alice	Larch: Nolan	Willow: Mohammed

Team Points	This week		Running Tally	
	Points	Position	POINTS	POSITION
St George	214	1 st	10	1 st
St Patrick	151	3 rd	6	3 rd
St Andrew	134	4 th	5	4 th
St David	179	2 nd	8	2 nd



Celebrations

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Week ending 12th September

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
EYFS & KS1		
Birch	Ivy & Isabella	For settling in well to Birch Class.
Acorn	Nyla	For being a kind friend.
Acorn	Jaxx	For always helping his teachers and friends.
Sycamore	Isabelle	For her fantastic number writing to 20.
Sycamore	Joseph	For settling in well in reception class
Maple	Cole	For completing his maths work independently.
Maple	Margaret	For always trying her best in all lessons.
Ash	Isla	For correctly identifying the object and the abstract noun in a noun phrase- Well done!
Ash	Dante and Musa	For settling so well into Ash Class- We love having you here!
KS2		
Redwood	The whole class	For fabulous behaviour on the trip and sitting well during the performance.
Larch	Alivia-Rose	Settling in to St Pauls so well.
Larch	Dominic	For his focus and care during independent work.
Chestnut	Pelumi	For excellent focus and good work.
Chestnut	Samuel	For always participating in lessons and producing high quality work.
Willow	The whole class	For their fantastic behaviour on our theatre trip- especially on the way there & back.
<u>PE Sports person of the week</u> Birch: Imisoluwa- For good throwing when playing with skittles.		Acorn: Cian- Listening to instructions-Well done!
Maple: Matheus- For his excellent ball control during PE lesson.		Sycamore: Yaseer- Listening to instructions and supporting the new children.
Larch: Lyra-May – Being supportive of her team mates and using encouraging words.		Ash: Keanu- For his incredible agility when moving like a cheetah- Well done!
		Redwood: William- For following instructions really well.
		Willow: Quincy- For his dedication to improve his skills

Top Table

EYFS & KS1		KS 2	
Acorn: Muhammed	Maple: James	Redwood: Danny	Chestnut: Kaiona
Acorn: Noah	Maple: Mohamed	Redwood: Aisha T	Chestnut: Ismail
Sycamore: Riva	Ash: Jorja	Larch: Alivia-Rose	Willow: Amelia
Sycamore: Iyinoluwa	Ash: Lj	Larch: Ezekiel	Willow: Quincy

Team Points	This week		Running Tally	
	Points	Position	POINTS	POSITION
St George	478	2 nd	18	1 st
St Patrick	365	4 th	11	2 nd
St Andrew	386	3 rd	11	2 nd
St David	581	1 st	18	1 st



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Week ending 19th September 2024

EYFS & KS1	Name	Reason for nomination
Birch	Imisoluwa	For good sharing with peers
Birch	Ivy	For always helping to tidy up
Acorn	Chloe	For helping her peers and being kind.
Acorn	Calliope	For amazing counting.
Sycamore	Luis	For always doing the right thing and being a good role model
Sycamore	Riva	For her fantastic house building out of Lego and talking about her family
Maple	Mohammed	For writing the days of the week in English.
Maple	Jonathan	For settling back into St Pauls.
Ash	Dhyandev	For writing an emotive poem in the style of the book "if all the world were" – Well done!
Ash	Samuele	For settling so well into Ash class- We love having you here!
KS2		
Redwood	Michael	For always trying his best and staying focused during lessons.
Redwood	Nimi	For always being polite and showing the golden rule
Larch	Bryan	Being so willing to share his knowledge in RE and Capital & Culture.
Larch	Adeshewa	For always doing the right thing and being a great role model.
Chestnut	Michal	Consistently demonstrating positive attitude & eagerness to learn.
Chestnut	Edwin	Listening attentively and responding appropriately when others are speaking.
Willow	Aiza	For always having a positive attitude to her learning.
Willow	Olivier	For his contributions during class discussions.
<u>PE Sports person of the week</u>		
Birch: Isabella- for being safe on the slide		Acorn: Nyla- For fantastic dancing.
Maple: Cole- For following instructions carefully when playing the shark game in PE.		Sycamore: Joel- for fantastic movements during wake and shake.
Larch: Gebril- A great attitude in your first swimming lesson.		Redwood: Amira- For amazing speed and focus during the multi skills activity.
		Willow: Ange-Maelys- For her great attitude in our sessions.
		Chestnut: Kaylah- For working well with others and helping create a supportive environment.

Top Table

EYFS & KS1		KS 2	
Acorn: Chloe	Maple: Inzata	Redwood: Aisha K	Chestnut: Edwin
Acorn: Jaxx	Maple: Cole	Redwood: Michael	Chestnut: Ayshath
Sycamore: Isabelle	Ash: Fathimath	Larch: Pere	Willow: Lou
Sycamore: Joel	Ash: Adam	Larch: Princess	Willow: Riley

	This week		Running Tally	
	Points	Position	POINTS	POSITION
St George	314	3 rd	24	2 nd
St Patrick	297	4 th	16	4 th
St Andrew	335	1 st	21	3 rd
St David	315	2 nd	26	1 st



Celebrations

Week beginning 25th September

Celebrations

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
EYFS & KS1		
Birch	Ivy	For settling in to nursery so well and being kind
Birch	Michelle	For showing independence and always "having a go"
Acorn	Chloe	For trying her best with writing her name. Well done Chloe
Acorn	Sienna	For being a kind friend
Sycamore	Rexton-Ray	For trying his best at writing his name
Sycamore	Shaheera	For her amazing phonics knowledge
Maple	Zinnie	For her wonderful participation in all lessons this week
Maple	Novah	For her wonderful work in English
Ash	Mubarak	For returning to school with a mature attitude towards his learning- Well done!
Ash	Chavon	For independently counting in 10's during a maths lesson- Well done!
KS 2		
Redwood	Kassidy and Dotun	For generating thoughtful and creative ideas in their English story writing
Larch	Joshua	Beautiful narrative writing using correct speech punctuation
Larch	Raurie	Working hard to round numbers to the nearest 100
Chestnut	Rayyan	For consistently completing homework on time and with care
Chestnut	Abraham Y	For showing improvement & effort in his homework task this week
Willow	Zacharias	For his great work when using long multiplication
Willow	Thais	For her fantastic biography on Georges Melies
<u>PE Sports person of the week</u>		Birch: Ibrahim - For his great gross motor skills when riding a bike. Maple: Inzata- For always trying her best in all PE sessions Ash: Fola- For demonstrating great jumping skills, well done! Redwood: Yusuf - For great speed and agility during the multi skills game Chestnut: Kaiona- For showing dedication to practising and learning techniques in hockey Willow: Joseph A- For their great improvement with their passing skills

EYFS & KS1		KS 2	
Acorn: Mylah	Maple: Nova	Redwood: Amira	Chestnut: Pelumi
Acorn: Calliope	Maple: Zinnie	Redwood: Isaac	Chestnut: Emmanuel
Sycamore: Osman	Ash: Armani	Larch: Adeshewa	Willow: Vida
Sycamore: Luis	Ash: Cairo	Larch: Davi	Willow: Joseph O

Team Points	This week		Running Tally	
	Points	Position	POINTS	POSITION
St George	374	2 nd	32	2 nd
St Patrick	328	3 rd	22	4 th
St Andrew	251	4 th	25	3 rd
St David	485	1 st	36	1 st

Upcoming Events!

Term Dates - Academic Year 2025/26

- Monday 1st September 2025 **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 17th October 2025
- **Half Term - Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October 2025**
- Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

- Monday 5th January 2026 **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 12th February 2026
- Friday 13th February **MAT INSET DAY**
- **Half Term – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026**
- Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

- Monday 13th April **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May 2026 (May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 4th May)
- **Half Term – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026**
- Monday 1st June to Friday 24th July 2026 **6th July INSET DAY**

Event	Date	Time
Flu vaccinations for children in years 1-6. Parents must give permission online	Tuesday 4 th November	
Anti Bullying week: Odd socks Day suggested donation £1	Monday 10 th November	
Remembrance Church service at St. Paul's Church	Friday 14 th November	9.15–10am
Assessment week Year 1-6 including year 1 phonics screening	W/B 17 th November	
KS1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 2 nd December	9-10am
EYFS Christmas Show	Wednesday 3 rd December	9-10am
St. Andrews Day – children may wear blue	Wednesday 26 th November	
Save the children Christmas Jumper Day – suggested donation £1	Tuesday 9 th December	
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 9 th December	
Christmas Disco and Grotto	Tuesday 9 th December	4-5.30pm
Parent Christmas karaoke	Friday 12 th December	5.30-7.30pm
Christmas Carol Service & Christingle at St. Paul's Church	Friday 19 th December	9.15-10am

Last day of term – Friday 19th December school finishes at 1.30pm

