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

Faith, Hope and Love

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What a great start to the 25-26 academic year, the Autumn term as been very busy and we are very proud of our wonderful children!

Athletics Event at Ark Globe

On Wednesday 26th November, Year 6 attended an athletics event at Ark Globe. They were able to take part in a range of track and field events against other schools from the borough. The children completed in the static long jump and high jump as well as multiple relay events. We are proud of their great sportsmanship!



Reception Class 2026

If your child is due to start Reception class (born between 1 September 2021 & 31st August 2022) in September 2026, you need to apply through the eadmissions portal now, the deadline is 15th January 2026. <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Wrap-around-care After School Club

We offer a very reasonably priced wrap around care service for all pupils 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/>

Help with paying for childcare costs for Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club

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>

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

As Headteacher, I am delighted to continue sharing so much wonderful news about our school community. Our new nursery has been an absolute success, and we continue to welcome new children regularly. We have seen a significant increase in uptake in our holiday club and wraparound provision, which supports not only children from St Paul's but also those children in the wider community, offering a wide range of enjoyable activities, including the cooking club which will run daily during the February half term. I am also pleased to share that our Forest School is close to completion, giving our Early Years children exciting new outdoor learning opportunities.

I am proud of our growing partnership with Dulwich College Independent School, with some of our wonderful pupils attending on Saturdays. I am delighted that there are many more opportunities planned ahead.

As we move towards the end of the year, we look forward to our Christmas performances, school community Christmas lunch, Christmas Fete and our end-of-year Carol Concert. We are very grateful to Harrison's Catering for their continued support in helping us bring these special events together.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to our PTA, who have supported me tremendously as Headteacher. Through their hard work and generosity, we have been able to purchase many new playtime resources for the children and make important improvements across the school. We are truly thankful to every PTA member for the difference you continue to make.

Finally, thank you to all our families for your continued kindness and support through donations of time, gifts and funds. The success of our school is only possible because of the strength of our whole community.

Kind regards,

Angela Batchelor
Headteacher

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will not be running during the Christmas holidays, it will resume in February 2026.

Stay and Play (Birth to 5 years old)

Our stay and play sessions are a great way to get to know St. Paul's and our school community, please let neighbours and friends know about the session:

Every Thursday (term time only) 9.15-11.45am
Free

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts today.

We thank you for our dedicated staff, our wonderful pupils, our supportive governors, their families, and our hardworking PTA. Each one plays a vital part in making our school the caring and vibrant community it is.

We thank you that our school is going from strength to strength, and that the opportunities for our children continue to grow. We ask, Lord, that you would keep opening doors — for our children, for our families, for our staff, and for our whole school community.

Help us to continue to walk together in unity, in love, in faith, and in hope. May the values we speak about be the values we live out each day in the way we treat one another.

Bless our school and all who are part of it, now and always.

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.

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

Maple Class

Maple Class enjoyed a wonderful music session as they completed their unit on Louis Armstrong. They began by warming up their voices, singing familiar songs with actions, and exploring changes in dynamics and tempo. The children listened to music by Louis Armstrong, focusing on keeping the pulse as they listened. They were successful in identifying the sound of the trumpet—played by Armstrong—and used musical vocabulary to describe what they heard. Was the music fast or slow? Loud or quiet? Spiky or smooth?

Year 1 finished the session by moving their bodies to music using scarves and egg shakers. The children listened carefully to the pulse and tempo of the music and followed adult instructions such as “fast,” “slow,” and “stop.”



Willow Class

Willow Class have been learning about the Indus Valley Civilization throughout the term. This ancient civilization stretched along the Indus River from what is now northeast Afghanistan into Pakistan and northwest India. As one of the oldest civilizations in the world, India has a rich artistic heritage, and the children explored traditional block-printing techniques that have been used since the 12th century to create bold, vibrant patterns.

In their earlier art lessons, the children designed and created their own printing blocks. Each child chose a design inspired by Indus script, Indian patterns, or a combination of both. Today, they printed their designs onto paper and fabric, aiming to recreate the striking, colourful prints characteristic of Indian culture. The children carefully painted their chosen colours onto the string blocks and used rollers to press them down firmly. They took care not to apply too much paint and thoughtfully considered the best techniques to achieve their desired results.

What wonderful patterns and prints, Willow Class!



Fun in After School Club

Our children that attend after school club, take part in many wonderful activities.

The children have made paper sculptures, they looked at the work of artist Michael Bolus, whose creations inspired their own sculptures. While Bolus made his sculptures from steel — a very strong material — our children experimented with paper and discussed how the two might be similar.

The children explored using paper in lots of different ways to create interesting shapes. What kind of shape would you make if you tried this at home? What wonderful sculptures after school club - well done!



Our children regularly prepare and make their own food, a favourite is pizzas!



Outdoor play is beneficial for children's social skills and emotional well-being.



At breakfast club, children can choose from a variety of healthy breakfasts.



Arise, shine and become who God wants us to be.

Term Dates - Academic Year 2025/26

- Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December 2025
School finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 19th December

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
Save the children Christmas Jumper Day – suggested donation £1	Wednesday 10 th December	All Day
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 10 th December	Various time slots
Christmas Fete – Children must be accompanied by an adult	Wednesday 10 th December	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Parent Christmas karaoke	Friday 12 th December	5.30-7.30pm
Christmas Carol Service & Christingle at St. Paul's Church – Everyone welcome.	Friday 19 th December	9.15-10am

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 your child misses 10 days of school due to unauthorised absence in a 10 week period, the local authority can issue PCN fines.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2025 Poppy Appeal.

St. Pauls Raised £126.88