



The St Paul's Post



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Welcome back to school and to the first edition of our new-look newsletter! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break, despite the weather. We've certainly had our share of 'Spring Showers' over the last few weeks haven't we?! Hopefully there is some sunshine on its way for us to enjoy!

As always, the year is passing by rapidly – I can hardly believe the summer term is upon us. For our Year 6 children, this will be their last term with us at St Paul's. We hope it will be a happy one with lots of special memories made!

We were delighted to share our [SIAMs](#) report with you at the end of term. The inspector spoke very positively about our school, its Christian distinctiveness and how our ethos enables children and adults to flourish. Some of our children met with the inspector and he commented on how wonderfully they spoke. We continue to work tirelessly as a team to address the areas for improvement from our Ofsted inspection and ensure we achieve our vision of high expectations and quality education for all our children. As you know, our partnership with you as parents is incredibly important to us. Our open-door policy is a significant part of this. If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself.

If the query is specific to your child and their class, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are often best placed to answer any questions and resolve any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti

Headteacher

The heavens declare
the glory of God,
and the skies above
proclaim the work
of His hands.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)



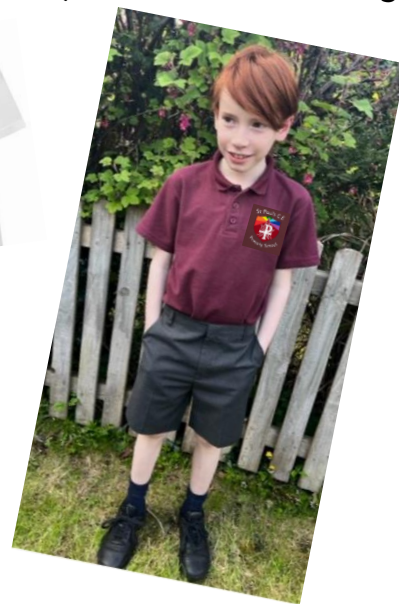
Welcome! We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Swift to our team at St Paul's. Mrs Swift will be working in Year 1 during the afternoons and will also be the new manager of Alpha and Omega Club - our before and after school provision. We are also pleased to announce that just before Easter, after a successful recruitment process, we appointed a new SENCo. Mrs Evans will be working two days a week from September but will be coming in one day a week during the later part of the Summer term to start getting to know some of the children and families she will be working closely with next year. I am confident Mrs Swift and Mrs Evans will quickly settle in and feel part of the St Paul's family.



Curriculum plans Information about your child's learning will be sent home this week, including 'Knowledge Organisers' which we hope will support children and parents in discussing their learning at home. Information about PE days, reading books etc will be included in the class newsletter.



Uniform As we are now in the Summer term (believe it or not!), children may now wear our Summer uniform in warmer weather if they wish. This consists of – Grey, tailored shorts with school polo (maroon or white) or red or maroon gingham dress



For PE/Games, children should continue to wear our 'Active Uniform' hoodie and sports top. In warmer weather, black shorts can be worn instead of black joggers or leggings.



Hello
Sunshine!



If the weather is hot and sunny, please send your child to school with a sun hat and apply all day sun-cream in the morning.

Please ensure all items are clearly named.



World Book Day was a huge success this year. Our book swap was fantastic – the



children were so excited to be able to choose a new book to take home with them at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who donated books. We also had lots of fun with our Masked Reader challenge – thank you to staff who took part and the children produced some fantastic potato characters as part of our competition. Photographs were taken of all the entries and judging will take place soon.

Science Day The whole school enjoyed a super day at the end of last term with a celebration of all things 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). It was great to see the children all dressed up in their 'STEM' career outfits. Each class took part in a whole school challenge to pass a message on from Nursery, through each class until it reached Y6 at the end of the day. I was there to witness our oldest children deciphering the message via Morse Code – 'Science is FUN!' A range of methods were used to pass the message on – SOS signals using flashlights, catapults and parachutes, boats and chain-reactions! Thank you to Mrs Scragg for her organisation of the day and to our visiting speakers.



More photos of the day can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Year 6 SATs In the week beginning Tuesday 9th May, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. Please could parents support their child with any homework set over the next few weeks to help them prepare for these assessments. The dates of tests are fixed so it is essential that all children are in school every day that week unless circumstances make absence unavoidable. Due to the Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8th, this year's tests will take place on the Tuesday to Friday. If children miss one paper (for whatever reason), it will mean that they will not get a test grade in that subject. We will be encouraging the children to have at least eight hours sleep per night and be punctual each day! I'm sure all our children will try their best and will make us all proud!



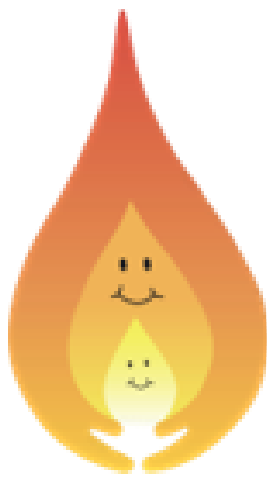
Parent Workshops Thank you to all the parents who attended our Phonic and Reading workshops last term. We hope you found them useful and gave you some ideas on how to support your child with their reading at home, whatever stage of the reading journey they may be on. Thank you to Mr Davis for his work in preparing and delivering these workshops.



Toddler and Baby Group We are very excited to announce that plans are being put in place for a St Paul's Stay and Play session for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers! We hope this will provide a valuable opportunity for adults and their children to meet and play, as well as access support and information and get to know our school community. More details will be shared in due course and we hope this is something our new and younger families will enjoy and find beneficial.

Coming soon....

St Paul's



'Little
Lights'

Stay & Play

An opportunity for babies, toddlers and their parents / carers to meet, play and chat in a friendly, relaxed environment. All welcome!

The King's Coronation For most people, the crowning of a new monarch is something never seen before which makes the coronation even more special. We are looking forward to celebrating this event. Our school celebration will take place on Thursday 4th May as we have the photographer in to take a whole school photo on Friday 5th May. More details about how we will be celebrating this event will be sent home in due course.



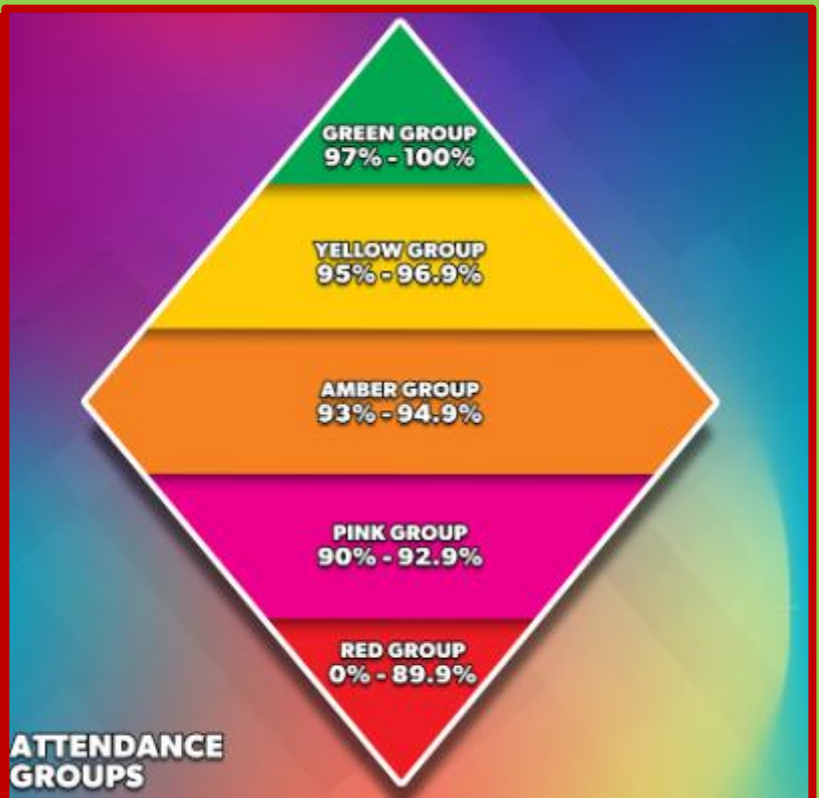
Summer events We are looking forward to several special events over the summer term. This year, we would like to hold a Summer Fayre. This will be an opportunity to raise some money for the school and to come together as a community. As this isn't something we have done for a few years, we are inviting parents to join a small committee to help with the organisation of this event. The children and staff will also be getting involved with planning and running some stalls!

The proposed date for our Summer Fayre is Friday 7th July from 3.45pm.

If any parents are interested in getting involved, please speak to Mrs Ferretti or contact the school office. Once we have a few volunteers, we will arrange a meeting to discuss plans.



Spring Attendance	
Nur	78.0%
Rec	93.38%
Yr1	91.36%
Yr2	91.85%
Yr3	91.67%
Yr4	93.51%
Yr5	93.98%
Yr6	93.88%
Whole School	92.42%



GREEN	Best chance of academic success
YELLOW	Risk of underachievement
AMBER	Serious risk of underachievement
PINK	Severe risk of underachievement
RED	Extreme risk – persistent absentee

Enrichment Clubs...

will begin again from **Monday 17th April** and will run until the last week of the half term (w/c Monday 22nd May).



This term, our extra-curricular offer is as follows;

Day	Club	Year groups	Cost/session	Time / collection
Monday No sessions on 1/5/23 & 8/5/23 due to Bank Hols	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 & 4 Boys *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Gate
	Coming soon – Gardening/Wild Tribes (School led – Mrs Boden & TBC)	TBC *	£1.00	3.15-4.15
	Multisports (School led – Ms Clarke)	Rec & Y1 *	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Front office
	Games / Cards Club (School led – Mrs Scragg)	Y2	--	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y5 & 6 Boys *	£2.50	3.15–4.30 Gate
Thursday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 – 6 Girls *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Gate
	Hockey (External - S2K)	Y1-6 *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Front office
	Badminton (External - S2K)	Y1-6 *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Front office
Friday	Jigsaw Puzzles (School led – Mrs Ferretti)	Y3-6 *	£0.50	3.15-4.15 Front office
	Recorders (School led – Mrs Godwin)	Y2&3 *	£1.00	3.15–4.00 Front office
Every day	Ms Hayden's Pupils' choice clubs	Y3-6	--	Lunchtime

*Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term. **Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again.** Clubs must be booked under 'Clubs' and then paid for via 'Payments' in the Gateway app to secure the place.

A text message will be sent to inform parents when the clubs go live on the Gateway app.
Lunchtime clubs do not need to be booked.

Funds raised through school-led clubs will be used to fund club resources / other clubs in

Diary Dates



April

Monday 17 th	Back to school – Summer Term
Tuesday 18 th	Y3 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th	Easter Eucharist Service
Thursday 20 th	Y3 Parents' Evening
Monday 24 th	Full Governing Body – 5.30pm

May

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd	Reception height and weight checks
Thursday 4 th	Coronation celebration
Friday 5 th	Whole School Photo
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 9 th	KS2 SATs Week – Year 6
Monday 15 th	KS1 SATs Week – Year 2
Monday 15 th	Year 4 Romans Workshop
Monday 15 th	Year 5 & 6 Puberty Talks
Monday 15 th	Year 6 Dental Checks
Wednesday 17 th	Nursery & Reception trip to Dudley Zoo
Monday 22 nd	Class photos & Y6 leavers photos
Monday 22 nd	Year 4 Girls Puberty Talk
Tuesday 23 rd	Singing in the Rain – Year 4

Mon 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half Term

June

Monday 5 th	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 5 th	Y4 MTC window opens
Monday 12 th	Y1 Phonic Screening check week
Tuesday 20 th	New Reception Parents' meeting
Wednesday 21 st	New Nursery Parents' meeting
Tuesday 27 th	Year 6 Safeside Trip

July



Monday 3 rd	Transition week
Friday 7 th	Proposed Summer celebration / fayre
Thursday 13 th	KS1(pm) & KS2(am) Sports Day
Friday 14 th	Early Years Sports Day (am)
Friday 14 th	End of year reports
Monday 17 th	Year 2 Residential – Kingswood Trust
Wednesday 19 th	Open afternoon
Thursday 20 th	Y6 performance & presentation evening 6pm
Friday 21 st	Proposed Year 6 Leavers' trip
Tuesday 26 th	Last day of term

We will return to school after the summer holidays on
Tuesday 5th September

Our St Paul's Promise;

- P** We are **p**repared, we are **p**olite, we are **p**roud.
- R** We are **r**espectful, we are **r**esponsible, we are **r**esilient
- O** We make the most of every **o**ppportunity
- M** We **m**ake a difference.
- I** We are **i**n control
- S** We are **s**afe
- E** We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



FOR GOD SO
loved 
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY *son*
BEGOTTEN
THAT WHOSOEVER
believes 
in Him
SHOULD NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE
Everlasting
LIFE.
JOHN 3:16

Rainbow Christian Values;

Harmony, Patience, Honesty, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Justice, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Wednesday 7th September
Half Term: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
Term ends: Friday 16th December
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December 2022 -
Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half Term: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February
Term ends: Friday 31st March
Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April
Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Term ends: Tuesday 25th July
Summer Holidays: Wednesday 26th July —Monday 4th September

Training Days—school closed to pupils

Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September

Monday 31st October

Friday 17th February

Monday 5th June

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of our children.

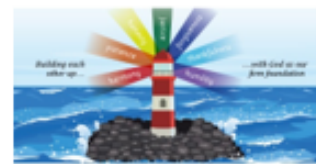
St Paul's C of E Primary School










Keeping You Safe

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Do you have concerns?
- Has someone made a disclosure?
- Who can you talk to?



At St Paul's the safety of our children is of utmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

<p>Mrs J Ferretti Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs S Lalli SENCO Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr M Eddies Year 1 Online Safety Leader</p>	
<p>Mrs L Clarke Safeguarding Governor</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">  Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Working together to help safeguard our children </p>	

If you have a concern about the safety of a child contact **Wolverhampton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** by clicking [here](#) or by phone; **01902 555392**

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Outside of the above hours for emergencies on **01902 552999**

If the child or young person is at **immediate risk** of **serious harm** dial **999**

If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer Significant Harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, **you must report your concerns**. All referrals must be confirmed within one hour by completing the on-line multi agency referral form ([MARF](#)).

Science Day

