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be the best that you can be
James 1:12 "Blessed is the one who has endured temptation, for after the trial he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to all who love him." 1 Peter 1:9



St Paul's C of E Primary School
Protected Characteristics



We are committed to being a safe and welcoming place, showing support and solidarity for all pupils, staff and visitors, in line with the Equality Act 2010.

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St. Paul's Newsletter - December 2024



Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to the last Newsletter of this year! What a busy and long half term it has been, with so many events taking place that you will read more about.

The children across school have been busy working extremely hard in all their learning, and also with their homework, some of which has been so amazing we have shared it on our Facebook page. Thank you to so many parents for getting involved with this, and for supporting your child with the activities.

We welcomed parents in for the first and much enjoyed sharing assemblies, and more of these will follow in the Spring Term - watch out for the messages with dates.

December has seen our Christmas Fair take place, Supper with Santa and our Early Years 'Carols Round the Tree'. Thank you to everyone for supporting and getting involved in these events, they are a really special part of our school year, and the children love being part of them too. Year 4, 5 and 6 have all visited Church in the last couple of weeks, and we thank Reverend Chris and Andy for organising this. The children really enjoyed their visits, and we intend to take all other year groups during the rest of the school year.

This week sees Christmas parties galore - a great way to end the term for children and staff!

I hope that you enjoy reading more about the half term, and seeing some of the photographs taken of the children.

To finish, I would just like to say thank you for your continued support, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, full of peace, good health and happiness.



Supper With Santa

Father Christmas kindly took time out of his very busy schedule again this year, to make sure the children had lots of fun during his Supper With Santa.

The children took part in lots of fun Christmas activities with help from Father Christmas, and they all enjoyed delicious party food, and had a photograph taken with Father Christmas. The event ended with the children sitting quietly, listening to Father Christmas read a lovely Christmas story.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to Miss Henshaw and Miss Baron for a really nice Christmas event.

Thanks you!



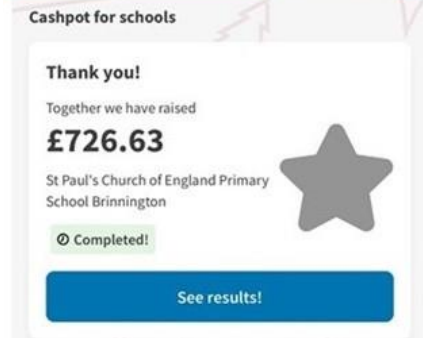
A BIG THANK YOU

ASDA Cashpot For Schools

THANK YOU to all parents/carers and friends of St. Paul's CofE who shopped at ASDA over the past few months, or downloaded the rewards App.

We are all blown away by the fantastic amount raised for our school fund, which will benefit all our children.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.



Christmas Jumper Day

We all enjoyed wearing our Christmas Jumpers on 12th December, and at the same time raised £295 for Save The Children. Thank You!

The Justgiving page was a great success and is something we will look to use again.



Children In Need

We raised a lovely amount celebrating Children In Need.

Thank you to everyone who bought Pudsey items. We raised a fantastic £433



Poppy Appeal

This year we collected our Royal British Legion items to sell in school from Whitehill Fire station. We sold lots of items and as soon as we know how much we raised for this very important annual event, we will let parent/carers know.



Christmas Fair

Once again, our thanks go to Miss Henshaw and Miss Baron for their hard work in organising such an enjoyable Christmas Fair. Lots of fun was had by all on the Bottle tombola, Christmas Cups, Poke a Christmas Tree, Christmas Cover Up, Hamper Raffles, and many more stalls, and a visit from Father Christmas.

Thank you to all parents/carers, to staff, and to Year 6 helpers for making the event a huge success. Despite the weather, we raised a fantastic £1,050.38p

Thank you **FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

We are very conscious that during this half term there have been a number of occasions where we have asked for donations to either charity events or school events.

The donations for all fundraising activities have been forthcoming, and this has enabled us to take part in these activities, which we wouldn't have been able to do without your support - so a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone.

It's Cool to be in School



This half term winners of The Awesome Attendance Trophy is 5CS/DF

#everydaycounts

| CLASS | 28 Oct - 19 Dec 2024 |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Nursery Beg | 84.83% |
| Nursery End | 85.44% |
| Maple | 88.62% |
| RNH | 90.38% |
| 1NL | 93.60% |
| 1/2JB | 90.98% |
| 2ME | 92.65% |
| 3GB | 88.61% |
| 3MH | 87.86% |
| 4SK | 91.47% |
| 4JA/KM | 92.36% |
| 5MG | 90.94% |
| 5CS/DF | 95.20% |
| 6LM | 92.41% |
| 6LB | 90.88% |

Every Day Counts

Studybugs

As you will know, we recently launched StudyBugs. With just a few quick taps or clicks, you can give us all we need to record absence due to illness.

Not only does StudyBugs save you time, you will know we will have received your message, even if you report it at 6am or 11pm the night before.

StudyBugs helps safeguard your child by automating schools' processing of sick reports, so if any children are unaccounted for, we will know right away. It also verifies that reports of your child's absence have really come from you.

So, if you haven't already, download the free mobile app now.



Men In Sheds

Year 6 had a wonderful opportunity to show their creativity by designing and making bird boxes during their DT lesson this term. They were supported by Men in Sheds who visited school and guided them through the process of construction of the bird boxes, to painting the finished products.



News from Maple Class

In Maple, we have had a very busy term! We have linked our learning to celebrations in the calendar and changes in the season. The falling autumn leaves and the brief appearance of snow provided amazing sensory experiences for the children. We also had a gardening lesson with Phil where we made a shelter, and enjoyed running through it playing hide-and-seek.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

In January we will be taking part in Bags2School to help raise much needed school funds.

By getting involved in our [Bag2School](#) collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate good quality unwanted textiles.

Look out for more information when we return for the Spring term.

Reception Place - September 2025

Any parents whose child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can apply for a Reception School place. All applications have to be made on-line. Closing dates for your application is **15th January 2025**

[Apply Here](#)

Nursery Place - September 2025

Any parents whose child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 can apply for a Nursery School place. All applications have to be made on-line. Closing dates for your application is **31st March 2025**

[Apply Here](#)

School Council News

We are delighted to introduce our School Council to you for this year.

At the beginning of term, all classes had the opportunity to exercise democracy in our school by voting for their Class Representative and Deputy at the start of term. The School Council represents the thoughts and ideas of their class friends in regular meetings with Mrs Bramley during the school term.

The School Council will be working hard this year to help St Paul's be 'the best that we can be'. Please support your School Councillors by sharing your ideas with them so that they can take them to meetings, discuss and if appropriate then action.

Miss Harrington meets with the School Council to listen to their thoughts and reasons as to why they may wish to introduce a range of projects in school. This may be how to further improve our school grounds, organise a charity event for a local or global charity or organise a specific activity in support of our School Values.

So far this term, the School Council have identified a need for more litter bins to keep our school environment clean and tidy. They will be meeting with Miss Harrington next term to look at exciting rewards to recognise improved attendance in school.

Well done School Council, you are off to a great start!



Early Years

Songs around the Christmas Tree

Nursery and Reception children had a great time performing 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree' to our families. They sang beautifully and even got their grown ups to join in at the end too!

Reception Activity Day

Reception enjoyed inviting our grown ups into school to complete some Christmas crafts with us. We made moving Santa's, built snowmen and decorated stockings.



Nursery

Our Nursery children have been very busy being creative making lots of Christmas crafts. Here are some of our children proudly showing their Christmas cards which they have made to give to their grown-ups.

St. Mary's and St. Luke's Visits

Yr4 and Yr5 children had a lovely morning attending St. Luke's Church taking part in a nativity service. Following the service there was time for a questions and answer session about the service and what they could see in church. Our thanks go to Reverend Blunt for such joyous occasions.



Our Yr6 children walked to St. Mary's Church on the Marketplace as part of our Christmas celebrations. For some of our children it was the first time visiting the beautiful church in the heart of Stockport. They took part in the traditional Christian Nativity service, and afterwards took part in the St. Mary's Challenge.

St Mary's Challenge is a treasure hunt, which encourages children to notice things past and present, that are in the church. They worked in groups, and were given a map of the church with plenty of questions - all answers lay around the church and the children had to search them out.

Our thanks go to Reverend Blunt and Reverend Crook for an unforgettable morning.



Yr3 Library Visits

Year 3 had a lovely visit to Brinnington Library this term. The librarian explained how the library works and showed them around, whilst teaching them how to find a book of their choice. The children were delighted to learn that they could join the library for free, and some of the children joined the library during visit. They are really excited to receive their new library cards very soon, so they can borrow a book to take home, read and become better readers.



Y3GB Sharing Assembly

Yr3GB's sharing assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and families. The children were delighted to share their learning in History this term through facts and drawings. Lots of information was shared about Skara Brae, a stone age settlement that has been discovered by archeologists in Scotland. Poetry was read to share why the pupils and staff of St Paul's believe that all forms of bullying are wrong. The children sang their favourite friendship song to celebrate everything we do in school to make, and keep, good friendships. English work was shared about the emotive story of 'The Seal Surfer' and the children loved reading out their written work to an audience of families and friends.

Well done Y3GB, a fantastic celebration of your learning this term!



Staffing

We know you will join us in sending our best wishes to Miss Izard who, during the last half term, got married. Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Russell.

This term we have welcomed back Mrs Shore to Yr5CS/DF following her maternity leave. It's lovely to have her back.

Sadly this term we are saying bye-bye to three members of staff.

Mrs Moore and Mrs Maher will be leaving us at the end of the term. Our thanks go to them both for their commitment and dedication during their time with us at St. Pauls. Our very best wishes for whatever lies ahead. Mr Banks left us during the term, and we wish him well too.

Mrs Cheshire has now been appointed as Site Supervisor and Mid-day Supervisor. We wish her well in her new appointment.

In January we will be welcoming Mr Campbell, who will be teaching Yr4KM/JA on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I am sure he will receive a very warm welcome to our school.

Apply Online Today!
CLICK HERE

Hit the link to apply for Free School Meals - you only need to complete it once!

Christmas Dinner

A big THANK YOU goes to Ms Voss, our School Cook, and her team for an amazing Christmas Dinner this year. They worked really hard, and went over and above board creating a variety of delicious puddings too.

All the children who took a dinner thoroughly enjoyed their meal, sitting alongside their class teachers/teaching assistants.



Bench

Middleton Studios are working alongside Stockport Council making ten community benches for the Brinnington area. The design of three of the benches will be created with schools in the area, including St. Pauls.

On 12th December, the Studio visited Yr5 and Yr6 and the children discussed where in the community the bench could go. All children created artwork that best identified themselves including images of what is important to them, people, places, and showed themselves participating in events or provided a life message.

The children's work will be arranged and laser printed onto a bench so that it can be enjoyed by the local community, and will celebrate our children.

Watch this space for further updates - very exciting!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening in October. It was lovely to see parents' looking at their children's work and meeting with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress so far.

Unfortunately the new website booking system did have it's problems this time, which caused some double bookings. Before the next Parents' Evening, we will look at alternative ways for booking parents appointments.

Dates for your diary

Thursday, 2nd January - Staff Inset Day
Friday, 3rd January - Staff Inset Day
Monday, 6th January - School Reopens

swimming
6LM
Friday 10th January

*Wishing all our families a
Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year*



*We look forward to seeing you again on
Monday, 6th January 2025*