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St. Paul's Newsletter - April 2025



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.

Message from Miss Harrington

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. As you will see when you read it, the term has been packed full of a wide range of activities and opportunities across school. Year 3 have been out to do a River Study, Y4 had a fabulous time on their activity day, Y6 enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Whitworth Art Gallery, classes have worked with the Christians in Schools Trust and visited Church and this week we have had our Early Years Easter Bonnet events and our Easter disco. I really hope that you will agree how important these trips, visits and events are for the children, and how they enhance the learning that goes on in the classroom. We have more visits and activities planned for the Summer Term, so watch out for information about these.

We have given out lots of rewards this week for attendance, but this remains a key focus for improvement for us, and we need your support to help us make sure that children are in school every day, and on time. Well done to all those children who received certificates and rewards, and thank you for your part in that.

Our 'Welcome Wednesday' has proved really popular, and it has been lovely to see so many parents coming in to enjoy having breakfast with their children. This will continue next term, so if you haven't already been, why not join us and give it a go!

Finally, I wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 28th April.

Welcome Wednesday's

We kicked off the new half term welcoming parents and carers to our brand new breakfast club 'Welcoming Wednesdays'

It has proven very popular and we are thrilled to see so many parents, carers and grandparents enjoying a healthy breakfast and a "cuppa" with their children.

It's been wonderful to see parents build relationships with each other and our school staff.

If you've not yet visited our Welcoming Wednesday's, why not pop down on 30th April. There is no need to book, just arrive with your child/children from 8.00am. We ask that you leave by 8.35am to allow staff to get the children ready to go to class.



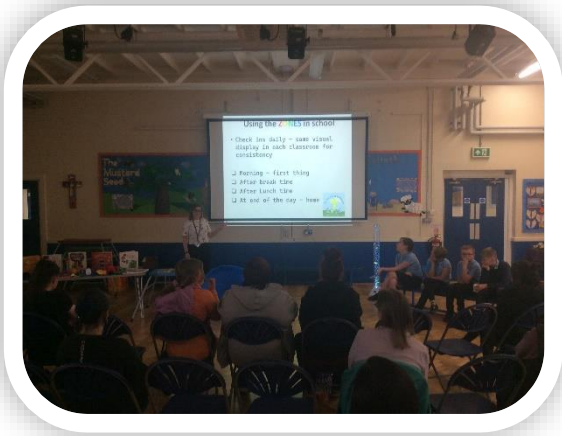
Parent/Carer Engagement

This term we held a Parent Event for all parents/carers on

The Zone of Regulation

This term's Parent Event was all about 'The Zones of Regulation'. As a school we recognise the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for our children and their families. We use a whole school approach called 'The Zones of Regulation' to teach all of our children how to identify and recognise their emotions and cope with different feelings. Our aim is to teach children strategies to self-regulate and improve their wellbeing so they can feel calm and ready to learn.

Parents were given a brief overview about how we use 'The Zones of Regulation' in school and shared some strategies and resources that could support children with emotional regulation at home.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents'/carers who attended parents evening this term. It was very well attended and we are sure that you all took particular delight in reading through your child/rens work and hearing all about how they are getting on in school. This was the last parents' evening of the academic year, but if you have any concerns regarding your child, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Family Help Drop-In Sessions

Our Family Help Co-ordinator has held a number of drop-in sessions this term, offering advice and support to families. If you think you would benefit from a session, please contact Mrs Nairn who will arrange this for you.

Sharing Assembly 1NL

What a wonderful and informative sharing assembly given by 1NL. The children confidently shared with the parents/carers all they have learnt this term. Based on their text of 'Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' the children showed their Missing Poster for a woolly mammoth. Their fruit kebab designs created during their DT lesson were shared, as were their paintings of how deciduous trees change each season,

Headlice

We are experiencing a high number of reports of head lice in school, and whilst not serious or dangerous, unless they go untreated, it isn't a pleasant experience for any child. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. **Long hair should always be tied up.**

Cohens Pharmacy on Berwick Parade, Brinnington, SK5 8LQ offer the

'pharmacy first scheme'

Parents may be able to access free head lice treatment if they meet certain criteria. More information can be found by clicking the link [Cohens Chemist - Cohens Chemist](#).

The NHS guidance is to do wet combing and the following link is very helpful [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

It's Cool to be in School



This half term winners of The Awesome Attendance Trophy is **Maple**

#everydaycounts

CLASS	24 Feb - 11 Apr 2025
Nursery Beg	83.14%
Nursery End	77.14%
Maple	93.57%
RNH	87.79%
1NL	89.42%
1/2JB	90.00%
2ME	90.87%
3MH	90.43%
3GB	92.20%
4JS/SC	91.28%
4SK	91.12%
5CS/DF	91.78%
5MG	88.33%
6LM	88.63%
6LB	90.42%

Every Day Counts

Studybugs

Many thanks to all parents/carers who have downloaded Studybugs and are seeing the benefits of using it to report your child's absences due to sickness,

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



Parent Apps & ParentPay

For help activating your accounts, please call in at the school office and we'll help you to get up and running

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

[Apply Online Today!](#)
CLICK HERE

School Attendance

We have a whole school attendance target of 96% here at St. Paul's.

It is really important that children are in school every day as the impact of good attendance and punctuality is key to enable children to:

- ❖ develop positive emotional wellbeing
- ❖ create a sense of belonging and friendship
- ❖ maximise the educational opportunities available to them
- ❖ take part in a range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities
- ❖ develop important life skills such as confidence and self-esteem

We believe in rewarding good attendance and punctuality to motivate and engage our children. We have many initiatives to support and celebrate attendance so it remains a priority with our families.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Punctuality

Being on time is one of life's most important qualities. It teaches children to be reliable, dependable, and that they can be trusted, and demonstrates respect to other people and for their time.

Being on time helps your child to

- ❖ be organised
- ❖ build confidence
- ❖ Reduces stress and anxiety
- ❖ Maintains and improve academic achievement
- ❖ to maintain their routine and focus
- ❖ to start the day settled, ready and relaxed

Gates open at 8.30am

School doors open at 8.40am.

Registers are taken at 8.45am.

Class doors close at 9.00am

Arrival at school after this time, with out prior approval, will be recorded as a late, Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the school office to be signed in by Mrs Nairn.



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

News from Maple Class

In Maple Class this term, lots of exciting things have been going on. Our Reception children have started to attend Mini Movers, at Life Leisure, which are sessions designed to support children's physical development in a fun and engaging way. The sessions focus on a variety of activities including throwing, jumping, movement to music and much more. We have had two sessions so far and have more to come in the summer term!

Gardening and forest school is much loved by the children. We have planted trees, as well as potatoes which we look forward to tasting when they are ready. The hammock and swing have been a big hit and provides the perfect opportunity to practise our turn-taking and counting skills. We have also had a visit from Heather, from the library service. She shared a sensory story about a pirate and the children loved it. They were engaged by the different sights, sounds and smells that were included in the story.



Stockport County and 3GB

Ethan, our Stockport County FC Sports Coach has been working with Y3GB this term working on ball handling skills and everyone has had a great time keeping fit whilst having fun.

The children's ball handling skills continue to improve!

Thanks Ethan!

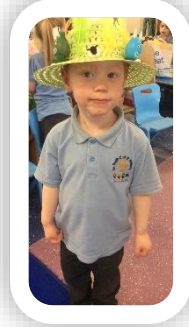


News from Early Years

Easter Bonnet Parades

The Reception children looked absolutely fantastic in their Easter Bonnets! Thank you to all parents and carers for helping them to make such beautiful bonnets. They loved showing them off to you in the parade and we hope you enjoyed their amazing singing performance.

We are super proud of all the children for their continued hard work and all your support.



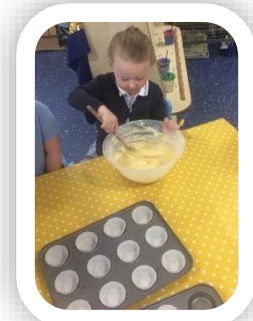
Hot Cross Buns

Reception have learnt all about the Easter Story. We celebrated today eating 'hot cross buns' at our Easter table.

Fairytales

During the term, Early Years have been learning lots of wonderful things through studying fairytales to ignite their imagination. The children developed essential language skills, and a good understanding of moral values.

To celebrate the end of the topic, all the children took part in a baking lesson and made some very delicious fairy cakes.



Church Easter Celebrations

As part of our Easter celebrations, our Yr5 children walked to St. Luke's church in Brinnington, and our Yr6 children walked to St. Mary's Church on the Marketplace in Stockport. They had a fantastic time, becoming CSI investigators, trawling through evidence to investigate 'Who moved the stone?' as they explored the Easter story.

St. Luke's Visit - Yr5

St Mary's Visit - Yr6



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

End of Term Attendance Awards

Regular attendance is essential to your child's progress and success. To reward those children who have achieved 95% or above attendance during the Spring term, all of those children were entered into a prize draw and 8 lucky winners have received a free entry voucher to Run of the Mill. Those with 100% attendance also received an Easter egg.

Very well done to all those children and thank you to parents for working with us to ensure your child is in school.



First Aid Training

Go Active First Aid were invited into school this term to run two three day First Aid training sessions for our Yr6 children.

The children learnt everyday first aid skills along with how to deal with choking and how to perform CPR, giving them confidence to remain calm when handing over vital information to Emergency Services.

Mrs Gilbert was very impressed how all the children taking part engaged in the learning, and demonstrated maturity whilst learning life saving skills. All children who completed the course will receive a certificate.



Whitworth Art Gallery

Yr6 children visited the Whitworth Art Gallery in order to take part in a taught art session around the landscape artist J.M.W Turner. The children thoroughly enjoyed the many opportunities to engage with art and create their own sketches.



Easter Disco

Oh What A Night... We are so pleased to have resurrected the school disco's. All children who attended had a great time, dancing the night away. They all looked lovely in their party clothes and they particularly liked the glow sticks. We have raised a fantastic £450 for our school fund, which all of our children will benefit from.

Keep a look out for further party dates during the Summer term.



Yr3 Geography Field Trip

In Geography this term, Year 3 are learning about

'What are rivers and how they are used?'

To enrich the children's learning, we walked through Reddish Vale and collected data on the features of the River Tame. The children had the opportunity to walk along the banks of our local river and identify some of the key features they have learnt in class.

It was a fantastic day of learning and our thanks go to our parent helpers and governors who brought the sunshine with them for us all to enjoy.



Venture Out - Year 4

In place of our annual Yr4 Castleton trip, this year we took the children to Venture Out on the banks of the River Mersey within the grounds of Burnage Rugby Club.

They all enjoyed taking part in adventurous activities including canoeing, archery, campfire building, shelter building and much more. It was a fun-packed day with tired but very happy children arriving back at school at the end of the day. Lots of memories made!



Road Safety Lessons

Stockport Council's Road Safety Team visited St. Paul's this term to lead road safety sessions to our Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 children. All of the children were very engaged in the sessions and the Road Safety team were very impressed by their enthusiasm to learn, and how well mannered our children are

Year 2 - Step Outside

The children ventured to a quiet side street near to school where they learnt how to cross a road safely in a number of different situations.



Year 4 StepOutside

The activity was all about the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet. Working in groups, the children were given an egg to decorate and name. The eggs were then placed in a piece of bubble wrap, which the children secured with tape, and put in to a bag. Each group's egg was tested by being dropped to see how well it had been protected. At the end of the session, the children discussed what had happened to their eggs and the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling.



Year 6 - Speed Awareness

Learning about speed awareness the children were encouraged to discuss vehicles travelling at speed, and the possible consequences of stopping, thinking and braking distances. As part of the session, the children were taken outside school to record vehicle speeds using a speed gun.

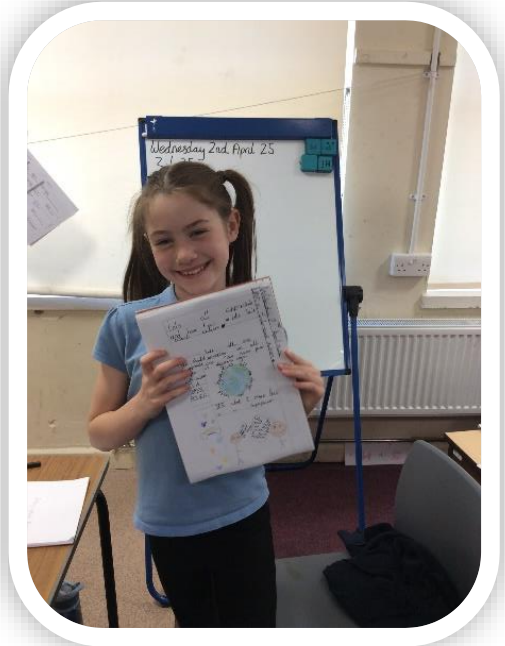


Autism Awareness Week

During Autism Awareness Week, all classes spent time learning all about awareness and to encourage acceptance of autistic individuals where every child feel valued, supported and included. All our of children showed compassion and a great understanding of this very important subject.



1/2JB have made a lovely window display for parents to see with their big ribbon and some wonderful posters. If you're passing by, do take a look!



4JA/SC
Friday, 2nd May
Swimming

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th May - BANK HOLIDAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
w/c Monday 12th May - Yr6 SATS
Wednesday 14th May - Freddie Fit
Wednesday 21st May - Summer Fair



Wishing all our families a Peaceful Easter

Enjoy the half term and we look forward to
seeing you again on
Monday, 28th April 2025

