



St Paul's C of E Primary School
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St. Paul's Newsletter - July 2025

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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

Welcome to this final edition of our Newsletter, and it seems amazing that this is the end of another school year!

Having read back over all the Newsletters this year, it is a reminder of just how much has happened this year in school, and the huge and varied amount of learning, visits, visitors and other experiences that have been offered throughout the year. Well done to all the children for all that they have achieved, and we hope that they are looking forward to the next year ahead, which I am sure will be just as successful.

Many events over this last half term have centred around our Y6 children, as they reach the end of their time here at St. Paul's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, as their parents/carers, for all that you have done for your child, and the support that you have given the school. Some of you we will see back in September, but for some this will be the last day that you are with us too, and I would like to wish you all the very best for the future.

And for the children themselves - it is hard to know where to begin, but we are all so proud of everything that they have done and achieved here at St. Paul's, they have grown and flourished and are ready now for their next step, and we wish them many successes in the years ahead. Remember always that you can achieve anything that you set out to do, with a sense of resilience and determination, and we have every faith in you - dream it and you can do it!

Now it is time for us all to take a break, we wish you a very happy summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday, 3rd September.

School Kitchen

We are super proud of Miss Voss, our School Cook, and her team who were awarded a Hygiene Food Rating of 5 by the Food Standards Agency this term.

Miss Voss and her team work really hard all year to provide tasty and nutritious meals for our children, whilst keeping their work space in tip top condition.

Many congratulations!



School Fund

A huge thank you to all staff and parents who have helped raise much needed school funds this year. All monies raised is spent on all of our children.

We are hoping to hold more fund raising events next year, so watch this space!

Stickin's

St. Paul's continues to be partnered with Stikin's, a company that produce multipurpose name tags that can be used to label clothes and fabric items, shoes and bags, lunch boxes and water bottles. The labels simply stick on and stay on - No sewing or ironing required.

For every order placed, Stikin's will donate 30% to our school. Click [here](#) to order your labels and when prompted, enter the School Fundraising Number **21498**.



Parent/Carer Engagement

Breakfast Club

If you've not yet joined us for a healthy start to the day with a wholesome breakfast and a morning cuppa at our 'Welcoming Wednesdays', please do come along with your child(ren). It's completely free of charge to parents/carers and grandparents, and you don't have to book. Just pop along to receive a warm and friendly welcome.

Breakfast Club is a great way to ensure your child is never late for school and is in class on time, ready for the day of learning ahead.

It provides opportunities for children to make small choices by giving them a choice of different fruits, cereals, bagels, beans on toast and a variety of healthy drinks. Starting the day off making little choices gives children the confidence to continue making good choices throughout the school day.



**Welcoming
Wednesdays**

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](#)

Attendance

When we return in September, our new Pastoral Support, Miss Wood will be working to help improve attendance across school. Initially working alongside Mrs Nairn, Miss Wood will be out in the playground at the beginning of the day, should you have any concerns or queries in relation to your child's attendance.

It's really important that all children are in school and start the year off in a positive way. Along with the usual academic lessons, we will have lots of lovely and exciting things planned as we kick off the new school year.

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

100% Attendance Awards

We love celebrating success and there's nothing like celebrating 100% attendance for the whole of the year.

The children have all received a voucher to spend on something they would really like as a thank you for being in school every day, and for being shining examples when it comes to attendance in school.

Very well done and happy spending!



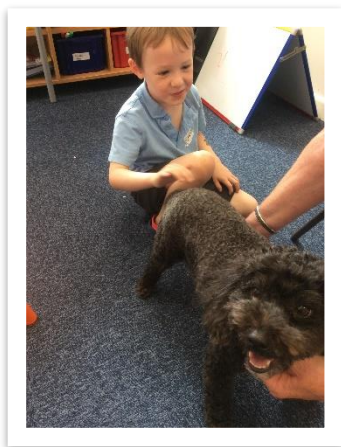
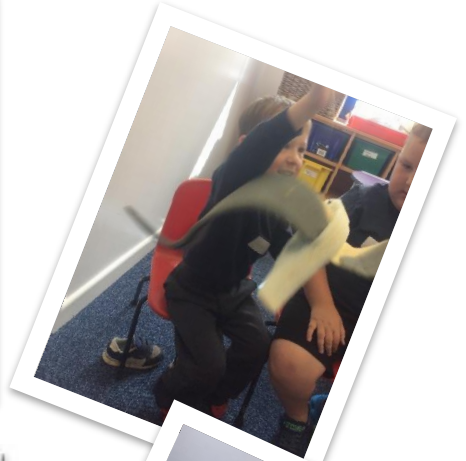
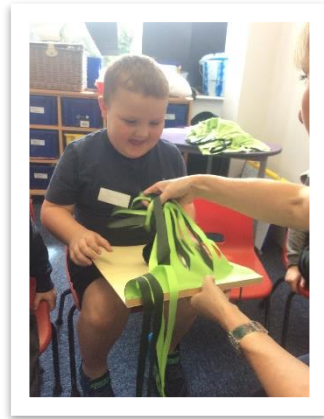
Most Improved Attenders

Not only have we celebrated our high percentage attenders, this year we have decided to award the most improved attenders. They have done really well and improved their attendance significantly over the Spring and the Summer term. Very well done and keep up the good work.

News from Maple Class

This term our topic has been "Our Senses". Each week we have focused on one of the five senses. We have incorporated lots of sensory experiences for the children. A highlight was when Heather (from the library) came into school and delivered a sensory story for the children. The story was about a trip to the beach. The children touched a naughty seagull, who tried to eat the ice-cream, and could feel the shells and fish. We also had a visit from Bonnie, our school therapy dog, who the class were able to stroke to feel her fluffy fur. We explored our sense of taste by making biscuits and trying some citrus fruits - the biscuits were more of a success than the limes!

A huge well done to all our children who took part in Sports Day. A great afternoon enjoyed by the children and adults.



Staff News

We're thrilled to announce that we are expecting the pitter, patter of another pair of tiny feet!

Mrs Shore, of 5CS is expecting a baby towards the end of the year. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a healthy pregnancy, and we can't wait to meet her bundle of joy.



News from Early Years

Sports Day - The rain held off and the children were able to take part in their sports day, running four races and enjoying using the tunnels, hurdles and the sacks! Thank you to all of the parents and families who came to support the children and cheer them on.



We have been very busy in our last half term in Nursery learning all about the story 'The Little Red Hen'. We have learnt to orally retell the story and learn actions to go with it. We then drew some fantastic story maps!

We have been learning where bread and milk come from and learning some farmyard animal names and their babies!

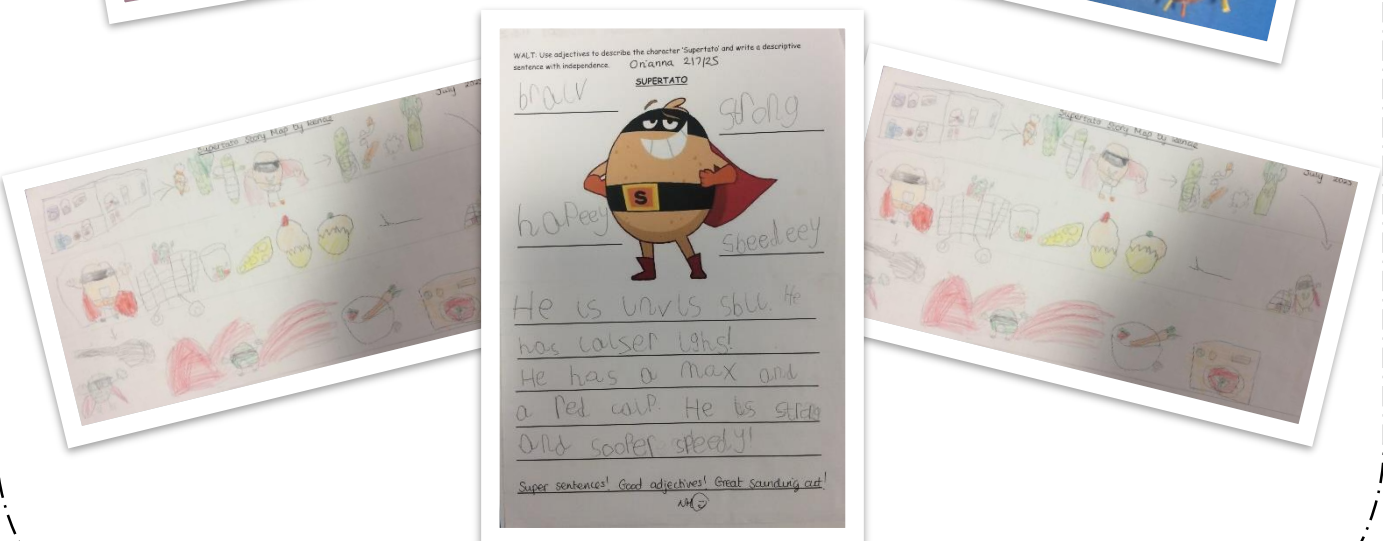
We have been discussing how grown up we are and how we are ready to move on with our learning. We are excited and looking forward to starting Reception in September!

Reception

Reception have absolutely loved our text 'Supertato'. They have completed some amazing work including making superhero masks, drawing story maps and writing character descriptions. Best of all the children made their very own Supertato!

Well done Reception!

They have had a brilliant year of learning and their teachers are very proud of them all!



Year 6 Leavers Celebrations

There wasn't a dry eye during our Leaver's Assembly this week as our Year 6 children came together to deliver a memory filled assembly to their parents/carers. The children looked back and shared their own special memories of their time here at St. Paul's and it was lovely to see so many parents/carers supporting their children on what is a very emotional day in the calendar for us all.



After lunch, the children and staff walked to 'In The Light' Cinema to watch "How To Train Your Dragon" which they all really enjoyed.



Don't cry because it's over - smile because it happened!

Celebration Assembly

Every year, our Year 6 Teacher Awards are presented to two children chosen by our Year 6 teachers as shining examples of being great role models, and who have shown outstanding contribution throughout the year. This years awards were presented to Oba and Ava - many congratulations!

Anil and Rose were thrilled to be voted for by their classmates as this years Year 6 Stars of the Year - very well done!



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part. Children can read anything they like and collect free rewards for their reading.

Children can take part for FREE, either at the library OR online:

Parents/carers can sign their children up at their local library and take part in person. A librarian will give a special collector folder to the child and help them find books to read. Children will collect special stickers and rewards for their reading.

OR

Parents/carers can take part online by signing up [here](#), on the official Challenge website. Just set up a profile with a reading goal and log your child's books. When your child reaches their goal, they will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

Happy Reading!



Reader of the Year

This year we have celebrated our 'Readers of the Year'. They have been awarded a special prize for showing the most progress in reading throughout the year, or because they have a genuine love for reading.

Every class has a Reader of the Year, and they have all received a voucher to spend in Serenity Books. So, happy reading to all of our winners and very well done!



Serenity Books

This term, eight enthusiastic readers were taken to Serenity Books in Stockport. They were given the opportunity to choose new and inspiring books for school. All the readers have expressed how much they enjoyed visiting the store and how they wanted to visit again with their family.

Next school year we are hoping to work in partnership with Serenity Books and we hope to return to the store with more children, and we hope they will visit school to talk everything about books and reading. It's going to be really exciting!





Transition Day

On Thursday 4th July all the children spent the day with their new class teachers.

It's a very important day in the summer term as your child will be spending a lot of their time with their new class teacher and teaching assistant. This year the children were also spending time with new classmates, as we had to make changes to our class structure, due to falling pupil numbers across Stockport, and the financial implications this brings, and also considering best curriculum practice

It was a perfect time for your child to explore their new learning environment too.

Our Year 6's also enjoyed their transition day at their chosen High School, getting to know their new environment and teaching staff.

Resource Centre

We are all very excited for the opening of our second Resource Class, Cedar in September 2025.

Mr Grinsted will be our second Resource class teacher, supported by Mr Hoque and Miss Connor. Work will commence during the summer holiday to ensure the classroom is ready to welcome our new children in September.



Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children had a terrific time on their residential this term, and what made it all the more special is that the weather was truly kind. full of so many different activities which were designed to develop confidence and independence, improve team building skills. They had lots of fun canoeing, raft building, which they got to sail on the water, archery, fire building and much more.

The group arrived home very tired, with lots of happy memories to look back on from their time at St. Pauls.

Their days were packed



September 2025

Welcome

We are welcoming the following new staff members to team St. Paul's in September:



Mr Grinsted - our new resource class teacher.
Mr Hoque - Teaching Assistant supporting Mr Grinsted
Miss Donnelly - Teaching Assistant supporting Mrs Brett
Miss Broomby - Teaching Assistant supporting Miss Henshaw
Mrs Hassanen - Teaching Assistant supporting Mrs Bramley
Miss Ball - Apprentice Teaching Assistant supporting Miss Shore in Maple
Miss Wood - Pastoral Lead Support
Mr Las - Inclusion Team

Mr David Mogg - co-opted school governor.

Up-To-Date Contacts

Make sure you don't miss out on any important news!

To ensure you receive all letters and messages we send out, you **MUST** let the office staff know if you have changed your mobile number, landline number and/or email number. It's really important that we have your current address too.

In case of emergencies, we do require a minimum of **THREE** contacts on your child's record just in case, for any reason, we can't get hold of you. Please pass these details to the office staff at the start of the new school year.

Scooters and Bikes

We do strive for all children to arrive at school on time, ready for a full day of learning, but on the odd occasion, for reasons such as medical appointments, a late arrival can not be helped. If your child has to arrive late and they have travelled to school on a scooter or bike, parents must take the scooter or bike home as the cycle shed is locked at 9.00am and can not be reopened until the end of the school day.

PLEASE NOTE ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BIKES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SITE, due to health and safety reasons.

Visiting School - Mobile Phones

For the safeguarding of **all** children, staff and visitors, the use of mobiles phones is **not permitted** in school. All staff are instructed to ask visitors to put them away if visitors are seen using their mobile.

If parents are in a meeting with a member of staff, and is required to look at their mobile phone, this is permitted in the safety of the office environment.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Nasal flu vaccinations will take place on Friday, 24th October 2025 to children who will be in Reception through to Year 6. Consent forms will be emailed to you in the Autumn Term and consent needs to be submitted, on-line in a timely manner.

In-Set Days

Just a reminder that Monday, 1st and Tuesday, 2nd September are inset- days for staff and school is closed to all children.



**Governors and Staff wish all our families a very happy and relaxing
Summer holiday**

'praising God's name from sunrise to sunset, a concept applicable to the long daylight hours of summer'

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025