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## St. Paul's Newsletter October 2025

### Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for this academic year. It has been a really positive start to the year, welcoming all the children back as well as new children and families, and our new Reception and Nursery children. They have all settled in well to their new classes and year groups, and our Year 6 children have embraced their additional roles of responsibility across school, as well as being introduced to their Reception buddy, which has been a successful return to something we used to do a number of years ago!

Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing a school uniform, please just make sure that names are in everything so that we can return lost items quickly! It has been a busy half term with a wide range of activities across school - after school clubs for Y2-Y6, Rugby taster sessions finishing with a mini competition between classes, continued work with Stockport County and outdoor learning sessions with Phil which including harvesting, preparing, cooking and eating the product of their hard work. Photographs of many of these activities can be seen on our Facebook page.

We held our annual Macmillan Coffee morning and this week our Harvest assembly - thank you for all your donations to help us support two amazing charities. Attendance continues to be a focus for school as we try to improve our attendance levels to meet government expectations. We held a special event this week to celebrate all the children who have had 100% attendance this half term - a Golden Ticket invitation to a Headteacher Breakfast! Today we also celebrated all those children with attendance above the expected 96% level - a big thank you to parents who are supporting us with this, and to the children too.

Reception classes have been inviting parents every Friday to a new Reading Club, and this has been so well supported and enjoyed by everyone. It is a really special part of the week and we hope that you will continue to come next term. Lots of photographs can be seen on the Early Years Tapestry platform. The rest of this Newsletter highlights some of our key events, so we hope you enjoy reading it all.

Next half term starts with Parents' Evenings, and will end with all the magic of Christmas activities and events, something we all look forward to. So, we wish you all a lovely half term holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 3rd November.

### Contact Information



To ensure you receive all letters and messages we send out, you must let the school office staff know if you have changed your mobile number, landline number, email address and home address in the last 3 months.



We also need a minimum of THREE contact on your child's record just in case, for any reason, we can't get hold of you. Please pass these details to the school office as soon as possible.



## Parental Engagement

### Reception Stay and Read Club

This year we have introduced a Reception Stay and Read Club which is held every Friday morning.

Parents and carers are invited into the classroom to share books with their child. It is a great opportunity for parents/carers to help their children develop a love of reading.

The children have also taken the opportunity to show their grown-up all of the work they have been doing.

We have had a fantastic turn out, and we very much look forward to welcoming all Reception parents/carers each week.

### Welcome Wednesday's

We've thrown the doors open again this year to our parents and carers to our "Welcome Wednesday's".

Parent/Carers are invited, free of charge, to enjoy a healthy breakfast with their children, and it's a great opportunity for parents/carers to build relationships with each other and school staff.

There is no need to book; just arrive with your child/children from 8.00am. All that we ask is that you leave by 8.35am to allow staff to get the children ready to go to class.

Bagels are still available to children arriving at the school gate.



## Our Charitable Kindness

### Harvest Festival

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October the whole school came together to celebrate and give thanks for food during harvest.

Our festival assembly gave children the opportunity to consider the needy and those less fortunate.

We would like to thank all our families who brought in food throughout the week, which will be distributed by Stockport Food Bank.



### MacMillan Cake Sale

Our Year 6 children organised our MacMillan Cake Sale on 26<sup>th</sup> September and raised a fantastic £280 for MacMillan Cancer Relief.

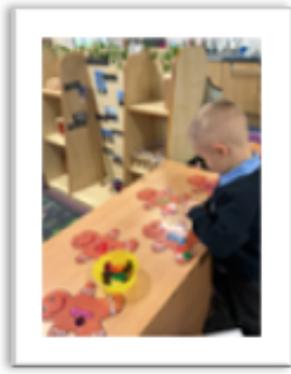
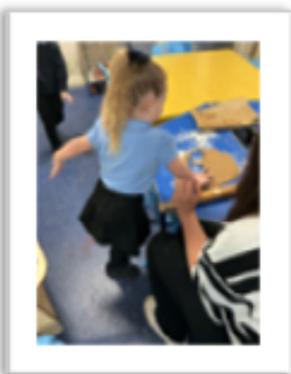
They would like to thank you for all the donations and for supporting this very worthwhile event.



## Early Years News

Nursery have had a great half term settling into their new classroom and learning the routines of Nursery!

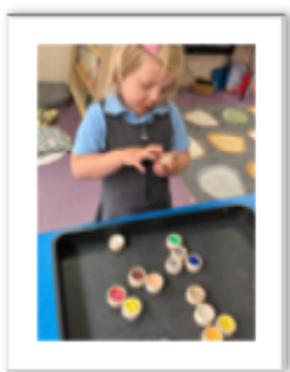
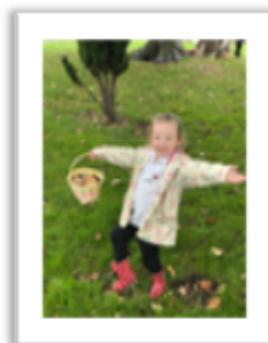
We have been learning all about the story 'The Gingerbread Man' and have done lots of exciting activities including counting buttons, exploring gingerbread gloop, and building bridges to help the gingerbread man to cross the river. We have finished off our work on this story by baking our own gingerbread men! They were delicious!



Foxes and Squirrels have been learning all about the five senses this term, in particular the sense of touch, taste and smell. We used our feet on a sensory walk, our noses to guess all sorts of smells, and our tongues to guess different tastes, such as sweet, sour, salty and bitter. We also touched different surfaces with our fingertips.

Whilst celebrating European Day of Languages we have been busy learning the French song 'Frere Jacques'. We also made some beautiful French flags.

With the arrival of a brand new season, we went on an exciting autumn walk collecting lots of autumn treasures!



# Attention Year 6

## Year 7 Applications

You have until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to submit your Year 7 High School application to Stockport Council. Please make sure you to list 6 preferred choices, and **one must be** your catchment area school, otherwise you may run the risk of being placed in a school some distance from your home.

Click [here](#) to complete your application.

If you miss the above closing date, then you are in sever danger of reducing your chances of a preferred school, and are more likely to be allocated an unwanted place some distance from home.

## Reception Open Day

If your child is born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 they are due to start Reception in September 2026.

We are holding three open mornings for parents and children to come along and spend time in our Early Years.

Come along on:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

There is no need to book, just come along and you will be very welcomed.



## Freddy Fit

The children love this time of the year as our good friend Freddy Fit comes to visit.

All classes took time out of the classroom to participate in fun and exciting games designed to improve fitness, strength, coordination, self-esteem and teamwork.

Thank you Freddy Fit and Year 6 look forward to welcoming you back again in the Summer!



## News from Maple and Cedar

All of the children in Cedar Class have enjoyed settling into their new class this half term and doing lots of exciting learning.

We have enjoyed reading 'The Colour Monster' and learning about the different feelings and emotions that we may experience. We have learnt how to understand these emotions and how to express our feelings using the zones of regulation colours.

We have done lots of exciting learning about the different colours and emotions, including designing and building our own colour monsters.



In Maple this half term, we have welcomed new members to our class. We have had lots of fun getting to know each other and settling in to the new school year.

The children have been enjoying using the playground equipment and learning to climb confidently. The slide and basket swing have been favourites and they provide a great opportunity for "ready, steady... GO!" games.

The Autumn leaves have made our outdoor area even more fun! We have been throwing, brushing and piling the leaves as well as using the natural resources to make magic potions in the pumpkin.



# Studybugs

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As you will know, last year we 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, please do so now.



#attendancematters

## Breakfast with the Headteacher

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, all of our half term top attendance children from each class were presented with a golden ticked during registration. They were asked to go along to the school hall. On arrival, they all found Miss Harrington, waiting for them to join her in celebration at her very first

'Breakfast with the Headteacher'

The children enjoyed breakfast pastries and took part in a special quiz. They all received a special pencil, a badge and a certificate too.

Very well done to all of the children for making sure they are in school everyday.

Keep up the great work!



## Important Information

### 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.

If you know you have to collect your child before the end of the school day due to an appointment, please refrain your child from arriving at school on a scooter or bike. If your child does, then parents **must** take the scooter or bike home with them after arrival as the cycle shed does not open until 3.20pm. Due to Maple and Cedar classes play area, we can not open the area to retrieve scooters or bikes before this time.

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

Scooters and bikes left in the bike shed are at the owners/parents/carers own risk.

### 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 phone.

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.

### Headlice

We are receiving recurring reports of headlice in some classes this term. Headlice can be a big problem in all schools, and whilst not serious or dangerous, if they go untreated, it isn't a pleasant experience for any child or adult.

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Long hair should always be tied up.

If you are struggling to control headlice, please speak to the school nurse, or book time with the school nurse at her drop-in session on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Free School Meals

#### Reception Class, Year 1 or Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to receive universal free school meals. All they have to do is order their choice of meal from the day's menu in class, and their meal will be ready for them at lunchtime.

If you think you may be eligible to receive free school meals due to your personal circumstances (eg in receipt of Income Support) please apply by clicking the application link below.

#### Year 3 - Year 6

If you feel you may be eligible for your child to receive free school meals (in receipt of Income Support), you need to complete the online free school meals application form. Please click the link below. The result will come through instantly and the school will be notified directly.



Did you know...  
Reception, Y1 & Y2 pupils are eligible for a  
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WORTH **£480** A YEAR!  
CLAIM YOUR **FREE** SCHOOL MEALS!  
Please contact the school office to register  
Taylor Shaw