



ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



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Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to this festive and final Newsletter of 2025!

What a term it has been, with so many events and activities to share with you, and an ending that has hopefully provided all the children with lots of Christmas fun and memories.

The beginning of the half term brought time to talk and reflect during Anti-Bullying Week, and then to join the country celebrating Children In Need, for which you made so many generous donations for this good cause.

We joined the commemoration of Remembrance Day, with children right across school learning about this day, and why it is so important to keep remembering those who have served in the armed forces and the sacrifices that they have made. Our Y6 children have learnt about this in more depth this term during their History work on World War Two.

Then December arrived, bringing our special assembly to switch on our Christmas lights, the Christmas Fair, which was so well supported by you, visits to Church, Christmas dinner and then party day. This is such a special time to be in school and to share with all the children. Our Early Years children then gave us a real treat with their performance of 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' - a really magical event that I am sure those parents who came to see absolutely loved. We were so proud of the children and how well they did.

This week we have also celebrated those children who have had excellent attendance this half term, with 'Golden Tickets' to my Headteacher Breakfast. Well done to these children, and to you as their parents, for helping them to be in school every day. They had a lovely time doing Christmas crafts, listening and singing along to Christmas songs, and eating a choice of food that the children had suggested. You will see some of the photos on our Facebook page.

Finally, I would like to say thank you again for your continued support for school, and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 5th January.



Our Charitable Kindness

Children In Need

We raised a lovely amount celebrating Children In Need. All the children, and staff looked great in their Pudsey related clothes. Thank you to everyone who bought Pudsey items. We raised a fantastic £433



Save The Children

We all enjoyed wearing our Christmas Jumpers on 11th December, and at the same time raised £162.76 for Save The Children. Thank You!



Remembrance Day

On 11th November the school came together to commemorate the end of World War One and to remember all those brave soldiers who died in conflicts. All our brownies and cubs looked really smart on the day. Although we didn't have the usual amount of items to sell, we still raised a good amount for the Royal British Legion.

Sammy's Project

What a fantastic effort by all our families who had a good sort out at home, donating old clothes, shoes, bedding, towels and much more.

The bags were collected by Sammy's Project, who support "Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK," and also help school raise much needed funds. Thanks to your kind efforts we have raised £178 for our school fund.



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 the fundraising activities have been forthcoming and this has enabled us to take part in these activities, which we wouldn't be able to do it without your support – so a very big thank you to everyone.



News From Early Years

Whoops-A-Daisy Angel

Our Reception and Nursery children worked incredibly hard to learn their words, songs and dances and performed 'Whoops-A-Daisy' beautifully. We are all immensely proud of your children. Thank you to all of the families for supporting us by coming to watch the show.



People Who Help Us

Reception children have really enjoyed learning about people who help us. The Dentist and Police came to visit and the children were very engaged and asked lots of questions. Fox Class have turned their home corner into a Dentist Surgery and the children have played brilliantly there and showcased all their learning through play. They have even had members of staff visit their Dentist to have their teeth checked!



Nursery News

Nursery had a lovely time inviting their parents into the classroom for Christmas Activity Day. The children showed their grown ups all of the areas of their classroom, and did some lovely Christmas crafts. They had a great time!



Christingle Service

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingles are made using oranges. The candle is lit at the end of a service to spread a magical glow around everyone.

Year 5 walked to St. Luke's Church Hall to celebrate Christingle, led by Rev. Blunt, and our Year 6 walked into Stockport to enjoy the wonderful environment of St. Mary's Church.

Our thanks go to Rev. Blunt and everyone at St. Mary's.



Fund Raising

Christmas Fair

We held our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 5th December, which was brilliantly attended. There were stalls with a bottle, and a Christmas tombola, Christmas cups, lucky dips, hamper raffles and much more! We would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for donating items, and the Christmas cups the children made were fantastic.

A BIG thank you to Miss Henshaw and Miss Baron for the tireless hardwork to organise this popular event in the school calendar. Thank you also to staff and the Year 6 helpers for making the fair a huge success and helping to raise £1,150.00 for school fund! We look forward to the next event soon!



Supper With Santa

Father Christmas has been very busy visiting St. Paul's this year. He held one of his favourite events of Christmas on the 11th December.....'Supper With Santa'

Children from Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely time eating lots of delicious food, taking part in Christmas activities, playing games and listening to a very special story, read by Father Christmas. It was lot's of fun with lots of excited and happy children.

A big thank you again to Miss Baron and Miss Henshaw for helping Father Christmas organise this special event.



Attendance

It's Cool to be in School!



This half term winners of The Awesome Attendance Trophy is **2SK**

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CLASS	3 Nov - 19 Dec
Badgers	83.58%
Hedgehogs	85.14%
Foxes	86.33%
Squirrels	91.90%
1JB	90.16%
2ME	84.76%
2SK	94.21%
3MH	88.05%
3/4GB	89.51%
4DF	90.41%
5CS	90.41%
5MG	88.57%
6LB	89.28%
6LM	89.68%
Mapel	82.96%
Cedar	85.71%

Attendance Matters



It is really important that your child attends school everyday and arrives on time. We will be contacting parents if we have concerns about your child's attendance.

Evidence shows that there are clear links between good attendance and high achievement in school. Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, make progress and gain the greatest benefit from their education.

Breakfast With The Headteacher

All children who have 100% attendance for this half term were all given a Golden Christmas Ticket during registration, and were asked to go to the hall. The ticket was entry to:

'Breakfast With The Headteacher'

As a special reward for great attendance, tables were dressed for Christmas, and Christmas music was playing in the background as they enjoyed chocolate pancakes, platters of fruit, cakes and a drink. They also got to take part in Christmas Activities and games.



Parental Engagement

Reception Reading Club

Reception Reading Club has been very well attended this term and we thank every parent and carer for your continued support. Early Years is full to the brim with words and language, with a vocabulary rich environment that supports all children to build a foundation for literacy and language skills. The children really do enjoy reading with their parents/carers which helps develop your child's love of reading.

We had a special visitor on the last day of term, and all Reception children were given a beautiful book to read at home.



Welcome Wednesday's

We are continuing with our Welcome Wednesday's, inviting parent's and carer's into Breakfast to join their children and enjoy a healthy breakfast and well deserved brew!

It's completely free from charge to all parents/carers and there is no need to book. Just arrive with your child and come on in. We look forward to seeing you next term.

Christmas Activity Days

Our Early Years team invited parents/carers in to school on Monday 15th December and Wednesday 17th December for a festive afternoon of Christmas Activities. Parents/Carers worked with their children to produce lovely tree decorations which they have taken home.



News from Mapel and Cedar

This half term, Cedar class has enjoyed learning about several different celebrations and special events, including Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Advent and Christmas. We have also enjoyed exploring autumn outside and making a campfire to toast marshmallows.



It has been a very busy half term in Maple Class. We ventured out into the community for our first walk outside school grounds. This was a huge learning opportunity for the children to practise road safety skills. We went into the tunnel and enjoyed experimenting with noises to hear the echoes!

Another highlight has been our Craft and Cake afternoon, where we invited parents to join in with the festive fun. We have also made lots of fires in Forest school, which involved enjoying some marshmallows



A special well done for Finn, who made an excellent shepherd in the Reception nativity



Little Bundle's of Joy



We are thrilled to let you know that Mrs Russell gave birth to a healthy baby boy in September and that Mrs Shore has given birth to a healthy baby girl.

Both mums and babies are well and we all send our congratulations to both families.

Sports Activities

Rugby Year 2 - Burnage Rugby club have been in school every Thursday to coach our Year 2 children the skills of Rugby, focussing on movement and basic ball handling. These activities emphasis on teamwork and decision-making, to build confidence and coordination.

Football Year 6 - Our Year 6 football team played a knock-out football match against Abingdon Primary School in Reddish this term. It was a closely fought out game with Abingdon pipping us to the post with a goal in the last few minutes. Very well played Year 6 - remember, it's the taking part and fun of playing that counts!

Stockport County Maple/Cedar - Ethan has been working with children from Maple and Cedar class this term, working on sporting activities to develop balance and co-ordination skills.

Stockport County Afterschool Club - Ethan will be holding a 'Target Sports' Afterschool Club on Wednesdays for our Year 3 children, when school returns following the Christmas break. If your child would like to join the club, please book their place via the consent form on ParentApps

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 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.

Special Themed Dinner Day

Taylor Shaw are inviting all children to join us on Thursday, 15th January 2026 for their new Horrible Histories-inspired themed menu day.

Their "Terrible Times" menu turns history into a light-hearted, tasty adventure, with each dish given a fun twist to spark curiosity and conversation. From Pharaohs and Vikings to Victorians, it's a delicious way for pupils to enjoy a themed day that connects food with learning in a memorable and engaging way.

If your child would like to take part in our 'Terrible Times' themed dinner day, then book their place via the consent form on ParentApps.



Christmas Party Day

On Thursday, 18th December we held our Christmas Parties. All the children had a wonderful afternoon of party games, dancing and enjoying party food. Here's a snapshot of the day!



Reception Place – September 2026

We would urge all Nursery parents whose child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, if you have not already done so, to apply for your child's Reception School place.

All applications have to be made on line, and the closing date for applications is

15th January 2026



Nursery Place – September 2026

Any parents whose child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 can apply for a Nursery School place.

All applications have to be made on-line.

Closing date for your application is **31st March 2026**



Welcome

In January we will be extending a warm welcome to 8 new children to our Nursery class. We hope they all settle in quickly and enjoy being in our Nursery class with Mrs Cooper, Miss Darvysire and Miss Willis.

Save The Date

Monday 5th December – School Reopens

Monday 5th January – **Nursery CLOSED**

Tuesday 6th January – Nursery Re-opens

Friday 9th January – 6LM Swimming

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

