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St. Paul's Newsletter February 2026



Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter. The half term seems to have flown by, but has still been packed with exciting learning opportunities, both in classrooms, and also in our amazing outdoor environment. Gardening sessions have taken place for our children in Maple and Cedar classes with Phil. Maple Class have also been going out on local walks and visited Brinnington Library, which they absolutely loved!

It has been lovely to have started our class sharing assemblies again, thank you to all those parents, carers and other family members who were able to join us for those; the children love being able to share their learning with you, and they have all done an amazing job so far. There will be more of these next half term, so look out for the messages on the Parent App.

This week we had an incredibly successful Headteacher Breakfast with a Valentine theme - so many children with 100% attendance this half term, so thank you, and let's keep it up! We will be starting some other initiatives to help us further improve attendance, so look out for messages about these too. I would also like to say thank you to all those parents/carers who attend the Reception classes Reading Club on a Friday - it is such a lovely way to build relationships between school and home, and to help develop a love of reading for all our children. We really hope that you will continue to attend, and we are looking at widening this out to other classes.

Next half term there will be lots to look forward to: we will have Parents' Evenings, more sharing assemblies, all the fun that surrounds World Book Day, including our usual dress-up day for those who want to, Easter activities, and the activity day for Year 3 and Year 4. We will also continue to share the 'Too Good To Miss' information, which we hope will encourage children to want to be at school and help you to know what your children are doing at school!

So, I hope you all have a lovely half term break, and we will look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday, 23rd February

Lost Property

Every term we have a lot of uniform and coats left in school, which is placed in lost property. If your child's belongings are labelled, we can return them to you straight away.

St. Paul's is partnered with Stickin'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, and all kinds of other personal belongings, saving you time and money.

The labels simply stick on and stay on. No sewing or ironing required so you can label everything in minutes.

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

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 dates for your application is 31st March 2026.

Important Notice



If you have to drive your child/ren to school, please note that on Thursday, 12th February the Council, following consultation, have erected limited parking signs at the laybys outside school. This means that parking is permitted for **one hour only**, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm. If you can, please park a little further away and walk the rest of the journey.

We ask that you please remember to be considerate at all times to our neighbours and **not** block driveways. Thank you for your co-operation.



Inter Faith Week

Week commencing 2nd February was our annual Interfaith week. Each class chose their own religion to focus on this year. There were a lovely range of activities and outcomes across school.

Maple and Year 1 had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year. Whilst exploring the Islam faith, Year 6 produced some beautiful Taj Mahal watercolour paintings, Year 3/4 created their own 5 pillars hands and in Cedar, Miss Ahmed shared her experience of the 5 pillars with the children. In Year 2, the children created some superb menorah candlestick collages whilst exploring Judaism, whilst Year 5 created Mehndi patterns on hands. Our Nursery and Reception children practiced meditation and made some wonderful lotus flowers.

It was so wonderful to take some time to celebrate the diversity of the world religions and it made for an exciting celebration display in the middle corridor. Well done, everyone. What a fantastic week we all had!



Reception practicing meditation



1JB Chinese Dragons

Parental Engagement

Sharing Assemblies

5MG smashed their Sharing Assembly and confidently shared their learning so far including Art, English, Geography and History!

The children were so proud sharing their work and singing for the audience and showing all of the amazing learning completed so far.



2ME were proud to perform their sharing assembly on Thursday 5th February. The children were quite nervous but they tried their best and did a great job. The children shared work from several subjects including Writing, Art and Reading. They enjoyed performing the song 'Hands, Feet and Heart' and were proud to share their work with their grown-ups after the assembly.



Thank you to everyone who came.

Reception 'Stay and Read' Club

Our 'Stay and Read' Club on Friday mornings continues to be very well attended. The children just love to read with their parent/carer.

The last day of term brought a special reading challenge. Children have been asked to find the most extreme place to read a book and to send a photograph to Mrs Sands.



Welcome Wednesday's

It's lovely to see some of our parents/carers and grandparents at our Breakfast Club

Welcoming Wednesday's

It's a lovely opportunity for you to start your day enjoying breakfast, or just a coffee, with your child before they start their day of learning. It's completely free from charge and there is no need to book. Everyone is welcome.



Attendance

Breakfast With The Headteacher

Once again, all of our half term top attendance children from each class were presented with a special red ticket during registration.

They were all invited to the school hall to find Miss Harrington waiting for them with a Valentine Day themed breakfast for them all to enjoy. There was a variety of delicious food to choose from, such as pancakes, pain au chocolat, and fruit platters.

The children also took the opportunity to take part in activities, including making a Valentine's day card.

Well done to all of our red ticket holders!

When we return following the half term, we will be monitoring attendance from the first day back, so all children will have the opportunity to receive a special ticket at the end of the next half term.

It's Cool to be in School



This half term winners of the Awesome Attendance Trophy is

CLASS	5th Jan - 13th Feb
BADGERS	85.96%
HEDGEHOGS	85.13%
FOXES	81.12%
SQUIRREL	95.21%
IJB	91.44%
2ME	87.43%
2SK	93.09%
3MH	88.91%
3/4GB	92.31%
4DF	94.06%
5CS	88.24%
5MG	91.82%
6LB	90.31%
6LM	92.42%
MAPLE	75.99%
CEDAR	90.09%

Too Good To Miss

Our FaceBook followers will have noticed that we have introduced a regular Friday afternoon FaceBook post:

'What's on next Week - Too Good To Miss'

The images are full of exciting things teachers have planned for your children everyday for the following week. Lesson's are, really Too Good To Miss!



Something new is coming!

Attendance Card

New for Spring 2, we are introducing a continuous two-week attendance card system when we return on Monday, 23rd February.

Every child will receive an Attendance Card which will be stamped everyday that they are in school. When a child completes 2 full continuous weeks, they will be able to choose a special prize from the Attendance Reward display.

