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St. Paul's Newsletter - July 2026



Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to this final edition of our Newsletter - it is hard to believe that another year has gone by, so quickly!

This half term has been packed full of so many different learning opportunities, visits, visitors and fun - all of which you will read about in this Newsletter.

The focus of our last few weeks has been on our Year 6 children. They have received their SATS results, which they can be hugely proud of, they have enjoyed their residential and all the activities in this final week, to end their journey here. I would like to thank all of you, as their parents, for your support and commitment to school, it is really appreciated. For some of you, we will see you again in September, but for others, your journey here is also ended, and I would like to send you and your family our very best wishes for the future.

And finally, to the Year 6 children - be proud of all you have achieved, I hope that you take away lots of memories of the learning you have done, the different activities you have been part of, the teachers who have taught you and the special friendships that you have made. Now it is time to fly! To start a new journey, for which you are all ready, with your hopes and dreams for the future that we know you can all achieve. Good luck from everyone at St. Paul's! 😊

Now, I will wish everyone a really lovely summer holiday, let's hope this beautiful weather lasts for us, and we look forward to seeing you all when the children return on Thursday, 3rd September.

Transition Day



On Thursday, 3rd July all the children spent the day with their new class teachers. It was a really enjoyable day as the children got to know their new teacher, teaching assistant and classroom.

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

We also held our Reception 'Stay and Play', welcoming our new children and their parent/carer to their brand new classroom. Nursery children and their parent/carer were welcomed to their 'Stay and Play' on Monday, 6th July. The children seemed to have a lovely time taking part in all the activities that were on offer. We can't wait to welcome our new families in September.

New for September

Introduction of Free Breakfast Club

We will be introducing a Government-funded Free Breakfast Club for all pupils from September 2026. This is part of a national programme designed to support children's wellbeing, ensuring they start the school day ready to learn, and to provide additional help to families. Breakfast Club offers a healthy and nutritious breakfast provided free of charge; a safe and welcoming environment before the start of the school day; time for children to socialise and settle into their morning routine; and supervised activities to help prepare children for the day's learning.

- **Start date:** Thursday 3rd September 2026
- **Time:** 8:00am until the start of the school day
- **Location:** the school hall
- **Cost:** Free of charge for all pupils

There is no booking arrangements required; just arrive and sign your child into Breakfast Club. We aim to make the system simple and accessible for all families. The programme will have a positive impact on attendance, concentration, and overall wellbeing, and we are excited to see the benefits it will bring to our children.

BREAKFAST CLUB



SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals

From September 2026, eligibility will be expanded so that all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals. This change removes the current £7,400 income cap and is expected to benefit over half a million additional pupils nationwide.

The new eligibility criteria will apply from September 2026, meaning families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access Free School Meals from the 2026/27 school year.

This expansion will offer significant financial support. Eligible families could save up to £504 per year per child on school lunches. For families with multiple children, this could make a considerable difference to household budgets.

Although eligibility will be automatically available to all families receiving Universal Credit, **parents and carers will still need to apply.**

If you think the new criteria applies to your household, and either parent/carers are in receipt of Universal Credit, please follow the link [here](#) and complete the form **BEFORE** the end of August. If eligibility is confirmed, Welfare and Benefits will put your child's free school meal in place for September 2026.



Payments made to School

We would like to kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of keeping school meal accounts up to date and ensuring that payments are made on time. Outstanding balances can quickly accumulate, creating unnecessary financial pressure for both families and the school. If your child has an outstanding meal debt, please make every effort to clear the balance as soon as possible. Payments can be made through ParentPay, although we find it easier, we can take cash payments at the office. We encourage families to check their accounts regularly to avoid arrears building up.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are concerned about making payments, please contact the school office in confidence. We are always happy to discuss available support and work with families to find a suitable solution.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

FaceBook

We really do value the support of our parents and carers and appreciate the positive role our school community plays both in school and online. We kindly ask that all comments and discussions on social media platforms, including Facebook, remain respectful, appropriate and considerate at all times.

Constructive communication helps us maintain a positive environment for our children, families and staff. If you have any concerns about school matters, we encourage you to contact the school directly so that issues can be addressed promptly and effectively.

Thank you for helping us promote kindness, respect and positive relationships within our school community.

Attention Parents of Year 2 Children

As you know, your child is currently eligible for a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. From September as your child moves into Year 3 this will no longer be the case and your child's school meal account will be charged for every meal your child takes at school.

As the number of free school meal **entitlement** has a positive and major impact on funds for the school, we are asking all parents, whether they think they are eligible for free school meals or not and who haven't yet applied, to please claim via our Online Free School Meals portal by clicking [here](#)

Au Revoir!

We have a number of staff who will be leaving at the end of the school year, all for ventures new.

Mrs Bramley leaves us to take up a new role with the Local Authority after 15 years here at St. Paul's. We would like to thank her for the work that she has done as a class teacher and Phase Leader, and wish her every success for the future.

Mr Fowler will be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish him well in the future and thank him for work that he has done since joining our school.

Mrs Parker will also be leaving us at the end of the term having spent 13 years working at St. Paul's providing small group support to children in Year 5 and Year 6, which has been so beneficial to those children in terms of their progress, confidence and outcomes. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mr Marek Las will also be leaving us at the end of the term after being inspired by his time at St Pauls as a SEN Teaching Assistant and now deciding to pursue a career in teaching. He begins his training at University in September, and we wish him every success.

Miss Wood will be leaving her role as Attendance Lead, and we wish her all the best for her next career move.

News from the Classrooms



Cedar

As well as continuing to work hard in class, children in Cedar class have also enjoyed lots of outdoor activities during some of the nice summer weather this half term, whilst learning how to stay safe and hydrated in the sun. Some of the highlights have been climbing, archery and sports days, as well as gardening sessions with Phil and PE lessons on the field. The children have also enjoyed some water play to keep cool and building sand castles in the sand pit, as well as a special visit from a fire engine.

Early Years

Fox class have thoroughly enjoyed their topic about the seaside this term. The children learnt how important it is to protect our beaches and seas by making sure we take our rubbish home. Fox class finished off with topic with an aeroplane trip.

Squirrel class have had the best attendance this year! Due to this, they have made fantastic progress and Mrs Brett and Ms Blair are so proud of how much the super squirrel class has achieved! Well done!



Year 5

Year 5 welcomed visitors from Remembering Srebrenica UK this term to take part in an initiative to help young people learn about the dangers of hate and intolerance, together with the importance of building communities which treat everyone with respect, empathy and kindness. Through poetry, discussion and creative expression, children showed that remembering Srebrenica is not only about the past, but also about building a better future.

On Friday, 17th July a couple of children were selected to share their poems at the Stockroom in Stockport.



Year 6

On Thursday 9th July, Year 6 were invited to a 'Hatters in the Community Programme' event which brought together a range of partner organisations delivering 60-minute educational workshops focusing on key safety topics for young people. These included GMP (ASB) and Biking; Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service - Water, Network Rail; TfGM - Travel Safety; Stockport County Community Trust - E-Safety; Millie's Trust - Emergency Aid and Stockport Youth Justice Service - Knife Crime.

The children had a great day and took away a lot of safety advice.



Parental Engagement

Stay and Read - Reception

We would like to thank all parents and carers who have kindly supported our Stay and Read club throughout your child's first year at school. Your continued support of your child's love for reading will have helped develop their foundation for their future academic success and emotional well-being as they journey through their education. Thank you!



Sports Day

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers come to school to watch their children take part in their sports day. The children had a lovely time out in the fresh air taking part in lots of different sport games and activities, and it was great to see them all competing against each other with respect and sportmanship - well done!

Governor Visits

This term we were delighted to welcome Mrs Martin, one of our School Governors, to visit our Early Years children. During the visit she had the opportunity to see the children engaged in a range of exciting learning activities and to observe the wonderful environment in which they learn and play. The children were eager to share their ideas, demonstrate their learning and talk about their favourite activities. Mrs Martin was really impressed by the children's positive attitudes, engagement and the nurturing atmosphere within Early Years.

Year 6 also welcomed our Chair of Governors, Mrs Rogowski as they prepare for their next exciting adventure at high school. The children took part in a question-and-answer session, reflecting on their time at St Paul's. They spoke about what they have enjoyed most, the challenges they have overcome, and how they have grown both academically and personally during their years with us. It was a great opportunity for our Chair of Governors to hear directly from the children about their school journey and their aspirations for the future

Thank you to our governors for taking the time to visit and celebrate the amazing learning taking place every day.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Our Attendance Champion!

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of one of our pupils, who has maintained 100% attendance every year from Reception right through to Year 6.

This remarkable commitment, dedication and resilience have been recognised with the presentation of an Amazon Fire tablet. Attending school every day plays a vital role in learning, friendships and personal development, and this achievement is a wonderful example for all our pupils.

We are incredibly proud of this exceptional accomplishment and congratulate both the pupil and their family for their continued support throughout their primary school journey. Well done on this fantastic milestone!



100% Attendance

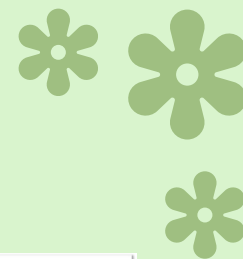
We are pleased delighted to recognise and celebrate all the children who achieved 100% attendance throughout this school year. Their commitment and punctuality have been outstanding, and they should be incredibly proud of this achievement.

To reward their dedication, each child received a voucher in recognition of their excellent attendance. Attending school every day helps children make the most of every learning opportunity, build strong friendships and fully participate in school life. Well done to all our attendance stars, and thank you to parents and carers for their continued support in helping children attend school every day.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, attendance will remain a key priority across the school. Regular attendance is essential for children's academic progress, wellbeing and social development, helping them to build confidence, maintain friendships and fully engage in learning opportunities. Even occasional absences can result in missed learning and make it more difficult for pupils to keep up with their peers. We ask all parents and carers to continue working in partnership with us to ensure children attend school every day, arrive on time and are ready to learn.

Together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Yr6 Leaver Celebrations



Leaver Celebration Assembly

Yr6 kicked off their leaver celebrations during their sharing assembly on 23rd July. They reflected on their journey through primary school, sharing special memories, achievements and experiences from their time with us. They spoke confidently about the friendships they have made and the opportunities they have enjoyed along the way. The assembly also featured some singing, which made the occasion even more memorable. It was a lovely celebration of their time at school, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved as they prepare for the next exciting chapter at high school.



Pizza and the Pictures

Celebrations continued with a delicious pizza lunch shared with friends. The fun didn't end there; the children went on a trip to the cinema to watch 'Minnion and Monsters' where pupils relaxed and enjoyed the film together.

Leavers Disco

The celebrations concluded with a fun-filled disco, where the children enjoyed dancing, singing and spending time with their friends. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and memorable moments as they celebrated the end of their primary school journey together, making it a perfect way to round off a special day.



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



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 welcoming you back on Thursday, 3rd September 2026