



St Paul's Newsletter

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Spring Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year to all our children and their families. I hope you all shared some special times with loved ones over the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, raring to go for the excitement of the term ahead! Curriculum newsletters will be shared by class teachers at the end of this week, providing useful information about your child's class and their learning for this half term. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Clarke to the St Paul's team. I know she is very excited to be working with the children in Year 3 and working alongside our Early Years team to support the continued development of our Early Years provision.

Here's to a happy, healthy and successful 2023 for all who are part of the St Paul's community.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti
Headteacher.



Adverse Weather

If we experience any severe snowfall in the coming term, we will endeavour to operate normally wherever possible. Any closures will be in exceptional circumstances and be in the interests of health and safety. A school closure could be directed by the Local Authority which would mean that all maintained schools in the city must close. Alternatively, a local school closure may be necessary due to conditions specifically around our school.



Should a decision to close be made across all schools, information will be shared on the “Wolverhampton Today” Facebook page, the City of Wolverhampton Council’s Twitter feed and on the City of Wolverhampton Council’s Website.

If there is no definite announcement about Wolverhampton schools by 7:30am, it can be assumed that there has not been a general closure.

As a school, we will send a text message to all parents as soon as a decision to close is taken (either by the LA or by school.) and where possible, we will give as much notice as possible. I am sure however, you can appreciate that forecasts can be uncertain and there are times when the weather can take us somewhat by surprise!

Attendance

A reminder to please notify school on the first day of absence if your child is unwell and won’t be in school.

Uniform

A reminder for the new term that children should wear the correct school uniform as below -

Our school uniform consists of:-	(Summer alternative)
Grey Trousers / pinafore dress / skirt	Grey shorts / skirt / red & white gingham dress
White shirt with maroon/silver striped tie / white blouse or White or maroon polo shirt (with school logo optional)	
Maroon crew-necked jumper or cardigan (with school logo)	
Grey / Maroon / White socks or tights	
Sensible black shoes (no heels please or trainers (unless on PE days)	
Optional items – beanie hat, cap, fleece, coat, book bag.	
Our optional Nursery uniform consists of:-	
Grey or black leggings / joggers	
White or maroon polo shirt (with school logo optional)	
Maroon hoodie (with school logo)	

On Games / PE days, children should wear our **Active Uniform;**

Maroon St Paul's sports top

Maroon St Paul's zipped hoodie

Black shorts / joggers / leggings

Trainers.



If any children still have not yet purchased the active uniform, please do so as soon as possible. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty with this, please do speak to me and we will support you.

All items of school uniform are available from [Lads and Lasses](#) in store in Bilbook or [online](#).

Supporting the St Paul's Community –

St Paul's Coat and Show Swap Shop and Food Bank

A reminder that we have a shoe and coat swap in the front entrance as well as a food bank. Parents are invited to come and select a coat or pair of shoes for their child if new ones are needed or collect some items from the food bank.



We hope this initiative will support families who are feeling the pressures of the cost of living increases.

If you have any preloved coats or school shoes in good condition that you are able to donate or swap, please send them in. Likewise, any donations to our food bank would be gratefully received.



A reminder that we do have a link with a local charity who provide support to families and can provide food parcels and vouchers. Please do speak to the office or Mrs Ferretti if you are in need of support.

Please follow the link for information on [Wolverhampton food banks](#).

Medicines in school

A reminder that ALL medicines **must be signed into school through the office and a form must be completed.**

Under no circumstances should children bring medicines into school to keep in their bag and administer themselves.



Personal items

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. We have had a number of parents report that their child has come home with the wrong cardigan/jumper/hoodie or unfortunately, that theirs has gone missing. If items are labelled, it makes it much easier for staff to match the correct item with the correct child! Please could parents also check the items that children are bringing home in case they have picked up the wrong one.



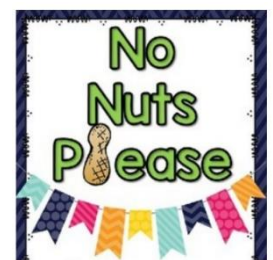
Snacks

A reminder that children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) should not bring in snack items as these are provided by school.

In Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6), children may bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at playtime. This should be a *healthy snack* bar or piece of fruit. **No chocolate bars, sweets or crisps.**

Children should bring in a filled water bottle every day. **Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.**

A reminder that we are a 'no nut school' and ask that parents/carers do not send items that obviously contain nuts in for snack or in lunchboxes. We appreciate your support and understanding with this.



What is my child learning?



New curriculum newsletters will be sent home at the end of the first week, providing information about topics and what will be going on in their class. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Young Voices

We are very much looking forward to Young Voices on January 10th, an opportunity for our children to sing and perform at the Resorts World Arena with children from other schools across the region.



Further information will be coming home very soon. If you have any questions about Young Voices, please speak to Mrs Godwin.

School Dinners -

The school dinner menu will start from Week 1 at the start of term (Week beginning Tuesday 3rd January)

Menu change – Wednesday's meal on Week 2 will now be Spaghetti Bolognese instead of Hunter's Chicken. The vegetarian option will be a Vegetable/Tomato Pasta Bake.

A copy of the menu (without above change) can be viewed [here](#).

Milk -



Children up to the age of 5 are provided with daily milk, free of charge. If your child is 5 or over and you would like them to continue having a daily drink of milk, please make payment (£10 for the Spring term) via the Gateway app from Tuesday 3rd. If your child receives Income-Based Free School Meals, school provide their milk so no payment is necessary.

Support for Parents -



Wolverhampton have recently launched a new 'Parenting Support' webpage, which gives information relating to both Universal and Targeted Services for parents. There are links to 'eLearning' self-help resources, available for any parent who feels they would benefit.

Further information can be found via this link;

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-social-care/parenting-support>

Open Door Policy

We are very proud of our open-door policy and want parents to know they are always welcome to come into school and talk to staff. Mrs Ferretti will continue to be on the playground every morning from 8.35am to welcome parents and children to school and answer as many queries as possible before the school day begins. However, if you require a private meeting, or to meet with your child's class teacher, please do arrange a mutually convenient time by contacting the school office, or speaking to the class teacher at the end of the day. Please discuss any concerns with class teachers in the first instance.



Alpha and Omega Club Drop-off and Collection

A reminder that parents dropping off or collecting from Breakfast or After School Club can now use the intercom on the gate to let staff know they have arrived. Staff will come to the gate as before. The telephone can still be used to call and speak to Club Staff as the office isn't always manned after 4pm.

Diary Dates



January

Tuesday 3rd January

Happy New Year!

School reopens for the Spring term

Tuesday 10th January

Young Voices Concert – Y5/6

Sunday 29th January

Church service – the conversion of Saul to Paul

Monday 30th January

Rhyming Bible Performance

Monday 30th January

Full Governing Body – 5.30pm



February

Friday 17th February

INSET Day – school closed to pupils.

Monday 20th to Friday 24th February

Half Term.

After School Clubs...

will begin commencing again from 9th January and will run until the last week of the half term.

This term, our after-school offer is as follows;



Day	Club	Year groups	Cost	Time
Monday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 & 4	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Maths Club (School led – Mr Davis)	Y6	--	3.15-4.15
Thursday	Dodgeball (External - S2K)	Y2/3/4/5/6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y5 & 6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Manga Club (School led - Mr Davis)	Y6	--	Lunchtime

Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term. **Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again.** Clubs must be booked under 'Clubs' and then paid for via 'Payments' in the Gateway app to secure the place.

A text message will be sent to inform parents when the clubs go live on the Gateway app.

Workshops for Parents

We are in the process of planning some workshops for parents focusing on SATs, RWI and the Phonic Screen, Reading, Maths and Online safety. More details will follow soon.

Our St Paul's Promise;

- P** We are **p**repared, we are **p**olite, we are **p**roud.
- R** We are **r**espectful, we are **r**esponsible, we are **r**esilient
- O** We make the most of every **o**pportunity
- M** We **m**ake a difference.
- I** We are **i**n control
- S** We are **s**afe
- E** We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Rainbow Christian Values;

Harmony, Patience, Honesty, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Justice, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Wednesday 7th September
Half Term: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
Term ends: Friday 16th December
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December 2022 -

Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half Term: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February
Term ends: Friday 31st March
Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April
Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Term ends: Tuesday 25th July
Summer Holidays: Wednesday 26th July —Monday 4th September

Training Days—school closed to pupils

Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September

Monday 31st October

Friday 17th February

Monday 5th June

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of our children.

St Paul's C of E Primary School

Keeping You Safe




SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Do you have concerns?
- Has someone made a disclosure?
- Who can you talk to?



At St Paul's the safety of our children is of upmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

<p>Mrs J Ferretti</p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis</p> <p>Deputy Headteacher</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs S Lalli</p> <p>SENCO</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr M Eddies</p> <p>Year 1</p> <p>Online Safety Leader</p>	
<p>Mrs L Clarke</p> <p>Safeguarding Governor</p>			

If you have a concern about the safety of a child contact **Wolverhampton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** by clicking [here](#) or by phone; **01902 555392**

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Outside of the above hours for emergencies on **01902 552999**

If the child or young person is at **immediate risk** of **serious harm** dial **999**

If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer Significant Harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, **you must report your concerns**. All referrals must be confirmed within one hour by completing the on-line multi agency referral form ([MARF](#)).