



# The St Paul's Post

## September 2023



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### Welcome back to school for the new academic year!

I hope all of our children and families have had a lovely summer holiday!

We are delighted to be welcoming you all back to school this week for the start of the new school year. This is such an exciting time for our school. We particularly look forward to welcoming our new families and children to the St Paul's family.

School staff have worked hard over the summer holidays to prepare classrooms and central areas for the children's return and school really is looking fantastic. I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work in preparing for the new academic year. We are all excited about the coming term and have many experiences and opportunities planned for the children (and staff) to look forward to.

Please remember to visit our school website for up-to-date information. Our partnership with you as parents is incredibly important to us. Our open-door policy is a significant part of this. If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself. If the query is specific to your child and their class, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are often best placed to answer any questions and resolve any concerns.

We look forward to welcoming the children into school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> are INSET days). We also look forward to welcoming parents into school to see classrooms and meet your child's new teacher on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** for our 'Meet the Staff' evening.

Best wishes and here's to a fantastic year at St Paul's!

Mrs J Ferretti - Headteacher





## Welcome!

A warm welcome to our new members of the St Paul's team – Miss Taylor (Year 1), Miss Braden (Year 3), Mrs Cook (Year 4 and Maths lead), Miss Coward (Year 5), Miss Jacques (Nursery) and Miss Woods (Pastoral). I am sure they will quickly settle in and feel at home at St Paul's – I know they are very much looking forward to getting to know all the children and you as parents. Sadly, we have said a extra 'goodbye' over the holidays. Mrs Devers has decided to retire from her role in the office. Mrs Devers has been part of the school in some capacity (from parent, to volunteer to staff) since it opened in 1982! She will be very missed by all and we thank her for her hard work and commitment over the years. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Devers much happiness in her retirement.



## Uniform

All children should wear correct uniform in line with our Uniform Policy which can be viewed [here](#).

St Paul's maroon jumper or cardigan

White shirt with maroon & silver tie / blouse / white or maroon St Paul's polo

Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore

Grey/white/maroon socks/tights

Black school shoes (no heels or trainers please)

If the weather is warm during September, Summer uniform can be worn.

Long hair should be tied up. Children may wear maroon/white/black bobbles, hair band or small bow.

Small stud earrings may be worn for pierced ears – these should be removed on PE days.

No other jewellery should be worn except for items worn for religious reasons (e.g a Kara)

Nail varnish and tattoos should not be worn to school.

All children are expected to wear the correct active uniform for PE and Games; a maroon St Paul's hoodie, maroon St Paul's sports top and black joggers / leggings or shorts. Items should not have other logos on.

Support is available to families who are struggling with the financial impact of uniforms – please speak to Mrs Ferretti or the school office.

We also operate a preloved uniform / coat and shoe rail throughout the year.

All children should bring a named, refillable water bottle every day.

All items should be clearly named to enable staff to return items to the correct owner!

**Trips** We are delighted to have arranged a range of trips this year meaning that all children have been able to enjoy enrichment activities beyond the classroom.

We are all too aware of the financial pressures being placed upon families currently and seek to do what we can to support our families. As a school, we heavily subsidise trips and visits for all children and even more so for families who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Payments for school trips and visits during the day are voluntary. However, we are only able to continue to offer these valuable experiences if sufficient payments are received. Unfortunately, this year, trips WILL have to be cancelled if they are not financially viable. Please do make payments if possible to enable us to continue offering these opportunities in future years.

This year, we are looking forward to visiting;

A range of places of worship – (church, mosque, gurdwara, temple, synagogue), Blists Hill, Safeside, Sarehole Mill, Cosford, Lunt Fort, The Grand Theatre, The Rep Theatre, Warwick Castle, Kingswood.



We also have a number of in school visits and experiences planned to enhance our curriculum and the children's personal development.

### **The School Day**

As you know, term starts for children in Reception to Year 6 and existing Nursery children on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. (New Nursery children will start as per transition arrangements) The school day remains as follows –



The gates will open at 8.35am and classroom doors will open at 8.40am, when children should be in school. The gates will be closing at 8.50am. Please ensure your child arrives for school on time in the mornings – learning starts promptly.

In the interests of site security, and to enable us to lock the gate promptly, parents arriving with their child at 8.50am will be asked to drop their child(ren) at the gate. A member of staff will ensure that children walk safely to their classes.

Parents are asked to drop and leave promptly to avoid getting locked in when the gate closes. If still on site after 8.50am, please ask classroom staff to let you out through the front office.

Parents arriving with their children after 8.50am will need to take them to the front office where they will be asked to sign them in as late.

A reminder for parents to please enter the school site through the pedestrian gate by the Year 5 classroom and exit via the playground pedestrian gate at the end of the day.

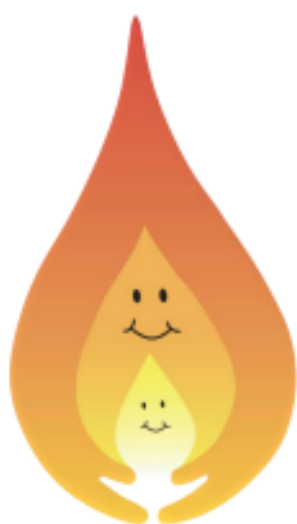
The end of the day will be 3.15pm for all classes.



Toddler and Baby Group We were delighted to launch our new Stay and Play sessions for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers last term. Little Lights will return on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September starting at the new time of 9.00am (until 10.30am). We hope to see many of you there. Please spread the word – everyone is welcome!

Come and join us at

St Paul's



'Little

Lights'

Stay & Play

Returning on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the new time of-  
9.00 – 10.30am - every Monday during term time.

An opportunity for babies, toddlers and their parents / carers to meet, play and chat in a friendly, relaxed environment.

All welcome! Sessions are free but donations are welcome to enable us to fund resources and refreshments.

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## Support for families - Pre-loved coats / uniform and shoes and our food bank

A reminder that we have a rail of uniform, coats and shoes in the front entrance for families. Please visit the front office if you would like to select anything for your child.



If you have any preloved uniform/coats or shoes in good condition that you are able to donate or swap, please send them in.

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

We also have our food bank in the front entrance. If any parents would like to donate or receive, please pop into the school office. We do have a link with a local charity who are providing support to families and can provide food parcels, vouchers and period products. Please 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

If your child requires medicine during the school day, whether for a long-term health condition such as asthma or a short-term illness such as an ear infection, we are able to administer medicines to children **if necessary**. All medicines must be signed into school and a form **must** be completed. Medicines **must** be in their original packaging with instructions/dosage and, if prescribed, **must** have the label with the child's name. If your child's medicine is given, staff will inform you by text/telephone call/letter and/or verbal message at the end of the day. As it is the start of the new year, we will be asking all parents to complete new medical forms to ensure we have the most up to date and accurate information to hand in school.



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

## Music Lessons

As you may know, we are proud to be able to offer children in Years 3 -6 the opportunity to learn an instrument at a significantly subsidised cost. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would be interested in lessons, please read the relevant information [here](#).

Children in Year 3 in September will also be given the opportunity to learn the ukulele as part of our Music curriculum offer.



## Parent Governor / Governing Board

We are delighted to inform you that we have welcomed a new Parent Governor to our Governing Body following our election during the Summer term. I know **Mrs Pearce** is looking forward to working with the Governing Body and supporting the future development of the school.

A reminder that our Governing Body consists of **Mr J Gill** (Chair of Governors), **Mrs L Devers** and **Rev D Wills** (Co Vice-Chairs), **Mrs A Ratcliffe**, **Mrs L Clarke** and **Mr J Banla** (Foundation Governors), **Mr L Campbell** and **Mrs C Pearce** (Parent Governors) and **Mrs J Pooler** (Associate Governor). We currently have a Staff Governor vacancy which will be filled in the next few weeks and two Foundation Governor vacancies. If you or someone you knows has a Church connection and would be interested in joining our Governing Body, please contact Mrs Ferretti or Mr Gill (Chair of Governors) via the office.

## No Nut School

A polite reminder to all parents that we are a 'No Nut School' and ask that parents refrain from sending children into school with nuts or items obviously containing nuts (peanut butter and Nutella for example). We do have a number of children in school who have a nut allergy and whilst we can never guarantee that children won't come into contact with nuts, these measures will help reduce risk. We also have a number of other, wider measures in school to manage food intolerances and ensure our children remain safe. We acknowledge the health benefits of nuts but recommend that these are enjoyed outside of school.



Could we also ask that parents ensure that any grapes sent into school for snack or packed lunches are **cut in half** as whole grapes present a hazard.

Finally, when selecting snacks for KS2 children to enjoy at lunchtime, please ensure it is a healthy item – fruit or a cereal bar for example, **no crisps or chocolate bars**. Sweets should not be brought into school unless for a birthday in which case they should be handed to the class teacher in the morning to share out.

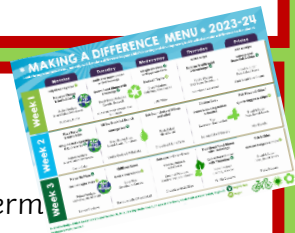
## School Dinners

We work closely with Catering Services at City of Wolverhampton Council to best provision for our children and share feedback from children and parents. Last term the service manager met with our School Council to devise our new menu which can be viewed [here](#) (also on our [school website](#)). We hope the children enjoy the choices! As we all know, children can be fussy and sometimes don't want all the items of on the menu. However, as part of our duty to provide children with a balanced meal, kitchen staff have been directed to ensure that children are served with all items, for example, the main, potatoes / pasta and veg/salad. Read about the [School Meal Food Standards here](#). Staff will not 'force' children to finish their plate or eat food they do not like but will encourage them to try a range of things. Parents may want to look at the menu with their child at home each day to help them decide what they would like to choose from the menu.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 do not have to pay for their meals, as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal offer. From Year 3, children are required to pay for their meals (£2.70 per day, or £2.20 for flexi charging) unless eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. For information visit [Gov.uk](#) or [City of Wolverhampton website](#).



Milk is provided free of charge to children until the term after their 5th birthday. After this, milk can be paid for (£10 a term) via the Gateway app if your child wishes to have it each day.



Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and will run until w/c Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Information about our offer this term will be sent out on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.



**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we are delighted to be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support by holding our own Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9am – 10.15am. Annual coffee mornings across the country have been highly effective in making sure that nobody faces cancer alone. Parents are invited to join us and catch up over a cup of coffee/tea, enjoy some yummy treats and donate the cost of the cuppa to Macmillan Cancer Research! By joining Macmillan's biggest fundraising event, we will be collecting funds to provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support for people facing cancer, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. It would be wonderful if you could come along to this fantastic event and even bring along other family and friends to sponsor the cause. Any cake/ cupcakes/ biscuits contributions would be gratefully appreciated. If you are unable to attend the coffee morning but would still like to donate, a fundraising option has been added to the Gateway app. Alternatively, please send your donation into school in a sealed envelope, labelled 'Macmillan donation'. Many thanks for your support and we look forward to enjoying a cup of coffee (and cake!!!) with you!

### My and My World Day!

At St Paul's, we are incredibly proud of the diverse community we serve. In celebration of this and to help us learn about, (and from) the range of cultures, faiths, family types, backgrounds and languages we share, we are holding a 'Me and My World day' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. This day will give all members of the school community the chance to celebrate and share what is unique and special about them and their lives. Children may want to wear particular clothes on this day, whether this be traditional dress linked to their culture, outfits with the colour of a flag that has significance to them or anything that expresses who they are and what is important about them. If any parents would be willing to come into school and spend some time talking to the children about their faith/culture/background/language etc please let Mrs Ferretti or Mr Davis-Powell know and we can arrange this with you.

This really is a celebration of everybody who is part of our school – our individual uniqueness is what makes our collective community the special place it is!

*People are made in the image of God. All of us, without exception, are loved and called in Christ. ....The way forward needs to be about love, joy and celebration of our humanity; of our creation in the image of God, of our belonging to Christ – all of us, without exception, without exclusion.* Archbishop of Canterbury Feb 2017.  
Valuing All God's Children 2019.



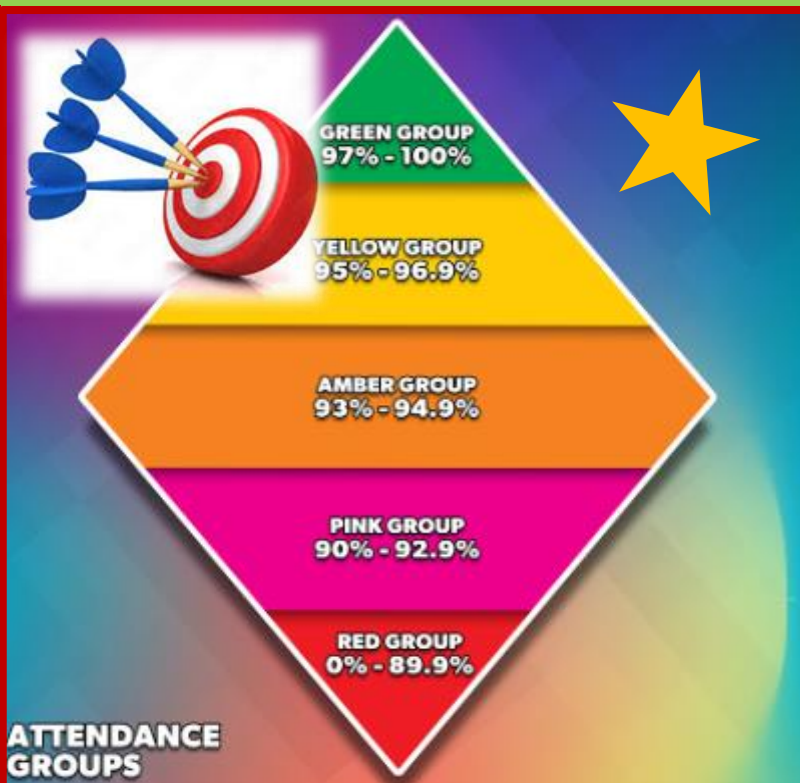
## Site security



Safeguarding and safety are significant priorities for our school. Over the holidays we have had some CCTV installed around the school site to ensure that we remain as secure as possible and deter any unwelcome visitors or activities in and around our school. We hope that this will provide some reassurance to our families onsite and around the site outside of school hours.

### Autumn 1 Attendance

Nur	100%?
Rec	100%?
Yr1	100%?
Yr2	100%?
Yr3	100%?
Yr4	100%?
Yr5	100%?
Yr6	100%?
Whole School	100%?



<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Best chance of academic success</b>
<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>Risk of underachievement</b>
<b>AMBER</b>	<b>Serious risk of underachievement</b>
<b>PINK</b>	<b>Severe risk of underachievement</b>
<b>RED</b>	<b>Extreme risk – persistent absentee</b>

School attendance is vital for a child's future success.

This year we intend to improve our whole school attendance and appreciate parents' support in ensuring children are always at school when they are able to be.

The parent of every child whose attendance is at least 96% at the end of the half term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 shopping voucher.

We will also be introducing rewards and incentives for the children in school too.

Please read our information - [Why does attendance matter?](#)

And our school [Attendance Policy](#).



# Diary Dates



## September

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Education Sunday service at St Paul's Church
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body – 5.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Staff evening – 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Me & My World Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Sareholm Mill trip
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics workshop – 2pm & 5.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am

## October

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 Laches Wood meeting 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1&2 Author experience – The Grand Theatre
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest (TBC)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Class led worship – Harvest
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Big Story Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed SEND Coffee morning – TBC
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Individual & sibling photographs
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Class led worship – The Big Story
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Laches Wood residential
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Class led worship – Black History Month
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 return from Laches Wood

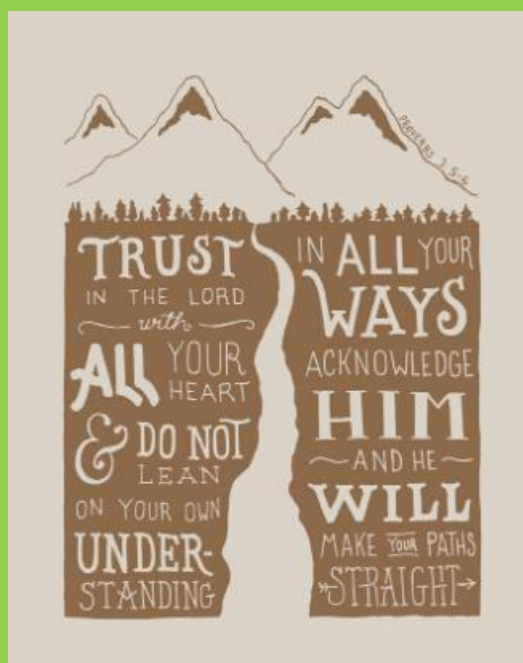
Half term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.  
School reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## 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**ppportunity  
**M** We **m**ake a difference.  
**I** We are **i**n control  
**S** We are **s**afe  
**E** We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



At St Paul's, we are: **safe, prepared and respectful.**



## 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)

For parents of our new children joining us this week...

### A Big Day

#### A Parent's Poem

It's a big day for you, Mum and Dad,  
Your child's first school day.  
They can't wait to join the fun,  
And with us they will now stay.

You are your child's first teacher,  
Their carer and their guide.  
But now it's time to say goodbye,  
And leave them at our side.

Home time isn't long away,  
The time will fly, we know.  
We promise to do our very best,  
To help them learn and grow.

Let's work together as a team,  
Parents, child and I.  
We'll take care of your precious one,  
And help them really fly!





### Term Dates 2023-24

#### Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September  
Half Term: Monday 30th - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Term ends: Thursday 21st December  
Christmas Holidays: Friday 22nd December 2023 -  
Friday 5th January 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8th January 2024  
Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February  
Term ends: Friday 22nd March  
Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March —Friday 5th April

#### Summer Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8th April  
Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Term ends: Thursday 18th July  
Summer Holidays: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July —Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December


Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Autumn Term 2024


Term starts: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

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.

<b>Mrs J Ferretti</b>  <b>Headteacher</b>  <b>Designated Safeguarding Lead</b>		<b>Mr L Davis-Powell</b>  <b>Deputy Headteacher</b>  <b>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</b>	
<b>Mrs S Lalli</b>  <b>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</b>		<b>Mrs J Ferretti</b>  <b>Headteacher</b>  <b>Online Safety Leader</b>	
<b>Mrs L Clarke</b>  <b>Safeguarding Governor</b>			

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](#)).

