



The St Paul's Post



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Welcome to our June edition of our newsletter!

I hope all of our children and families have had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the long-awaited arrival of some sunny weather!

Here we are in the final half term of the year – the last half term at St Paul's for our Year 6 children!

Our school website has been redesigned and the new version went live last week – we are hoping the website will provide useful information for people new to the school but that it will also support our current families and children more effectively as well as celebrating daily life at St Paul's.

As always, 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.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 6th June (Monday 5th is an INSET day)

Best wishes
Mrs J Ferretti
Headteacher



Goodbye and welcome

Many parents and children have passed through Mr Eddies' class over the years. Sadly, Mr Eddies has taken the decision to move onto new adventures and will not be returning to school after the half term break. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mr Eddies all the best for the future and in thanking him for his commitment to St Paul's. Mrs Peterson is also set to start an exciting adventure of her own with a new role teaching abroad! Mrs Peterson will continue at St Paul's until the end of the Summer term.



Next week, we welcome Mrs Evans, our new SENCO to St Paul's.

She will be in school one day a week until the end of July and two days a week from September. I know she is very excited to be coming in and is looking forward to getting to know our children and families.

In other exciting news, just before the half term holiday, we appointed Mrs Cook who will be joining our team in September as class teacher and core subject leader, and Miss Braden who will be starting her teaching career with us at St Paul's. I am sure they will both make positive contributions to our school and quickly feel part of the family!



Uniform A reminder that children may now wear our Summer uniform in warmer weather if they wish. This consists of –

Grey, tailored shorts with polo (maroon or white) or maroon (or red) gingham dress

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.

If the weather is hot and sunny, please send your child to school with a sun hat and apply all day sun-cream in the morning.



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



We have a large number of unnamed uniform items in lost property. During the nicer weather, these items will be placed outside at home time – please claim your items!

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Please ensure all items are 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. Please do make payments if possible to enable us to continue offering these opportunities in future years.

So far, children across school have enjoyed;

Dudley Zoo and Castle, Music Performance, Rhyming Bible Performance, Singing in the Rain, Young Voices, Cannock Chase War Museum, Laches Wood, Kingswood, Roman's Day.



Still to come this half term;

Kingswood Trust, Telford Town Park, Sky Reach, Safeside, ThinkTank, Blists Hill, Mosque visit, Matilda performance.

Big Breakfast Thank you to Mrs Godwin, the Year 5 children and our team of helpers from the parent and church community who organised and ran our Big Breakfast last half term, raising over £160 for Christian Aid! Thank you to all the families who made a donation.



Assessments Well done to our Year 6 children who coped so well during SATs week – they really did try their best and, whatever the outcomes, should be very proud of themselves. I think the highlight of the week was definitely breakfast club and Friday's pizza party!



Well done also to our Year 2 children who had a very exciting couple of weeks completing their Special Agent Training (SATs!) They certainly had earned their surprise treat of cakes when they appeared in class!

I'd also like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the staff who supported the children through their SATs.

This half term, our Year 1 children will be completing their Phonic Screen Check and children in Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check.

Results from all statutory assessments will be shared with parents as part of your child's end of year report.

Toddler and Baby Group We are very excited to the first session of our new Stay and Play session for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers on Monday 12th June starting at 9.45am! We hope this will provide a valuable opportunity for adults and their children to meet and play, as well as access support and information and get to know our school community. We hope this is something our new and younger families will enjoy and find beneficial. Please spread the word!

Come and join us at

St Paul's



'Little
Lights'

Stay & Play

Starting on Monday June 12th 2023

Every Monday during term time. 9.45 – 11.00am

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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Summer events A reminder that this year, we are hoping to hold a Summer Fayre. This will be an opportunity to raise some money for the school and to come together as a community. As this isn't something we have done for a few years, we are inviting parents to join a small committee to help with the organisation of this event. The children and staff will also be getting involved with planning and running some stalls!

The proposed date for our Summer Fayre is Friday 7th July from 3.45pm.

If any parents are interested in getting involved, please speak to Mrs Ferretti or contact the school office. Once we have a few volunteers, we will arrange a meeting to discuss plans.



Sun Protection

As the weather becomes warmer (we hope!) we would advise that parents apply an 'all day' sun cream to their child before the start of the day. Please also remember to send your child to school with a sunhat to wear outdoors and a water bottle so that they can keep well hydrated.

Sunglasses can be worn on the playground but must be worn sensibly and should not be worn inside. As with other items, children are responsible for looking after sunglasses etc. Please ensure all items sent into school are clearly named.

Whilst we hope for sun, we also know how unpredictable the good old British weather can be! Please provide your child with a waterproof coat in case of rain!

Click on the picture for advice on sun safety or [click here](#).



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 will be in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 in September and would be interested in lessons, please keep an eye out for a letter with further information coming soon. Next year we will be continuing our offer of Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Guitar lessons and are pleased to also be introducing Keyboard lessons from September.

Children in Year 3 in September (current Year 2 children) 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 two new Governors to our Governing Body this term. Mr Campbell has been appointed as a Parent Governor and Mr Banla joins us as a Foundation Governor.

They join the rest of our Governing Body, consisting of Mr J Gill (Chair of Governors), Mrs L Devers and Rev D Wills (Co Vice-Chairs), Mrs A Ratcliffe and Mrs L Clarke (Foundation Governors), Mrs J Pooler (Associate Governor) and Mrs E Peterson (Staff Governor)

We have one more vacancy for a Parent Governor – please click on the following links for more information; [Parent Governor letter](#) [Parent Governor Nomination Form](#)

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 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 choking hazard.

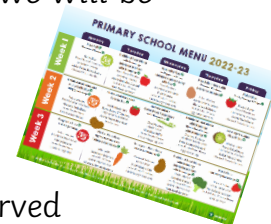
Finally, when selecting snacks for KS2 children to enjoy at lunchtime, please ensure it is a healthy item – fruit or a cereal bar for example, not crisps or chocolate bars.

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 ensure the best provision for our children and share feedback from children and parents. The current menu can be accessed [here](#) or on our school website. Later this term, we will be carrying out a Pupil Voice survey to help us inform our menu for 2023/24.

As we all know, children can be fussy and sometimes don't want all of the items 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. 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 to help them decide what they would like to choose from the menu.



Coronation Celebrations

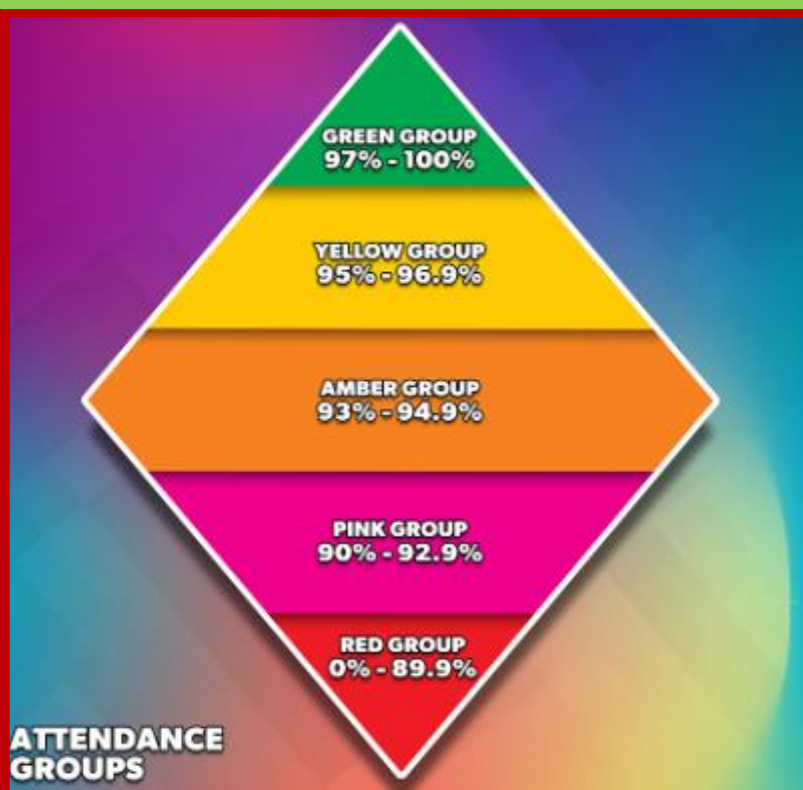
Staff and children all had a wonderful time celebrating the King's Coronation last half term with activities in classes and a sunny picnic on the playground. It was wonderful to see the whole school outside together eating, playing and dancing to the music! Thank you to staff who helped with the organisation, setting up and packing away.



Our cake sale was a great success and it was lovely to include parents and wider family members in our celebrations. Thank you to those who joined in the fun!

Summer 1 Attendance

Nur	93.32%
★ Rec	96.55%
Yr1	93.05%
Yr2	94.27%
Yr3	94.25%
Yr4	94.91%
Yr5	95.10%
Yr6	94.21%
Whole School	94.67%



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

Our whole school attendance is up by over 2% from Spring 2 – well done everybody!

Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from **Tuesday 6th June** (except Sewing & First Aid which start Tuesday 13th) and will run until w/c Monday 17th July.



This term, our extra-curricular offer is as follows;

Day	Club	Year groups	Cost/session	Time/collect
Monday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 & 4 Boys *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Gate
No sessions on 5/6/23 due to INSET	Environmental Club (School led – Mrs Boden & Mrs Wadelin)	Y2, 3 & 4 *	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Gate
	Multisports (School led – Ms Clarke)	Rec & Y1 *	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Front office
	Games / Cards Club (School led – Mrs Scragg)	Y2	--	Lunchtime
Tuesday Sewing & First Aid – start on 13/06	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y5 & 6 Boys *	£2.50	3.15–4.30 Gate
	Sewing Club (school led – Mrs Peterson)	Y3 & 4 *	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Front office
	First Aid Club (School led – Mrs Savage)	Y5 & 6 *	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Front office
Wednesday	Rounders (School led – Mrs Allcott)	Y4 & 5	--	Lunchtime
Thursday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 – 6 Girls *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Gate
	Tennis (External - S2K)	Y1-6 *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Front office
	Volley Ball (External - S2K)	Y1-6 *	£2.50	3.15-4.30 Front office
Friday	Jigsaw Puzzles (School led – Mrs Ferretti)	Y3-6 *	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Front office
	Recorders (School led – Mrs Godwin)	Y2 & 3 *	£1.00	3.15–4.00 Front office
	Dodgeball (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y1-6 *	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Gate
Every day	Ms Hayden’s Pupils’ choice clubs	Y3-6	--	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.

Lunchtime clubs do not need to be booked.

Funds raised through school-led clubs will be used to fund club resources / other clubs in the future.

Diary Dates



June

Monday 5 th	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 5 th	Y4 MTC window opens
Monday 12 th	Y1 Phonic Screening check week
Tuesday 20 th	New Reception Parents' meeting
Wednesday 21 st	New Nursery Parents' meeting
Friday 23 rd	Year 1 Lower Drayton Farm Trip
Tuesday 27 th	Year 6 Safeside Trip

July

Monday 3 rd	Transition week
Tuesday 4 th	Year 5 Blists Hill Trip
Thursday 6 th	Year 3 Think Tank Trip
Friday 7 th	Proposed Summer celebration / fayre
Wednesday 12 th	Y5 Mosque Visit
Thursday 13 th	Early Years Sports Day (am)
Friday 14 th	KS1(pm) & KS2(am) Sports Day
Friday 14 th	End of year reports
Monday 17 th	Year 2 Residential – Kingswood Trust
Wednesday 19 th	Y5 Matilda Performance at Kings
Wednesday 19 th	Open afternoon
Thursday 20 th	Y6 performance & presentation evening 6pm
Friday 21 st	Year 6 Leavers' trip & Year 2 trip to Telford Town Park
Tuesday 26 th	Last day of term

We will return to school after the summer holidays on
Wednesday 6th September

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.



Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Psalm 31:3



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 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September
Half Term: Monday 30th - Friday 3rd 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 31st May
Term ends: Thursday 18th July
Summer Holidays: Friday 19th July —Monday 2nd September

Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September

Friday 22nd December

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd 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 utmost 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 Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs S Lalli SENCO Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr M Eddies Year 1 Online Safety Leader</p>	
<p>Mrs L Clarke Safeguarding Governor</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">  Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </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](#)).

During Summer 2, Mrs Ferretti will be responsible for Online Safety.