



# The St Paul's Post



Spring 2 – February 2025



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## Welcome to our February edition of our newsletter!

February has arrived at last and with it, little signs of spring are starting to appear! I think we are all looking forward to the promise of some warmer, brighter days, although I think there are a few cold ones still to endure!

January flew by and half term too – we find ourselves halfway through the school year already! The children made a fantastic start to the new term, and we are very proud to see how keen they are to learn and how they are striving to be the best they can be.

Thank you to you, our parents, who continue to support the children and our school.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself or Mr Davis-Powell informally on the school gate or via the office and we will be happy to help. If the query is specific to your child and their class, please ensure you speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are best place to advise you / offer any reassurance.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti  
Headteacher.



## Assessment information – updated information leaflets for parents

On Monday 6 January, the DFE updated their parent leaflets for assessments in the academic year 2024 to 2025.

Information for parents is available to read online or to download as a PDF leaflet, and explains:

- what parents need to know
- what each assessment involves
- when tests will take place
- how results will be shared and used

You can find all leaflets in our collection of [national curriculum assessments: information for parents](#), which covers the:

- [Phonics Screening Check](#) (Year 1)
- [Optional Key Stage 1 \(KS1\) National Curriculum tests and teacher assessment](#)
- [Multiplication Tables Check \(MTC\)](#)
- [Key Stage 2 \(KS2\) National Curriculum tests](#),
- [Assessment results at the end of KS2](#)

Pupils working below the standards of the national curriculum in one or more subjects may be assessed under an alternative teacher assessment – either the:

- [Pre-Key Stage standards](#)
- [Engagement Model](#)

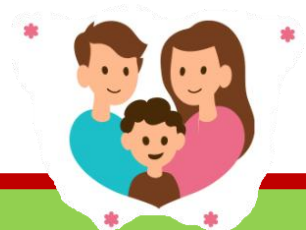
You will be informed if this is the case for your child.

## Parents Evenings and Mid-Year Reports

Appointments will be available to meet with your child's class teacher on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** 3.30-6.30pm (details and booking information to follow). We will be using our online booking system as we did in the Autumn term, so please ensure the office have a correct email for any parents with Parental Responsibility.

Mid-year reports will be shared and discussed during these meetings.

We look forward to meeting with you then.



## Class Led Worship

Well done to Years 1 and 4 who led the school and their parents in worship last half term, teaching us about The Big Story and celebrating LOVE! Thank you to the class teams who supported the children in putting their worships together.



This half term, we look forward to Class Led Worships from **Year 2** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, and **Year 6** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – both at **9am**. Parents are welcome to attend.

Our Early Years children will also be inviting mummies / special ladies into school for their Mothering Sunday celebration on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 11am for Nursery and 2.15pm for Reception**.

## Eucharist service

On **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be holding our Easter Eucharist service at **9.15am**. If any parents / grandparents would like to attend and take communion / receive a blessing, they are very welcome.

## Congratulations!

I am delighted to be able to share some lovely news with you – Miss Westwood's little one arrived safely just before half term – a little girl named Maisie. ♥

Miss Handy and Miss Lawley will be leaving to start their maternity leaves in the next couple of weeks – we wish them lots of luck for safe arrivals! ♥♥

And a final bit of news to share - Mrs Mann, our Assistant SENCo is also expecting a baby! Due in the summer, Mrs Mann is hoping to work until May half term, with her maternity leave commencing in Summer 2. Whilst her role in The Lighthouse will now be less 'hands on', she will continue to oversee and lead the Lighthouse Provision as well as supporting SEND provision across school.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Mann and her family and wishing her all the best for the rest of her pregnancy. ♥

Little Lights Stay and Play might be getting very busy in a few months time!!!



School Dinners Our school menu which can be viewed [here](#) (also on our [school website](#)).



We are delighted to share with you that after the Easter holidays, following a successful tender process, our school dinner service will be provided by a new company. **ABM** offer high quality food and customer service along with some exciting meal choices that we are confident the children will enjoy! More details will follow in due course.

## Headlice

A polite reminder that all long hair should be tied back for school, as loose, long hair is more prone to spread, or pick up, headlice. If a member of staff speaks to you or your child about tying their hair up – please do not be offended, they are simply following school policy. From time to time, we do have parents reporting that their child has required treatment for headlice. This is a very common condition, especially in schools. Headlice are not something to be embarrassed about and certainly do not suggest that a child or home is not clean. However, repeated cases of headlice, or headlice that go untreated, are a cause for concern. It is recommended that **all** parents routinely check their child's hair and, should headlice be found, the child and all family members should be treated.

For more information follow this link [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)



## Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct items of uniform **every day**.

### **Our current uniform consists of:**

White shirt with maroon/silver striped tie or white blouse or white or maroon polo shirt (school logo optional)

Maroon St Paul's V-necked jumper (with tie), crew-necked jumper (with polo) or cardigan

Grey tailored trousers / skirt or pinafore dress

Grey/white socks or grey/maroon tights

Sensible black shoes

### **Summer alternative- here's hoping!!**

Grey tailored shorts / skirt

**Maroon**/white gingham dress

### **Our Nursery children can wear our OPTIONAL uniform, comprising of:**

Grey or black leggings or joggers

White or maroon polo shirt (with school logo optional)

Maroon hoodie (with school logo)

### **Our 'Active Uniform' comprises of:**

Maroon St Paul's sports t-shirt with logo

Maroon St Paul's hoodie (zip up or over the head) with logo

**Black** leggings, joggers or shorts (no logos please)

Trainers

**PLEASE** ensure **ALL** items are **NAMED!** Our lost property bins overflow with unnamed jumpers and hoodies at times and we are unable to reunite them with the correct child if they are not named.

We ask that children do not wear make-up, nail varnish or false nails to school and that no jewellery is worn, other than a small pair of stud earrings (removed on PE days) or an item of jewellery worn for religious purposes.

We have a very well stocked pre-loved uniform rail that parents are welcome to access which includes all uniform items, shoes, coats and some bags/lunchboxes which is open to **all parents**. If parents are struggling with the cost of any items, we encourage them to access the rail and also speak with us in confidence to discuss if any further support can be given.

## Mobile Phones

A polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used in school by children or adults. We are also a no smoking site – this includes vapes – please do not vape or smoke on the school grounds or immediately outside our gates. Thank you.



Toddler and Baby Group our Stay and Play sessions for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers run each Monday starting at 9.15am until 10.30am. We hope to see many of you there. Please spread the word – everyone is welcome!

Our last session this term will be – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

We will return after Easter on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May (No session on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April– first day of term or Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – due to Bank Holiday!)



## School Nursing Team

School Nurses offer a service to pupils who attend the 109 schools in Wolverhampton. The Service has to be flexible and delivered in the most appropriate setting dependent on the needs of the child / young person including schools, homes, youth offending service, primary care and other community-based settings.

The School Nursing Service exists to provide skilled, evidence-based care and support to all children and young people between 4.5 years and 19 years of age and their families who attend schools in Wolverhampton.

### Aims

- To maintain the physical, social and emotional health of all school aged children to enable them to reach and maintain their full potential and maximise on the educational opportunities available.
- To encourage healthier lifestyles in the school population.

More information can be found [here](#)



## NHS Pharmacy First Service

A reminder of the NHS Pharmacy First Service; which enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst) as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

\*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

Providing NHS services

**NHS**

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**  
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**  
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**  
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**  
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free\* NHS service

**Visit your Pharmacy First!**

\*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

## Parking



Unfortunately, the number of cars driving into the cul-de-sac at drop off and collection continues to cause concern amongst many parents and for us as a school. We understand that there are certain circumstances that mean parents need to park close to school. However, if it is not ESSENTIAL, please park at Morrisons to reduce congestion around the school gates. A reminder that it is **illegal** to park on the corner of a junction and on zig-zag lines (we are seeing both of these occur regularly).

I have encouraged the numerous parents who have spoken to me on the playground or emailed me, to contact the council themselves. The more people that raise their concerns as well as the school, the more likely they are to take notice!

[parking.services@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:parking.services@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

Road Safety Team - [Contact Road Safety | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)



Please be aware that I have requested patrols. Typically, we had three wardens outside school on the morning of our INSET day!! They should be returning this half term, so please be aware!

You may also recall me informing you in a previous letter, that I was in conversations with the Road Safety Team. Following this, they are now looking into the possibility of restricting access to the cul-de-sac at school drop off and collection times.

The School Council have also been discussing ways to address the safety concerns outside school and they will be launching their new initiative in the next couple of weeks.

**Enrichment Clubs...** will begin again from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** and will run until **w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April**.



A letter detailing our club offer will be sent out this week and places will go live on the Gateway app for booking.

Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term.

**Each half term, club places are 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.

Thank you to staff who offer to run a club, enabling us to offer a wider range of extra-curricular opportunities for the children.

## Meet the Governing Body

A school's Governing Body has 3 core functions –

To set the strategic vision of the schools

To ensure the correct use of the school budget

To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. Our Governors have built a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, but how much do *you* know about our Governing Body?

Here, 4 of our Governors have taken the opportunity to tell you a little bit about themselves and their role of a Governor at St Paul's.



### **Cat Pearce – Parent Governor**

I joined St Paul's governing board in 2023 as a Parent Governor and was then appointed as Early Years link governor. It is an honour to be part of the governing board which supports the continued growth and success of the school. As a former pupil of St Paul's and now a parent of children who attend, I feel a deep sense of pride in being part of the school community. I am committed to helping nurture a positive school environment and promoting the school's Rainbow Values, which are at the heart of everything we do.

### **Abigail Ratcliffe – Foundation Governor**

I have been a Foundation Governor here for 14 years and feel very strongly connected to the school and the wider community it serves. As a member of St Paul's Church, my Christian values align with those of the school and I feel passionate about supporting school's vision of **building each other up** to live life to the full. I am the link governor for SEND and for RE/Worship and as a teacher and SEND Coordinator myself, I have a range of education experience. Now as a parent as well, I am very proud to be part of the team that leads St Paul's School.

### **Liz Devers – Foundation Governor & Vice-Chair**

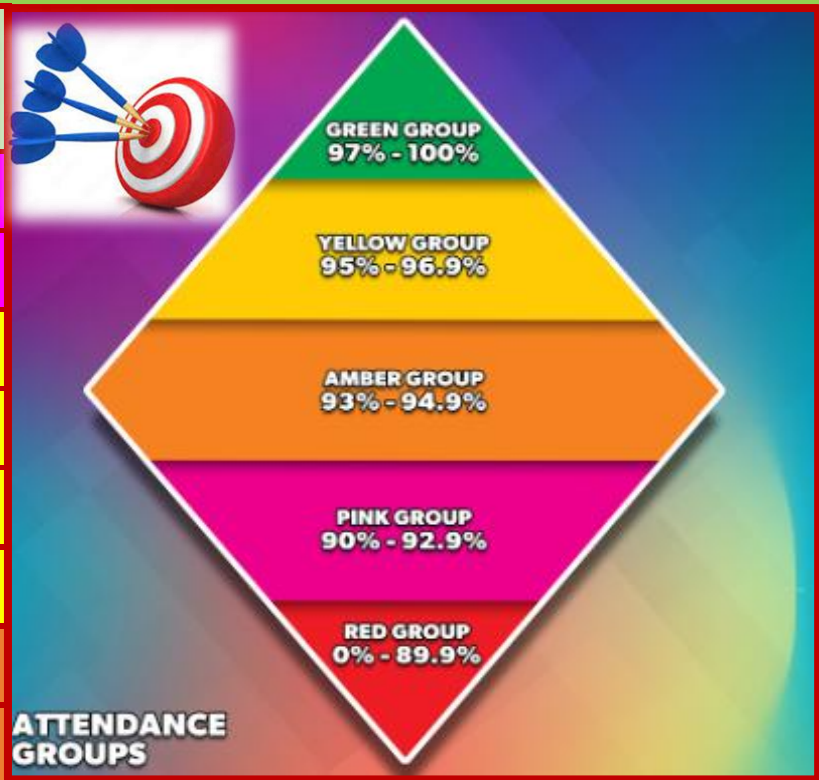
As a former pupil and now a parent at St. Paul's, I was proud to join the governing body in 2020 and have been committed to supporting the school's growth ever since. The school's Rainbow Values align closely with my own beliefs, and I am passionate about promoting them across the school community. As the link governor for Pupil Premium, Phonics, Reading and Maths, I work closely with staff to ensure all pupils can thrive. As a teacher myself, I bring valuable classroom experience and a strong commitment to high-quality teaching and learning. It's a privilege to support such a vibrant and nurturing school.

### **Rebecca Cook – Staff Governor**

I have 20 years teaching experience and joined St Paul's as a Senior Leader and Year 4 class teacher in September 2023. I was excited to join the governing body at the same time. I lead Maths and Computing within school and work closely with link governors to ensure that the provision offered to our children is of the highest quality. The school's values and promise align closely with my own beliefs and I am passionate about being part of a team who strive to provide the best possible opportunities and learning experiences for all pupils.



Spring 1 Attendance	
Nur	91.1
Rec	92.4
Yr1	95.2
Yr2	95.8
Yr3	95.0
Yr4	95.0
Yr5	93.5
Yr6	94.0



Spring 1		Year so far	
Whole School	94.3	Whole School	93.8
(Y1-6)	94.7	(Y1-6)	94.6
National	94.7	National	94.8

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

School attendance is vital for a child's future success. This year we are aiming to further improve our whole school attendance and would 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

Whilst we endeavour to keep to the below dates, they are proposed and may be subject to change.



February	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Residential meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school – open daily @ 3.30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Stay & Play
March	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Circle Church – 3pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolves Foundation Penalty Shoot Out Fundraiser
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonic Screen Parents meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Science Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Times tables Check meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Residential – Boreatton Park
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Class Led Worship
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 return from Boreatton Park
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshops – Art
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reflexions workshop for Y3 – Feelings & Emotions
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Mothering Sunday worship
April	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BCLM Year 1 Visit
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Circle Church 3pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnets / Easter crafts
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Theatre Trip
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Class Led Worship
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Criminal Responsibility & Crime Awareness workshop
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	End of term awards / Easter worship
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Easter Holidays	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	BCLM Year 1 workshop
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
May	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Class Led Worship
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Circle Church 3pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Celebrations
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs week
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Aid Big Breakfast
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Stay & Play
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Singing in the Halls Y4
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 1 Class Led Worship
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Transition to Y7 / Safety to and from school workshop
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>st</sup> May – Half Term	

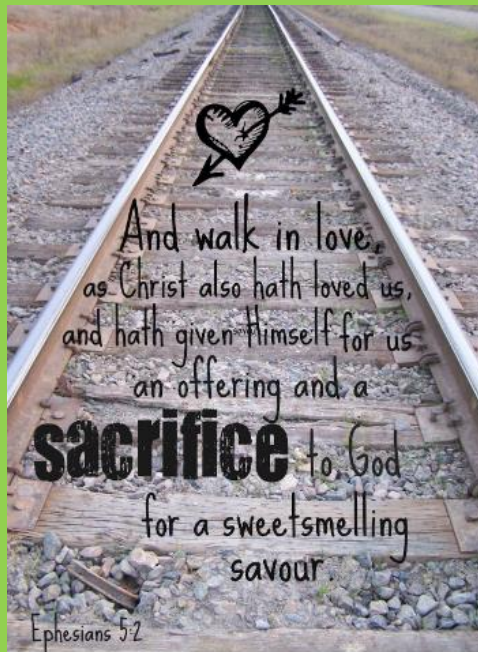
# Our St Paul's Promise;

## Our St Paul's Promise

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



- P** We are prepared
- R** We are respectful
- O** We make the most of every opportunity
- M** We make a difference.
- I** We are in control
- S** We are safe
- E** We excel.



## Rainbow Christian Values;

**Togetherness, Trust, Honesty, Courage, Forgiveness, Joyfulness, Humility**

Our Mission Statement;

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

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)





## Term Dates 2024-25

### Autumn Term 2024

Term starts:	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term:	Monday 28th - Friday 31st October
Term ends:	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Monday 6th January 2025

### Spring Term 2025

Term starts:	Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term:	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Term ends:	Friday 11th April
Easter Holidays:	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

### Summer Term 2025

Term starts:	Monday 28th April
Half Term:	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Term ends:	Friday 18th July
Summer Holidays:	Monday 21st July —Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September

### 2024-25 Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 2nd September,  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 21st July

### Autumn Term 2025

Term starts:	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
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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><b>Mrs J Ferretti</b></p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p><b>Mr L Davis-Powell</b></p> <p>Deputy Headteacher</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p><b>Miss D. Woods</b></p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p><b>Ms B. Clarke</b></p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p><b>Mrs R. Cook / Miss N. Owen</b></p> <p>Online Safety Leader</p>
<p><b>Mrs L Clarke</b></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](#)).

