



The St Paul's Post



Summer 1 – April 2025



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School – Pendeford



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Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter!

The Summer term has arrived! We hope all our children and families enjoyed the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you all back with Easter blessings and hope for the term ahead.

For our Year 6 children, this will be their last term with us at St Paul's. We hope it will be a happy one with lots of special memories made!

We are delighted to share upcoming news and events with you via the below pages. We are incredibly proud of our school, and all of the children - and the staff - who continue to work tirelessly to build a strong foundation upon which all can flourish.

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

As always, if you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself or Mr Davis-Powell or pop into the office. We will be happy to help. If the matter is specific to your child and their class, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they will often be best placed to help.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti - Headteacher.



Year 6 SATs In the week beginning Monday 12th May, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. Please could parents support their child with any homework set over the next few weeks to help them prepare for these assessments. The dates of tests are fixed so it is essential that all children are in school every day that week unless circumstances make absence unavoidable. If children miss one paper (for whatever reason), it will mean that they will not get a test grade in that subject. We will be encouraging the children to have at least eight hours sleep per night and be punctual each day!

I'm sure all our children will try their best and will make us all proud!



VE Day celebrations

On Thursday 8th May, we will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a theme day in school. Children are asked to wear war time themed / style outfits. Please do not feel you have to go to any expense, outfits can be put together with items and accessories you probably already have at home – there is no expectation for parents to buy costumes.

During the day, there will be a range of activities to enjoy in classes and in house groups.

We look forward to learning about the significance of the day and paying our respects to those who fought for our country during the war.

Summer events Last year, we were delighted with the success of our Summer Fayre. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise some money for the school and to come together as a community. If any parents are willing and able to join a small committee to help with the organisation of this event, please let us know. The children and staff will also be getting involved with planning and running some stalls!

The proposed date for our Summer Fayre is Friday 20th June from 3.30pm.

If any parents are interested in getting involved, please speak to Mrs Ferretti or contact Miss McMahan in the school office.





Class Led Worship


Thank you to Year 6 and 2 who led the school and their parents in worship last half term, teaching us about Palm Sunday and Fairtrade! 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 3** – Thursday 8th May, and **Year 1** – Thursday 22nd May – both at **9am**. Parents are welcome to attend.




Congratulations!

I am delighted to be able to share some lovely news with you – Miss Handy welcomed a little boy – Mason  – at the start of March, followed by Miss Lawley's baby – a little girl named Robyn  a few weeks later!

In addition, Mr Platt and his fiancée have welcomed a little girl – Norie  over the Easter holidays!

I'm sure you will all join me in sending huge congratulations to all their families!!

Mrs Mann, will be with us for the next few weeks of the Summer term, with her maternity leave expected to commence in Summer 2. 



New School Dinner provider

As per the recent letter sent out, we are very excited to be launching our new catering service, provided by **abm catering ltd**, this term.



Please find below a copy of the new menu – we will be starting week 1 on Monday 28th April. This introductory menu will be run for the first half term, we will then review the menu with colleagues at **abm**, and tailor it to the preferences of our children.

If your child has any dietary requirements, whether these be medical or lifestyle / faith based, it is essential that you complete the [Special Dietary Request Form](#) as soon as possible so that the catering team can ensure your child's dietary needs are catered for. This form must be completed for all children with a special requirement, even if school have previously been informed.

We look forward to seeing the children enjoy their new school meals experience from next term.

A [Parent Flyer can be viewed here](#). Or, visit our School Dinner page on our school website for further information;

[School Dinners | St Paul's C of E Pri](#)

WEEK 1

Monday

Spanish Chicken
Vegetable Curry (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice,
Carrots, Broccoli
Oat & Cinnamon Cookie
with Orange Slices

Tuesday

Beef Pasta Bolognese
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Served with warm Baguette,
Sweetcorn, Garden Peas
Iced Sponge with Custard

Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Gravy
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Cauliflower, Swede
Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Pork Sausages with Gravy
Quorn Sausage (VG)
Served with Mashed Potato
Green Beans, Carrots
Shortbread with Apple Slices

Friday

Fish Fingers
Tomato & Pizza Cheese Pinwheel (V)
Served with Oven Chips,
Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Famous Fruity Friday

WEEK 2

Monday

Homemade BBQ Chicken
BBQ Vegetable & Mixed
Bean Wrap (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice,
Carrots, Broccoli
Flapjack with Orange Segments

Tuesday

Beef Burger
Veggie Burger (V)
Served with Potato Wedges,
Garden Peas, Cabbage
Jam Sponge served with Custard

Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Gravy
Roast Quorn Fillet (VG)
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans, Cauliflower
Shortbread with Apple Slices

Thursday

Beef Lasagne
Vegetarian Lasagne (V)
Served with Warm Baguette
Slice, Broccoli, Swede
Apple Crumble served with Custard

Friday

Fish Fingers
Fish Fingers
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Served with Oven Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans
Famous Fruity Friday

WEEK 3

Monday

Ham, Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Served with Diced Potatoes,
Carrots, Broccoli
Chocolate Sponge served with Custard

Tuesday

Cottage Pie
Vegetarian Mince Cottage Pie (V)
Served with Sweetcorn, Cabbage
Oat & Cinnamon Cookie

Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Gravy
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans, Carrots
Banana Muffin

Thursday

Sausage & Tomato Pasta
Roast Vegetable Frittata (V)
Served with warm Baguette
Slice, Carrots, Swede
Chocolate & Orange Shortbread
served with Apple Slices

Friday

Fish Fingers
Vegetable Nuggets OR
Vegetable Fingers (V)
Served with Oven Chips,
Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Famous Fruity Friday



AVAILABLE DAILY:

• Either Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
or Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans,
Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

• Choice of Sandwiches - Cheese, Ham,
Tuna Mayonnaise, or Egg Mayonnaise

• Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Salad Bar,
Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt, Fruit Jelly and water.



Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct items of uniform **every day**. Children can now wear **summer** uniform if they wish;



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

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

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. They should bring a water bottle to school every day.



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.

Some parents have asked about embroidering their child's name / initial onto their hoodie/jumper/ cardigan to reduce the number of items being lost – we are happy for parents to do so and have informed Lads & Lasses of this.

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. Long hair should be tied back every day.

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 will return on **Monday 12th May** (No session on Monday 28th April – first day of term or Monday 5th May – due to Bank Holiday!)

Sessions 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 academic year will be – **Monday 7th July.**

Places available Do you know any families looking for a Reception place for their child for September? Perhaps they are new to area, or didn't get allocated their preferred school and haven't previously considered St Paul's...We have places in Reception for September so please spread the word!

We also have a small number of places in current Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 if you know of anyone moving into the area or considering an in-year transfer.

School Events

The whole school enjoyed a super celebration of science last half term. It was great to see the children all engaged and excited by the range of activities that were planned throughout the week – especially the Big Biscuit Bonanza!! Well done to those children that took part in the Science poster competition. A huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Scragg for her organisation of the week and our visiting workshop. Year 1 enjoyed a super trip to the Black Country Living Museum – made even better by the sun shining and delicious chips with our lunch! They are looking forward to their visiting workshop next week. The Wolves Foundation Penalty shoot-out was a great success and we raised over £3000 to be shared between school and the Wolves Foundation! Thank you to everyone who took part and to Mr Platt for his organisation. The Book Fair and World Book Day were both successful again this year – thank you to Mrs Honeyghan, and to Mrs Morris who stepped in to ensure the fair ran smoothly! Parents' Evening was well attended – we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress with staff. Children from Year 4 enjoyed their residential to PGL in Shropshire – they were worn out when they returned to school but had certainly made some special memories! Our Reception and Nursery children celebrated the special ladies in their lives in style in the run up to Mothers' Day, sharing songs, reasons why they love their mummies and even enjoying a few biscuits! Years 1-6 had a super time and enjoyed their taster sessions for Spotlight Dance who start their after school club with us this week and Year 6 loved the performance of Pig Heart Boy at the Grand Theatre. Finally, we finished the term in style with some beautiful weather and a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt! Please visit our [Facebook page](#) to see photos of the above and more...!



Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from **Monday 5th May**

(Monday clubs from 12th) with the exception of Dance which begins Friday 2nd May.

Clubs will run until **w/c Monday 7th July**.

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.

Staying Safe.



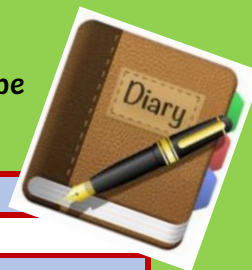
As raised in previous communications, a reminder that some of our footpath surfaces are uneven in places and could cause trips. Please be careful when walking and ensure children walk carefully to and from classrooms to avoid accidents. Raised surfaces are marked and there are signs displayed to remind people to take care. As a school, we take the Health & Safety of all children, staff, parents and visitors extremely seriously and as such, we are seeking advice and exploring potential funding routes to address the issue.



A polite reminder to all parents and children that scooters and bikes **should not be ridden on the school site** – this is for the safety of all. In the mornings, please ensure your child dismounts as they approach the gate and then pushes their bike or scooter to class/the bike rack. Likewise, at the end of the day, ensure your child(ren) push until off the school site. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping to keep our site safe.

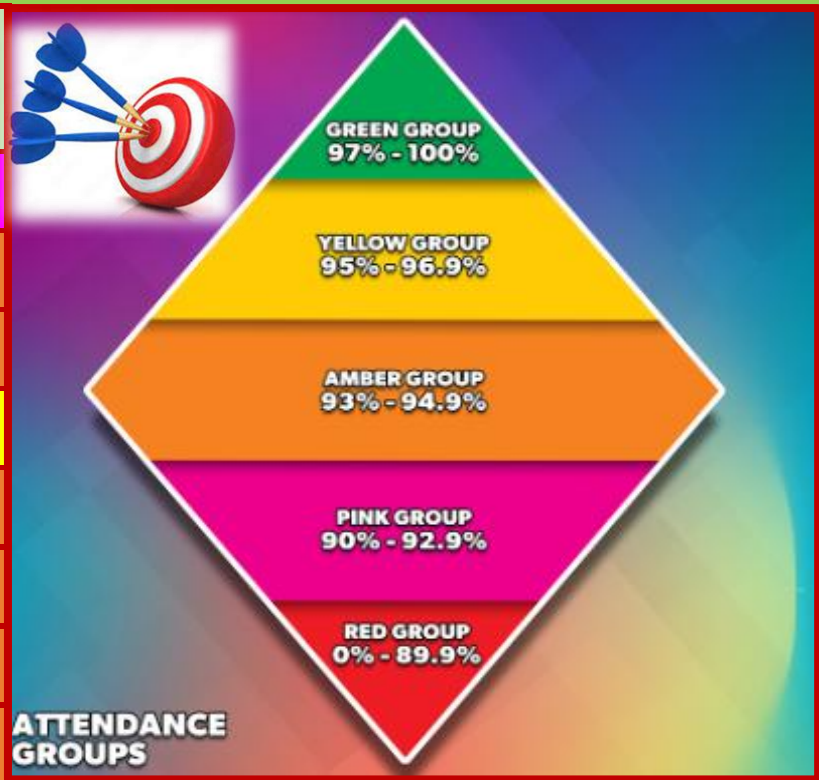
Diary Dates

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



April	
Monday 28 th	BCLM Year 1 workshop
Tuesday 29 th	Class photos
May	
Sunday 4 th	Circle Church 3pm
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th	Year 3 Class Led Worship
Thursday 8 th	VE Day 80 th Celebrations
Monday 12 th	KS2 SATs week
Monday 12 th	Full Governing Body
Friday 16 th	Early Years Stay & Play
Tuesday 20 th	Singing in the Halls Y4
Thursday 22 nd	Year 1 Class Led Worship
Thursday 22 nd	Year 5 & 6 Transition to Y7 / Safety to and from school workshop
Friday 23 rd	Year 5 BCLM visit
Mon 26 th May – Friday 30 st May – Half Term	

Spring 2 Attendance	
Nur	90.5
Rec	93.1
Yr1	94.8
Yr2	95.9
Yr3	93.4
Yr4	94.9
Yr5	93.2
Yr6	93.8



Spring 1		Year so far	
Whole School (Y1-6)	94.3	Whole School (Y1-6)	93.8
National	94.7	National	94.4
			94.5

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](#).

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 oppportunity
- M** We make a difference.
- I** We are in control
- S** We are safe
- E** We excel.



FOR GOD SO
loved 
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY *son*
THAT WHOSEVER
believes 
in Him
SHOULD ~~NOT~~ PERISH
BUT HAVE
Everlasting
LIFE.
JOHN 3: 16

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 st September

2024-25 Training Days—school closed to pupils:

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

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts:	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
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Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts:	Wednesday 3rd September
Half Term:	Monday 27th - Friday 31st October
Term ends:	Friday 19th December
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Term starts:	Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term:	Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Term ends:	Thursday 2nd April
Easter Holidays:	Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April

Summer Term 2026

Term starts:	Monday 20th April
Half Term:	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Term ends:	Tuesday 21st July
Summer Holidays:	Wednesday 22nd July —Monday 31st August

2025-26 Training Days—school closed to pupils;

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September (To be confirmed)



Autumn Term 2026

Term starts:	Tuesday 2nd September 2026 (To be confirmed – potential INSET day.)
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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>Mrs J Ferretti</p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis-Powell</p> <p>Deputy Headteacher</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Miss D. Woods</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Ms B. Clarke</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p>Mrs R. Cook / Miss N. Owen</p> <p>Online Safety Leader</p>
<p>Mrs L Clarke</p> <p>Safeguarding Governor</p>		 <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #800040; font-weight: bold;">← →</p> <p>Working together to help safeguard our children</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](#)).

