



# The St Paul's Post

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## Welcome to our 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, as we continue on our school improvement journey and build a strong foundation upon which all can flourish. We will be finalising our Rainbow Christian Values this term and look forward to sharing/confirming these with you all.

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, or, if specific to your child and their class, your child's class teacher in the first instance we will be happy to help.

The heavens declare  
the glory of God,  
and the skies above  
proclaim the work  
of His hands.  
Psalm 19:1 (NIV)





## Welcome!

This term we have brought our cleaning 'in house', having previously received our cleaning service from the LA. This means we have two new members of the St Paul's team

– Miss Mampa and Ms Evans, who will be helping to keep our school environment safe, clean and a place we can all be proud of. We also welcome Mr Scott to the Year 6 teaching team, who will be joining Mrs Scragg and Mr Davis-Powell in teaching the class throughout the week. I am confident they will all quickly settle in and feel part of the St Paul's family!



## Science Day

The whole school enjoyed a super day at the end of last term with a celebration of all things 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). It was great to see the children all engaged and excited by the range of activities that were planned throughout the week. 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 Science Boffins Day!



## Class Led Worship

Well done to all our classes for their Class Led worships last term – we hope parents enjoyed the opportunity to come into school and be part of these events. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding an Easter Eucharist service during which we will give thanks for Jesus and celebrate his resurrection. Parents wishing to take communion or receive a blessing are invited to join us for this worship at 9.30am.

## Toddler and Baby Group

Our stay and play session 'Little Lights' will return on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the new time of 9.15am**. Sessions run weekly on Monday mornings during term time. Tea/coffee/squash and biscuits provided. Donations welcome not expected. Monies raised will be used to fund and future resources.  
word – **everyone** is welcome!

Come and join us at

St Paul's



'Little  
Lights'  
Stay & Play



## Mobile Phones

We have had a number of incidents where it has appeared that parents have been filming on their mobile phones during drop off and collection. A reminder that for safeguarding reasons, mobile phones **should not** be used to take photos or videos on the school site unless permission has been given for an event such as a class led worship or performance.



The use of mobile phones is **not permitted** in school. Children in Year 5 and 6, who walk to or from school alone and have a mobile phone for this purpose, are required to hand in their phone on arrival at school. Phones are stored safely during the day and then given out again as the children leave. Visitors and parents coming into school should not use their mobile phones.



We have also had a number of children wearing smart watches into school recently. Due to these watches having cameras built in, these are not permitted in school either. If children do have a smart watch in school, it will be collected in by a member of staff and kept securely until home time.

**Year 6 SATs** In the week beginning Monday 13th 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!



## Curriculum plans

Information about your child's learning will be sent home this week, including curriculum/class newsletters and 'Knowledge Organisers' which we hope will support children and parents in discussing their learning at home. Information about PE days, reading books etc will be included in the class newsletter.



**Summer events** Last year, we were delighted with the success of our Summer Fayre. We would like hold this event again this year. This will be 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 21<sup>st</sup> June from 3.45pm.

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



**Enrichment Clubs...** will begin again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and will run until w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. (6 weeks)

A letter detailing this half term's club offer will also be sent out during the week.

Day	Club	Year groups	Cost/session	Time/collect
Monday	Lego (School led – Mrs Cook)	Y3-6	£1.00	3.15-4.00 Gate
No session				
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May due to Bank Holiday	Woolen Crafts (School led – Mrs Boden)	Y4-6	£1.00	3.15-4.00 Front office
	Recorders (School led – Mrs Allcott)	Y2	£1.00	3.15-4.00 Front office
Tuesday	Football (recreation) (Motive8 Youth)	Y3 – 6	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Gate
	Dodgeball (External - Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Front office
Friday	Games (board games, puzzles, quizzes, challenges) (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Front office
	Coming soon...Football Development Session (School Team) (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6 – selected	--	3.15-4.15 Gate



A reminder that places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term.

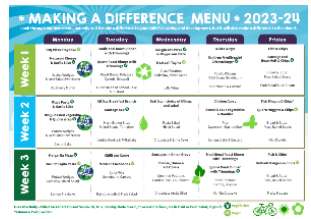
Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again. Clubs must be booked under 'Clubs' and then paid for via 'Payments' in the Gateway app to secure the place.

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.

## School Dinners

Our school dinner menu can be viewed by clicking on the menu;  
A reminder that following children's feedback, the following menu changes were made;



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Chicken Curry Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Chicken Curry Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams
Week 2	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Chicken Curry Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Chicken Curry Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams
Week 3	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Chicken Curry Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Chicken Curry Crispy Fries Custard Creams	Spaghetti Bolognese Crispy Fries Custard Creams

**Thursday Week 2** - Chicken Curry and Sweet & Sour Noodles has been replaced with Cottage Pie.

**Tuesday Week 3** – Chilli / Enchiladas has been replaced with Hot Dogs and Fries

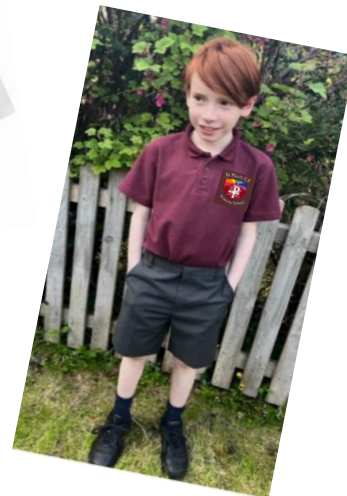
Also, this term, **Sub of the Day** will return!



A polite reminder, not to send items obviously containing nuts into school due to children with severe allergies (this includes Nutella & peanut butter). Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

**Uniform** As we are now in the Summer term (believe it or not!), children may now wear our Summer uniform in warmer weather if they wish. This consists of –

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



For PE/Games, children should continue to wear our 'Active Uniform' hoodie and sports top. In warmer weather, black shorts can be worn instead of black joggers or leggings.



Hello Sunshine!



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.

Please ensure all items are clearly named.



## 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 have had a large number of unclaimed and unnamed uniform items in lost property. These have now been washed and added to the rail – please check the rail if you are missing any items.**

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](#).

## 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.

At times, the pedestrian gate does become congested with all children and parents coming through! Where staffing allows us to have a member of staff on each gate, we will begin to open the second pedestrian gate from the KS2 playground onto the cul-de-sac to allow parents the choice of which gate to use. Hopefully this will ease congestion a little! If we don't have sufficient staff to stand on both gates, we will use the main pedestrian gate only.

## Parking around school



Towards the end of term, I had a number of parents raise concerns around the safety of those walking to school along Emsworth Crescent and into the school cul-de-sac. Concerns were mainly around the increase in the number of cars now actually driving down **into** the cul-de-sac at drop off and collection to park or wait. We absolutely understand that some parents / carers may have a visible or hidden disability and therefore need to make use of the close parking spaces. However, we do encourage parents to consider whether it is really necessary to drive down into the cul-de-sac, as the more traffic we have in this area, the greater the risk to children and parents walking into school.

We ask that those who are able to, park a little further away and walk down into the cul-de-sac. For those that do drive down toward the gates, please do so slowly – I, myself have witnessed and spoken to a number of parents who have driven very quickly in this area!

Drivers should not obstruct the gates to the Morrisons delivery bay – whilst we do have an informal agreement that delivery drivers will avoid drop off and collection times, the space is not a parking area.



Those walking toward the school gates are also advised to keep to the pavement to avoid any cars that do come into the cul-de-sac.

As we know, we are very fortunate to have Morrisons car park just around the corner providing ample parking with just a short stroll to school – please make use of this facility!

## Having a clear out? Resources needed please!

Can you help our Early Years team?

Have you got anything on the list below:

Clean white odd adult socks, large cardboard boxes / tubes, plastic pipes (for a water wall), shoe boxes, old kitchen appliances e.g. toaster, kettle, iron (we can cut wire off) or anything 'real' for our home corner or mud kitchen, china tea sets, plates, saucepans etc, tea pots, trays, plastic bottle tops, old board / card games (good condition), old bikes (good condition), ribbon or coloured tape, wool, metal/plastic spoons, ladles, fake flowers.

If so, RECEPTION CLASS NEED IT PLEASE!

Items can be sent into school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.

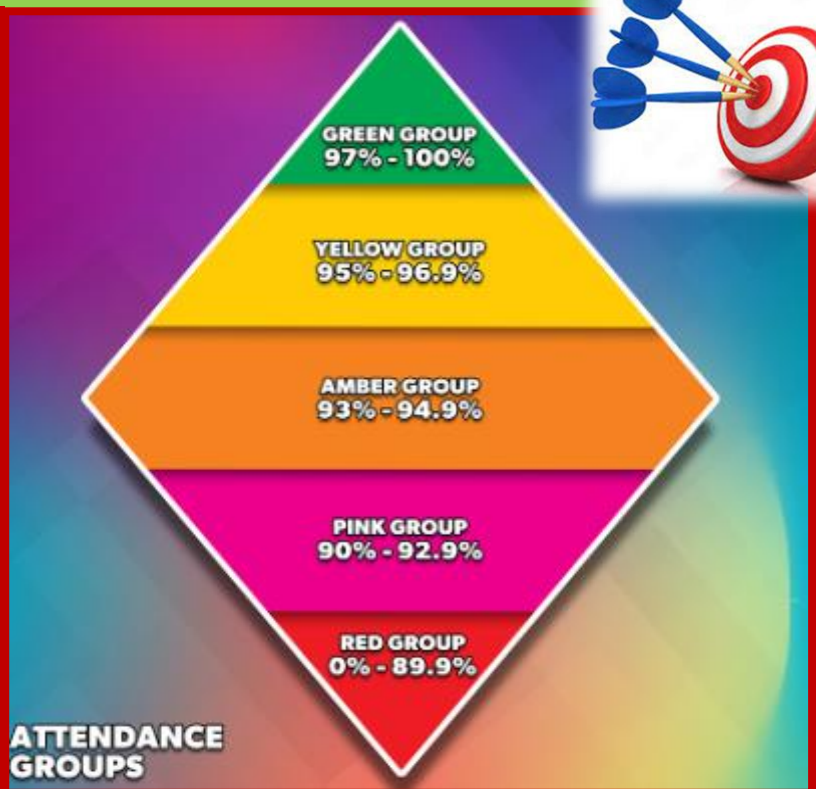
THANK YOU!

# Attendance

Yearly attendance since September – **93.6 %**



Spring 2 Attendance	
Nur	81.2%
Rec	91.7%
Yr1	96.2%
Yr2	91.2%
Yr3	92.7%
Yr4	93.0%
Yr5	95.0%
Yr6	95.2%
Whole School	92.8%



<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.

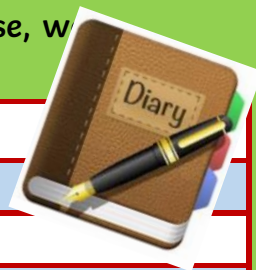
Please read our information - [Why does attendance matter?](#)

And our school [Attendance Policy.](#)



# Diary Dates

Whilst we endeavour to keep to the below dates, they are proposed only and may be subject to change should it be necessary. Where this is the case, we will try and give as much notice as possible.



## April

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Eucharist
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	EIO - Anti-social Behaviour talks Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EIO - Anti-social Behaviour talks Y5
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Workshops
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body – 5.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Y4
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & 6 Safeside Visit
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos

## May

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday Monday
w/c Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 optional SATs
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs week
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Aid Big Breakfast
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Height, weight & vision checks

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term

## June

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4 MTC window opens
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Puberty talks – Ys 4-6
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Blists Hill visit
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Tudors / Y5 Victorians workshop
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Phonic Screen week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning – ASD – Outreach
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	EYs Father's Day celebration
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y3&4 Inspire visit to Lichfield Cathedral
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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	New Nursery parents meeting
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## July

w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition week (Y6)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transition morning & new Reception
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Kingswood & sleepover TBC
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body – 5.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Reports
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Eucharist
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers Evening / performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Trip
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 – Summer Holidays

Children return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September TBC (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET day)



## 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.



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



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

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 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

[Term dates for 2024-2025](#) can be found on our website or by clicking the link. Please note – INSET days are not yet confirmed.

# 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-Powell Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs S Lalli Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mrs J Ferretti Headteacher 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;">                       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](#)).