St Paul's
Church of England Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March

Headteacher message

What a lovely week it has been—now that the weather has improved, I'm hoping it continues!
This week has been Assessment Week, and although most tests have been completed, a few additional assessments will continue into next week. Thank you for ensuring your children attend consistently so they do not miss any important learning.
Next week is Parents' Evening, and I am very much looking forward to seeing lots of parents and carers there. We will be joined by Isabel from S-Thrive, who will be sharing some information with families, and I will also be providing updates about attendance. I'm excited for you to see your child's learning and hear all about their progress.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Walton

Stars of the week

Well done to the following children who had achieved the star of the week award!

Nursery – Craig
Reception – Solihom
Year 1 – Diogo
Year 2 – Poppy
Year 3 – Jeremy
Year 4 – Daisy
Year 5 – Bambam
Year 6 – Caius
Spectacular pupil - Bayley

Weekly Attendance
Nursery – 90.37%
Reception – 92.17%
Year 1 – 92.4%
Year 2 – 91.27%
Year 3 – 87.67%
Year 4 – 97.24% - Winners this week
Year 5 – 91.43%
Year 6 – 92.31%
Green – 96 or above% Yellow – 95% Amber – 91-94% Red below – 90%
National expectation for attendance is 96%

Terrific timekeepers

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each morning. Education is important, and all core subjects are taught first thing in the day. Being punctual helps pupils start their learning calmly and confidently.

Thank you to all parents who consistently ensure their children are on site for **8:45am**, when classroom doors open. Your support makes a real difference.

Thank You for Your Ongoing Support and Respect

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all parents and carers who continue to show respect towards staff in and around school. Your positive interactions, patience, and understanding make a real difference to the school community.

Year 5/6 PCSO visit

This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were visited by the Police, who delivered an important session on online safety. The children learned about how to stay safe online, how to make sensible choices, and what to do if they ever feel uncomfortable or unsure about something they see or experience on the internet.

We would like to highlight how important it is to monitor your child's online activity at home and ensure they are only accessing age-appropriate content. The children were also reminded of the minimum age requirements for certain apps—such as WhatsApp (16+) and Snapchat (13+)—and why these age limits exist.

We strongly encourage families to:

- Talk regularly with children about how to stay safe online
- Check privacy settings on devices and apps
- Monitor who they are communicating with
- Set clear boundaries around screen time and appropriate use

Working together, we can help keep all our children safe, informed, and confident digital citizens.





Parents Evening reminder

Parents' Evening will be held in school on **Wednesday 25th March from 3:30pm–6:00pm.** Appointments have gone live on Arbour.

I strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. Parents' Evening is an important opportunity to discuss your child's current levels of attainment, celebrate their achievements, and talk about how we can work together to support their learning and progress at home and in school.

These meetings provide valuable time to ask questions, gain a clear understanding of how your child is doing, and learn about ways you can help support their development moving forward.

Dates for your diary	
24th February	School re-opens
25th-27th Feb	Y6 Lledr Hall residential
5th March	World book day
12th March	Y6 Crucial Crew
16th March	Assessment week Y1-5
20th March	Audacious church Easter performance
20th March	Comic Relief Day
25th March	Parents Evening R-Y6
31st March	Aspiration day
2nd April	School closes

A Huge Thank You to Our Parents

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting us with school uniform. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a significant increase in children coming to school wearing the correct uniform — including jumpers, trousers/skirts, and appropriate footwear.

This makes a real difference across the school. When children feel smart and prepared for the day, it helps set a positive tone for learning and supports clear expectations for everyone. The children are genuinely proud of their appearance, and it shows in their confidence and attitude towards school.

Thank you for continuing to support the school by preparing your child for the future, setting high expectations, and following our uniform policy.

Why Uniform Matters

Wearing the correct school uniform helps children:

- Feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school community
- Reduce distractions, allowing them to focus on their learning
- Build good habits linked to responsibility, organisation, and readiness
- Promote fairness and equality, ensuring all pupils start the day on the same footing
- Prepare for future expectations, where dress codes are common in many workplaces

Your support plays a vital role in helping us maintain a consistent, positive environment for all children.

Uniform swap shop

The last week of term we will be holding our uniform swap shop in the hall. Bring down your outgrown sweaters, cardigans, trousers and swap them for another size – all items are free!



Contact us...

Email: stpoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

St Paul's CE Primary – Cross Lane

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Easter Egg Hamper Raffle!

We'll be selling raffle tickets for a fantastic Easter Egg Hamper from the school office next week. The hamper is packed with a delicious selection of chocolates to keep you going over the Easter break!

All funds raised will go towards purchasing new equipment for our school playgrounds.

Thank you for your support!



Comic Relief Celebration

Today we have celebrated **Comic Relief**!
A big **thank you** to everyone who kindly donated £1 for this fantastic cause and supported the day by letting your child wear something red or silly. Your generosity helps us make a real difference.

So far, we have raised £80.57

Comic Relief is a charity that supports vulnerable children, young people, and families across the UK and around the world. The money raised helps fund projects that tackle poverty, improve mental health support, ensure children are safe, and provide vital resources to those who need them most. Every donation, no matter the size, plays a part in changing lives.

Thank you once again for your continued support and kindness.

STP Easter Egg competition 🥚✨

We will be hosting our annual Decorate an Egg Competition!
Prizes will be awarded for the most creative designs, so let your imaginations run wild.

Please bring entries into school labelled with your child's name and year group by Wednesday 1st April.

We can't wait to see all your creative designs!



Little Lady Locks Charity

Some of our parents are currently raising money for Little Lady Locks, a wonderful charity that supports children experiencing hair loss. This fantastic organisation raises funds to help create high-quality wigs and hairpieces for children who have lost their hair due to medical conditions such as alopecia, cancer treatment, or other health-related causes.

Little Lady Locks works closely with families to ensure each child receives a wig that helps them feel confident, comfortable, and supported during a challenging time. Beyond wigs, the charity also provides emotional support, helping children feel proud of who they are.

We are incredibly grateful to our school community for supporting such a meaningful and heartfelt cause.

Please note: ***All proceeds go directly to the charity. No money is collected or kept by the school.***

About Little Lady Locks

At Little Lady Locks, we are dedicated to providing tailored hair loss solutions free of charge to those under 18 across the UK. Founded in 2018, the charity was created to fill a vital gap in services for young people, offering bespoke hair loss solutions that were previously unavailable to those under 18.

A huge well done to our STP parents for raising awareness of this fantastic charity.

Please see the go fund me page below should you wish to contribute this this fantastic cause

Platinum Promotions is fundraising for Little Lady Locks

Little Lady Locks was founded in 2018 by Ashley Higgins, a hair professional specialising in hair loss and passionate about providing solutions.

Whilst working with adult hair loss clients, Ashley was continuously hearing often traumatic and troubled childhood stories, caused by hair loss and the lack of affordable solutions that would help disguise their very public condition.

Ashley explains that “All of their childhood stories are so distressing and hearing about how they got bullied and became isolated from the world, really moved me and I knew then that a change was needed.

Fully aware of the costs involved in hair replacement systems, I felt sad because when I was a child, I knew that my mum wouldn't have been able to afford these costly hair services.

I trialled hair replacement systems on 5 year old Harper and 15 year old Ruba and the results were fantastic. Both children and their families would constantly say how it has changed their lives and the children had regained their old confidence.

I was so overwhelmed to see how something that I had done had impacted so positively. I felt like this was my calling card, the more and more children I helped I began to realise that my life had a meaning and a purpose and Little Lady Locks was born.

If you would like to learn more about this charity, please visit the website below:

Transform a Child's Life with Hair or Financial Donations | Little Lad – Little Lady Locks

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one area of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

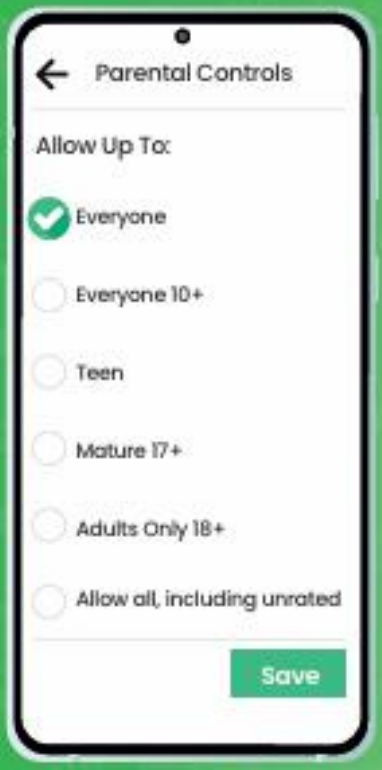
How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT

Android Phone

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The settings on an Android device allow you to prescribe certain rules for when your child is using it. For example, you can block specific types of content to reduce the risk of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate material (music with explicit lyrics, for instance, and games, TV shows or movies that are unsuitable for young people). There are two ways to access parental controls on an Android phone: through Google Play or via the Google Family Link app. You can also lock your changes behind a PIN, so your child (or anyone else) can't change them back.





Set up parental controls with Google Family Link

1. On your phone, install Google Family Link for Parents
2. Tap Open and review the information
3. Tap Get Started
4. Tap Next to set up your child's device
5. On your child's phone, download Google Family Link for Children & Teens and enter the Family Link setup code provided
6. On your phone, open the Family Link app
7. Tap your child's name
8. Tap Manage Settings
9. Tap Controls on Google Play
10. Tap the content you would like to restrict
11. Choose how to filter or restrict access

Set up parental controls with Google Play

1. Open the Play Store app
2. Tap Menu (represented by three horizontal lines)
3. Tap Settings
4. Tap Parental Controls
4. Enable Parental Controls
4. Create Pin
4. Tap the content you would like to restrict
4. Choose how to filter or restrict access

