Friday 6th February, 2026

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Value of the half term: HOPE

WEEKLY UPDATE

As you are aware, Miss Budsworth is still currently absent from school, and we are wishing her a speedy recovery. In the interim, Mrs Walton will remain Acting Principal until Miss Budsworth returns to school. She has thoroughly enjoying working across the wider life of the school!

This week we have welcomed many changes, which will be updated with you all on a weekly basis. We also have some exciting changes to look forward to.

Our first change was staffing for Y5 & Y6. Mrs Comber has spent her first week as the new Y6 class teacher and Miss Rawsthorne have spent her first week in Y5. Both staff members have commented on how well the pupils had adapted with the change and I am extremely proud of the maturity shown in this time.

Thank you to Mrs Comber & Miss Rawsthorne for being flexible with the changes and doing what is right for our pupils at St. Paul's.

Snack time

Snack times have been changed slightly at St Paul's. Snack time will now happen at the same time as break time.

This is to avoid any lost learning opportunities for the children and will allow them to get some fresh air at the same time (obviously weather depending). Please ensure you are bringing a healthy snack for your child to eat, chocolate bars and sweets are not acceptable. If you would like to pay for toast for you child, this can be done through our Arbour app.

Parent questionnaire

A huge thank you to all our parents who have completed our questionnaire. This will help us look at how we change current systems and adapt things in school to support parents and pupils. We are committed to listening to your views and value your feedback to help make St Paul's a great school.

Dates for your diary

10th February	Safer Internet Day
11th February	Y4 Class assembly
13th February	School closes
24th February	School re-opens
25th-27th Feb	Y6 Lledr Hall residential

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently **91%.** As a school we aim for **96%,** please ensure your child is in everyday to avoid any lost learning.

Attendance results for this week:

Nursery – 89%

Reception – 90%

Year 1 – 89%

Year 2 – 87%

Year 3 – 91%

Year 4 – 95% **THIS WEEKS WINNERS*** 🏆

Year 5 – 92%

Year 6 – 86%

Fidget Toys - SEND

Staff have noticed a significant increase in the number of children bringing in 'fidget toys' from home. Whilst, as a school, we do acknowledge that these can provide support to identified children, in relation to concentration and regulation, they are not necessary for others and in fact can be a source of distraction - negatively impacting upon learning. In order to ensure that the correct children are accessing the necessary support, all 'fidget toys' which have not been issued by school or agreed between parents and Mrs Jones (SENDCo), will be sent home today with the children.

Behaviour

There are many children at St. Paul's who consistently demonstrate politeness, respect, and good manners in school each and every day. Their positive attitude and behaviour contribute greatly to creating a safe, welcoming, and productive environment for everyone. We are extremely proud of them, and we appreciate the support you provide at home to reinforce these values.

There are however a small number of children whose behaviour is causing us concern. As part of maintaining high standards across our school community, I would like to remind all families of our expectations around behaviour. While the majority of pupils behave exceptionally well, there are instances where behaviours such as hurting others, defiance towards staff, destruction of property, and the use of inappropriate or offensive language occur. These behaviours are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Please be aware that serious or repeated incidents may result in consequences in line with our behaviour policy, **including suspension** where necessary. Our priority is always to keep children safe and ensure that classrooms remain calm, respectful places where learning can flourish.

We ask that you talk to your children about your expectations and ours, so that they know the importance of behaving well, working hard and being kind and respectful to others.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us uphold these standards. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible chance to succeed and thrive.

Thank you once again for your partnership and for the many children who make our school a wonderful place to be.

Medical information

If your child has asthma, it is essential that they have a **clearly labelled inhaler in school at all times**. Parents and carers are also required to **sign a consent form at the school office** to confirm that an inhaler has been provided and to allow staff to support your child if needed.

If your child requires **any medication to be taken during the school day**, please ensure that:

- The school office is informed in advance
- Written parental permission is provided
- All medication is clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage instructions
- Medication is in date and replaced when necessary

In line with our **new medical policy**, parents must complete the appropriate consent forms before any medication can be administered or supervised in school. This policy will be available shortly on our school website.

Please ensure that the office is notified of any changes to your child's medical needs so our records remain up to date. This helps us to provide a safe and supportive environment for all pupils.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the school office.

EYFS & Assembly

We would like to inform you of a small change to our Friday morning Celebration Worship arrangements for Nursery and Reception children. From now on, Nursery and Reception pupils will not attend Celebration Worship on Friday mornings unless they are receiving a certificate/Birthday celebration. This decision has been made as some children are finding the large gathering overwhelming at this stage. During this time, staff will remain in the Early Years unit and focus on high-quality continuous provision, allowing children to engage in meaningful learning experiences in a calm and familiar environment. We feel this will best support their wellbeing and ongoing development. Parents of children who are receiving a certificate will, as usual, be informed in advance. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years team.



Fun FOOTBALL COACHING

FOR GIRLS

SALFORD SPORTS VILLAGE - 5-5.45PM

LITTLETON RD, SALFORD M7 3NQ
FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL - FOOTBALL@SCLL.CO.UK

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FLAG FOOTBALL

FREE weekly sessions for 6-10 year olds

5-6pm - Ordsall Leisure Centre, 3G Pitch



Consent form to be signed by guardian on first session. Child will need to be dropped off and collected by parent or guardian.

This project is in partnership between LifeCentre Salford, Salford Scorpions and Salford Community Leisure

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