St Paul's
Church of England Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March

Headteacher message

We've had another fantastic week in school, and it's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of the spring term! The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, hard work, and positive attitudes.
We're very much looking forward to Aspiration Day next week, with lots of wonderful visitors planned to inspire the children and help them explore a range of exciting careers and future opportunities.
Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Mrs Walton

Stars of the week

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

Nursery – Nova
Reception – Rifquh
Year 1 – Kayson
Year 2 –Chase
Year 3 –Elsie
Year 4 – Renae
Year 5 –Peggy
Year 6 – Kapi
Spectacular pupil – Lydia Y4

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.

A huge well done to Year 4 this week who had the most people in on time this week!

Weekly Attendance

Whole school – 93%

Nursery – 84.4%
Reception – 90.8%
Year 1 – 93.6%
Year 2 – 88.2%
Year 3 – 92.1%
Year 4 – 92.14%
Year 5 – 88.5%
Year 6 – 93.6%

Green – 96 or above%
Yellow – 95%
Amber – 91-94%
Red below – 90%

National expectation for attendance is 96%

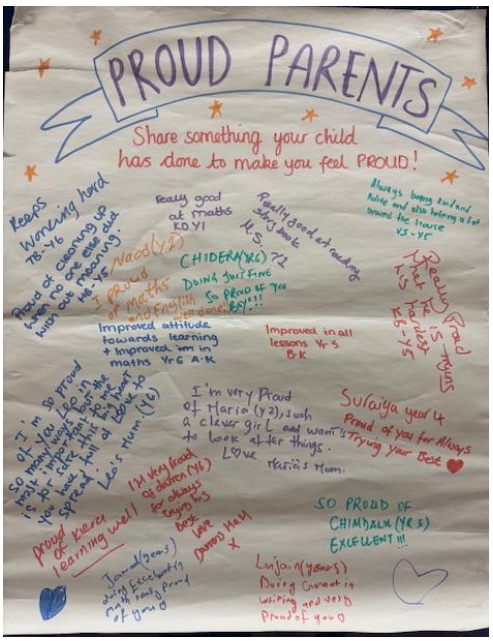
Behaviour point winners!

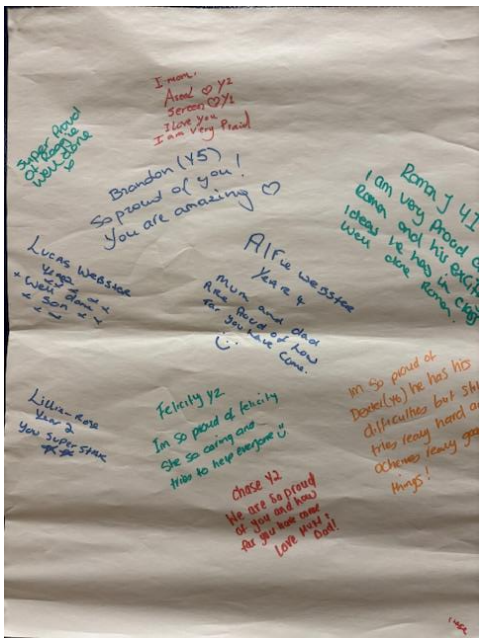
A huge well done to Year 5 who got the most behaviour points this week – keep it up!

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful to meet with you and discuss your child's progress, achievements, and next steps. These conversations are so valuable, as they help us work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing. If you were unable to attend, or if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher—we are always happy to help.

We also introduced our new Proud Wall, giving parents the chance to share the moments they are most proud of. These lovely comments are now displayed around school for staff and children to read, and they have brought so much positivity to our corridors. A big thank you to those who took the time to contribute—it's wonderful to see how proud you are of your children.





A quick reminder about Aspiration Day!

Aspiration Day will take place on Tuesday 31st March. Children are invited to come into school dressed as someone who represents their dream job—this could be anything from a doctor or engineer to an artist, astronaut, chef, or anything they aspire to be!

We're excited to be welcoming a range of visitors into school throughout the day to talk with our children about their jobs, the skills they use, and the journeys they have taken in their careers. It promises to be an inspiring and engaging experience for everyone.

Keep an eye on our social media next week—we'll be sharing lots of wonderful photos!

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!



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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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert



A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keeffe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.

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