St Paul's
Church of England Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May

Headteacher message

I can't quite believe we are already at the end of another half term. It has been an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks in school. The children have enjoyed using our new play equipment at lunch times, taken part in engaging in-class PSHE workshops, and benefited from the National Literacy Trust sessions. We are also very proud of our Year 6 pupils who have worked so hard during their SATs – well done to them all.

Looking ahead to next half term, we have lots to look forward to including Sports Days, transition days for both secondary schools and across the whole school, as well as our new Nursery and Reception open afternoons, and much more. We will also be welcoming a new member of staff - Mr Cosgrove. He will be joining the St Paul's Team as Assistant Head to support the leadership team. I am sure you will welcome him into the St Paul's community.

During the break, work will be taking place on the path at the main entrance. We hope that when we return, you will notice and appreciate the improvement.

The weather is looking promising for the half term, and I hope you are able to enjoy some special time together as a family. Wishing you all a lovely week.

Mrs Walton

Stars of the week

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

Nursery – Arta
Reception – Mahour
Year 1 – Harper
Year 2 – Leo
Year 3 – Digvijay
Year 4 – Avin
Year 5 – Peggy
Year 6 – Leo

SPECTACULAR PUPIL : Leo Y6

Weekly Attendance
Nursery – 84%
Reception – 94%
Year 1 – 97% Winners this week!
Year 2 – 92%
Year 3 – 92%
Year 4 – 97% Winners this week!
Year 5 – 88%
Year 6 – 94%
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.

Year 5 had the least number of lates this week!

Y2 Class assembly

On Wednesday, Year 2 treated us to a wonderful class assembly. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout of parents and carers who came to support the children.

It was lovely to hear the children speak so enthusiastically about their Science learning this half term. Year 2 explained all about germination and how plants grow, and shared the results of their experiment with four different plants, exploring what helped them grow and what didn't.

Well done, Year 2 – you made us very proud! 🌱



MTC Year 4

This week, Miss Brady held a meeting for Year 4 parents and carers to share information about the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Thank you to everyone who attended.

The MTC is an important national check that assesses pupils' fluency and recall of multiplication facts up to 12 × 12. Rapid recall of times tables supports children's confidence and success across many areas of maths, including problem solving and written methods.

Year 4 pupils will complete the check during the national testing window from **Monday 1st June to Friday 19th June 2026**. Please continue to support your child at home by practising their times tables regularly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates for your diary

22nd May	**School closes**
1st June	**INSET Day**
8th-19th June	**Year 4 MTC**
8th-12th June	**Year 1 Phonics screener**
16th June	Y5/6 Sports day 9:30am
17th June	Y3/4 Sports day 9:30am
18th June	Y1/2 Sports Day 9:30am
19th June	EYFS Sports Day 9:30am
25th-26th June	Year 6 Secondary transition days
29th June	Whole school assessment week
29th June	Class photographs
2nd July	Year 6 Manchester Cathedral leavers service
8th July	Year 1 class assembly
10th July	Meet the teacher afternoon
17th July	STP Reports out
17th July	Y6 leavers service at St Paul's Church
20th July	Year 6 leavers assembly for parents
20th July	Year 6 leavers disco – 5 - 6:30pm
21st July	Whole school celebration
21st July	**School closes**

Year 4 Literacy Trust

Year 4 had their final visit from David Scott this week. The focus was on illustrations, so they worked hard to bring their characters to life. David has taken these ideas to help him create the final story – we can't wait to read it!





Amazing things outside of school!

We love to celebrate all the wonderful things our children achieve outside of school and wow, what a celebration we have had this afternoon!

Well done to:

- Surayah – she has won top goal scorer this season for her football club Salford Storm and brought in her trophy to show us
- Elijah – he took part in a martial arts competition and achieved his red belt
- Elior – he has passed his stage 2 in swimming lessons
- Alex - he took part in a martial arts competition and achieved his yellow belt

Lots of exciting news to share and celebrate together. It's great to see so many of you St Paul's pupils achieving fantastic things outside of school – well done!











St Paul's Football darts fundraiser

On Wednesday 24th June, we will be holding an exciting whole-school Football Darts Fundraiser and we would love all children to get involved!

Sponsorship forms will be sent home and we are asking that all completed forms are returned by Tuesday 17th June 2026.

This promises to be a fun and energetic event, combining football skills with a darts-style challenge. Children will take part in the activity and collect sponsor money based on their participation and scores. There will be small prizes for taking part and for returning sponsorship forms, so every child has the opportunity to be recognised and celebrated.

The child who raises the most sponsorship points will win an incredible trip to Wembley Stadium – a fantastic experience and a once-in-a-lifetime reward!

Phonics screener check

This week we would like to remind parents and carers about the upcoming Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

The Phonics Screening Check is a short, national assessment that helps us confirm how well children are learning to read using phonics. It gives us valuable information about each child's progress and helps us identify any additional support they may need to become confident, fluent readers. Strong early reading skills are essential, as they support learning across the whole curriculum.

The check will take place during the national window from **Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2026.** Each child will complete the check individually with a familiar adult in a calm and supportive environment.

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOOTBALL DARTS FUNDRAISER

HAVE FUN ★ SCORE POINTS ★ SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

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FAMILY TOUR OF WEMBLEY STADIUM



HOW MANY POINTS CAN YOU GET?

EVENT DATE
WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026

SPONSOR DEADLINE
WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 2026 11:00AM

TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD RECEIVES THEIR THANK YOU GIFTS ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT, **ALL SPONSOR MONEY MUST BE DONATED ONLINE** BEFORE THE DATE AND TIME SHOWN ABOVE.