ST PAUL'S C.E NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 15th October, 2026

CHRISTIAN VALUE

This half term, our Christian value is **Respect.**

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

🌟 **Another Fantastic Week at St Paul's!** 🌟

What a brilliant week we've had in school, full of exciting experiences, creativity and opportunities for our children to learn!

Our Early Years children enjoyed a lovely library visit this week, spending time sharing books and developing their love of reading. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for stories!

We were delighted to welcome Chip from Audacious Church into school to begin working with our school choir in preparation for **The Big Sing event in December**. We can't wait to see our children shine and share their talents!

On Thursday, we celebrated Black History Day with fantastic art and dance workshops. The children had the opportunity to get creative, explore different forms of artistic expression and celebrate Black history, culture and heritage.

We are so proud of our children for embracing every opportunity and making the most of everything school has to offer. ❤️

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Mrs Walton

ATTENDANCE
Nursery – 88.6%
Reception – 89.4%
Year 1 – 97.3%
Year 2 – 90.9%
Year 3 – 91.1%
Year 4 – 94.6%
Year 5 – 97.5% WINNERS ⭐
Year 6 – 92.0%
Whole school attendance this week: 93.0%
Class with the lowest number of lates: Year 5

📢 Parent Questionnaire – Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

We have sent out a questionnaire to parents and carers to gather your views on our current drop-off and pick-up arrangements. Our aim is to make these times **safer, smoother and more efficient for everyone**, helping to reduce congestion and ensure all children arrive and leave school safely.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback that could help us improve these arrangements, we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and share your thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make St Paul's the best it can be! 💙

SECONDARY PLACES

It's that time of year when our **Year 6 children need to apply for their secondary school place** for September 2027.

Applications can be completed online through Salford City Council by clicking the link below:
Apply for a secondary school place – Salford City Council

📅 **The deadline for applications is 31st October 2026.**

We strongly encourage all Year 6 families to make their application before the deadline.
If you need any support or guidance with completing the application, please contact the **school office**, who will be happy to help.

SCOOTERS/BIKES

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that **bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the school playground** during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please ensure children dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bikes or scooters while on site. This is important to help keep everyone safe, particularly when the playground is busy with children and families.

Staff are monitoring the school grounds wherever possible; however, staffing is limited at these times as most staff are inside school welcoming the children into their classrooms.

We therefore ask all parents and carers to support us by reminding children of these expectations and ensuring they are followed consistently.

EY Library workshop

Our Early Years children enjoyed a lovely visit from the library this week! They spent time sharing books, listening to stories and exploring the joy of reading together. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to develop their communication and language skills, spark their imaginations and encourage a love of books from an early age. It was fantastic to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with the stories and sharing their ideas. A big thank you to our library visitors for helping to make reading such an enjoyable experience!



Diary dates

Our **yearly school calendar** was sent out last week and includes all of the important dates and events for this academic year. Please keep this somewhere safe and refer back to it throughout the year.
As a reminder, here are the **key dates for this half term**:

16th – School closed – INSET

22nd - Harvest service 10am at STP church for KS2 only and KS1 in school at 2pm.

23rd – Y6 Class assembly 9am
please note change of date

BLACK HISTORY DAY

This week, we celebrated Black History with a fantastic afternoon of learning, creativity and fun! The children took part in exciting dance and art workshops, giving them the opportunity to explore and celebrate Black history, culture and heritage. We also enjoyed a delicious themed lunch, which was a lovely way to bring everyone together for the occasion.
It was wonderful to see the children getting involved, expressing their creativity and enjoying the activities. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the afternoon such a success!







Harvest at St Paul's CE Primary School

As Harvest approaches, we are looking forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate Harvest Festival.

Harvest is a time to give thanks for the food we have, to appreciate the people who grow and provide it, and to remember those who may not have enough. As a Christian school, it is also an opportunity to put our faith into action by sharing what we have and showing kindness and compassion to others.

Donations welcome from next week

Tins • Packets • Dried foods • Other non-perishable items

Please send in whatever you can spare — every contribution, big or small, will make a difference.

All donations will be shared with St Paul's Church and Loaves and Fishes, our local homelessness charity, to support people and families in our local community.



Please send donations into school by Tuesday 20th October.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.
It is wonderful to see what we can achieve when we come together as a community.

What a community we are! ♥