ST PAUL'S C.E NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTIAN VALUE

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

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome Back!
It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. We have had a busy first week back, with children settling back into their classroom routines and getting straight back into their learning.
Our Year 6 children have also enjoyed their residential this week! It has been wonderful to follow their updates on social media and see all the exciting activities and adventures they have been getting involved in. Residentials provide such valuable opportunities for children to develop their independence, build confidence, strengthen friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime. We hope they have all had a fantastic time!
Looking ahead to next week, we have lots to look forward to. We will be marking Remembrance Day, with a range of thoughtful activities planned across school and a special assembly to give our children the opportunity to reflect and remember.
It is also Anti-Bullying Week, and we have some important activities planned to help children think about kindness, respect, friendship and how we can all play our part in making sure everyone feels safe, happy and included in our school community.
Keep an eye out for updates and photographs of what we get up to!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Walton

ATTENDANCE
Nursery – 91.5%
Reception – 87.1%
Year 1 – 97.4%
Year 2 – 100% **WINNERS** ⭐
Year 3 – 94.8%
Year 4 – 95.1%
Year 5 – 99.1%
Year 6 – 96.6%
Whole school attendance this week: 95%
Class with the lowest number of lates: Year 6

⭐ STARS OF THE WEEK ⭐

These children have stood out as going above & beyond this week:

Nursery – Lewha
Reception – Willow
Year 1 – Rifqah
Year 2 – Ashley
Year 3 – Chase
Year 4 – Hunter
Year 5 – Suraiya
Year 6 - Heidi

⭐ **Spectacular pupil award** ⭐
Maisie Y4

After School Club

Our after-school clubs launch next week! We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children this half term, with plenty of opportunities to try something new, develop skills and have fun. Make sure you don't miss out and sign up via Arbor. We look forward to seeing lots of children getting involved!



Remembrance Day

Next week, we will be marking Remembrance Day with a special assembly on Wednesday, led by a visiting soldier. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn more about the significance of Remembrance Day, why we remember and the importance of honouring those who have served and sacrificed for others. We will also be holding a Remembrance-themed competition for our Key Stage 2 children, with a special prize for the winner! Children will take part in the competition during class time, and we look forward to sharing the winning entries with you.



School Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform. We have noticed that some children are not currently wearing the expected uniform, and we ask for your support in ensuring that children come to school dressed appropriately and in line with our school uniform policy.

We have high expectations at St Paul's and made a real push on ensuring high standards of uniform during the summer term. It is important that we maintain this consistency and continue to promote pride in our school and a sense of belonging for all our pupils.

Where we notice that children are not wearing the correct uniform, we will be contacting families by telephone to better understand the reasons why and discuss any support that may be needed.

We appreciate that families can sometimes face difficulties, and if you need any help or support with school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to help.

Thank you for working with us to maintain our high expectations and ensure our children take pride in being part of the St Paul's community. Your support is very much appreciated.








Diary dates- Autumn 2

9th Nov – Anti bullying week
11th Nove – Remembrance Day
16th Nov – Assessment week Y1-Y6
16th Nov – Y4 Swimming starts
17th Nov – Y2 Trip to Peel Park
18th Nov - Y6 Parent read together session
23rd Nov – Parents Evening
25th Nov – Y5 Class assembly
27th Nov – Non uniform day EY/KS1 – chocolate & stationary for Fair
4th Dec – Non uniform day KS2 – toiletries & bottles
6th Dec – Audacious Big Sing
8th Dec – Y5 Parent read together session
9th Dec – Y4 Parents stay and read session
9th Dec – Xmas jumper day & Xmas dinner *change of date*
11th Dec – Christmas Fair
15th Dec – EYFS Nativity 2:30pm
17th Dec – Church service 10am
18th Dec – STP Christingle service 2:30pm

A little bit of news! 💛

We would like to let our families know that Miss Wright will be starting her maternity leave from today.

We would like to wish Miss Wright lots of love and luck as she begins this exciting new chapter. We look forward to hearing all about her new bundle of joy when they arrive!
We will, of course, keep you updated with any news.

Wishing her all the very best from everyone at St Paul's! ❤️

Year 6 Residential – Lledr Hall

What an incredible few days our Year 6 children have had on their residential at Lledr Hall! The children have thrown themselves into a fantastic range of activities, including canoeing, high ropes, low ropes, bouldering, paddle walking, building fires and, of course, enjoying some well-deserved marshmallow roasting!

Residentials are about so much more than the activities themselves. They provide children with valuable opportunities to develop independence, build resilience, overcome challenges, step outside their comfort zones and strengthen friendships. They learn to work together, support one another and discover what they are capable of achieving. These are experiences and memories that will stay with them long after they leave St Paul's.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 children. They have represented St Paul's brilliantly, embracing new experiences, challenging themselves and making the most of every opportunity. It has been wonderful to see their adventures and the smiles on their faces throughout the week.

A huge thank you to Miss Cowley & Mr Skibinski who have given up their own time to take the children away and make this experience possible. I know how much time, energy and commitment goes into organising and delivering a residential, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for giving our children such a special experience and memories they will treasure for years to come!











After School CLUBS

Autumn 2 Term

Learn
Grow
Shine

New skills
New friends
Big opportunities

Tuesday

Choir
Y2 – 6
£5

Writing Club
Y6
Invite Only

STEM/LEGO Club
Y1 - 4
£5

Wednesday

Drama
Y3 – 6
£5

Phonics
Invite Only
Y1 – 2

Thursday

Creative Club
Y1 – 3
£5

Cricket
Y4 – 6
£5

Maths Club
Y6
Invite Only

Friday

Times Tables
Y3 – 5
Invite Only

Forest School
Y4 – 6
£5

Something for everyone!

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Autumn 2 Term

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Cooking Workshop

We recently welcomed families into school for a cooking workshop, with a live demonstration on how to cook yummy, low-budget meals for the family.

- Families got to try the foods
- Asked questions
- Took the recipe home
- Took lots of cooking freebies (e.g. pots, pans, toasters and more!)

Weekly Cooking Classes

We are now running weekly cooking classes on

a Wednesday, 2:00–4:00 PM.

Parents will be offered a more **hands-on** approach, get to cook the meal themselves and gain lots of new cooking **skills.**

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 apps 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 WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION 16+

In UK and Europe; rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original … and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversions and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except …'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert



Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and safety behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

This year, we will be marking Remembrance Day with special assemblies and an exciting artwork competition!

Assemblies

Tuesday 10th November

- 9:30 – 10:15am: KS1
- 10:45 – 11:30am: KS2

Parents need not attend the assemblies.



Art Competition – KS2 Only

We would like children to create high-quality, original artwork inspired by Remembrance, showing thought, care and dedication.

Please avoid colouring sheets or pre-printed templates.

Our visitors will judge the entries on the morning of Tuesday 10th November, with the winner announced in the KS2 assembly.

Amazing Prize!

A **FREE** ticket to Salford Playhouse Theatre for the Christmas Pantomime on Saturday 12th December @ 11am!

They will be invited with a parent/carer.

Please use the Royal British Legion's KS2 Remembrance lesson resources to help teach your child about the meaning and significance of Remembrance Day.

Together, we can ensure our children understand, remember and honour the sacrifices made.

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Year 2

You achieved

100% Attendance

Well Done!

A huge thank you to all of our Year 2 children for your fantastic attendance!

