



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

SEPTEMBER 2025

A warm welcome back to all, and a very special welcome to all the new families who have joined St Paul's. We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break.

The start of a new academic year is always filled with excitement and fresh energy.

We are thrilled to have the children back in our classrooms, ready for a year of new adventures, learning, and growth.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is key to a child's success, and we look forward to continue to work closely with you, to support your child's well-being and academic achievements.

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**International Sign Language Day
Tuesday 23rd September 2025 - Mrs McCullough**



Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

15 classes had their attendance at or above 95% this term.

Overall school attendance this term is **95.1%** which is just below the national average of **95.4%** to date.

Thank you for your support with school attendance this year; it is very much appreciated by us all.

A big well done to all 15 classes that have an attendance at or above 95% so far this term!

Attendance this term

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| RLB | 96.4% | 2JS | 91.5% | 4AB | 96.5% |
| RBCKC | 96.9% | 2MC | 97.1% | 5JM | 95.0% |
| RSM | 96.5% | 3GH | 97.2% | 5ER | 93% |
| 1HI | 97.6% | 3CR | 96.1% | 5EY | 93.9% |
| 1LG | 96.1% | 3JB | 96.7% | 6CW | 95.6% |
| 1LBLG | 92.4% | 4VLTS | 95.7% | 6KG | 94.7% |
| 2HONH | 95.3% | 4HM | 92.8% | 6ECM | 96.4% |

1HI-
97.6%

Extended Schools

HOLIDAY CLUB

'Holiday Club' was an amazing experience for the children and the staff.

We had great fun cooking , BMXing, water fights, dodgeball, sensory play, crafts and many more activities



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Griff- I liked holiday club as I was able to make new friends in different year groups.

Elsa -I was able to celebrate my birthday , we had cakes.

Iris - The water fights were great fun , it was funny seeing the adults getting wet !



Nursery

A Day in the Nursery:- Learning and having Fun!



Riding our Tricycles



Forest School



Playing Ball



Snack Time!



Writing



Counting



Painting



Reception

A big warm welcome to all of our new children and families joining us at St Paul's this academic year.

We have loved getting to know you as you welcomed us into your homes and joined us in our classrooms. Thank you!

The children have enjoyed learning the rules of good sitting and good listening to play games, sing songs and read stories as a whole class.

They have enjoyed investigating different ways of mark making and building on their gross and fine motor control with the daily run, trim trail, monkey bars, puzzles and tweezers.

The Reception Team



Reading in our quiet area



Painting- exploring colours



We are happy that we finished our jigsaw puzzle



Counting and ordering numbers

Year 1



1LBLG had their first Forest School session in Summerfields Woods. The children enjoyed spotting signs of autumn and identifying leaves and seeds. We were very lucky to be able to have a walk around the Walled Garden, where we saw some beautiful flowers and pumpkins being grown. We looked out for physical and natural features in the woods and discussed what animals might live down there.



Year 3

Funny Bones @ Hastings Museum

This linked to our Science unit of 'Animals including Humans'.
We were able to see lots of skeletons of animals and explore the Museum!
Mr Barrett



We looked at the bones of different animals. We looked at different animals that have endoskeleton and exoskeleton



We also got to touch a vertebrae from a sperm whale



We then got to hold some skulls and guess what animals they came from!

Arthur - It was fun as we got to see the skeletons.

Masie - It was really interesting seeing all of the animals.

Penelope - I liked learning about the bones.



Year 4

Reading for Pleasure



Enjoying a book on ones
own or sharing a story with
friends!



Year 5

Self Portraits

For our first Art lesson this year, we drew our self portraits. We had to think carefully about the size and shape of our face and our physical features.

Aurora: "It made me feel warm inside because it was a relaxing activity."

Meadow: "It was very calming when we drew our self portraits"



Year 6



The past 3 days have been so fun - we got to make cheesecake and I made my own cup!
Harmony

We had so much fun, I'm sad that it had to end.
Azaliah

I liked being at school whilst the others were at PGL. We wore our own clothes to school, played sports, baked and watched a movie...Etta



Year 6 PGL

A few photos from PGL 2025



I liked buying things from the shop-
Dylan

I enjoyed the zip wire and trapeze. I really enjoyed
sharing a cabin with my friends

Cooper

I enjoyed all the activities and I really enjoyed being in
a cabin with people I know. The food was really good!

Lily



Wellbeing

Kindness Matters

Our school year has started with an initiative called Kindness Matters. The children have been given a Kindness challenge each day to complete for a month. Our pupils in Key Stage 2 are recording the kind acts they are doing in Kindness Journals. There is a lot of research to suggest that doing kind deeds, receiving a kind deed or watching a kind deed has a positive impact on our mental health and wellbeing.



KINDNESSMATTERS

Wellbeing Ambassadors

At St Paul's, we are lucky to have a dedicated team of Wellbeing Ambassadors. They have received training at the start of the year and are now supporting children across the school with their wellbeing.



Our Senior Mental Health Lead is Miss Watson. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please contact her.

Maths

We had a fantastic Numbots Day at the start of term. The children made an amazing effort with their costumes and really blew us away!



Please support your child at home to access their Numbots account. We would like them to be doing 15 minutes every week to help them learn key number facts that will support them in their Maths lessons now and in the future.



Sports @ St Paul's .

Meet the Sports Crew

This term, we have launched our St Paul's Sports Leadership with our new 'Sports Crew'.

18 children from Years 4 and 5 have been chosen to support PE through helping with PE lessons throughout the year.

Mr Barrett and Mrs Blake



St Paul's Sport
Leadership

Play leaders

Sports captains

Sports crew

I will be helping children
in other classes to learn
new things in their PE
lessons
Alice - Year 6



Sierra Leone Visit.



Auntie Clara and Uncle Suffian



Sierra Leone Flag

From the 2nd-13th October, a group of 12 teachers will be visiting primary schools in Hastings from Sierra Leone. This is part of the ongoing link setup by the Sierra Leone Fellowship link.

This trip has been 18 months in the planning and had to overcome various hurdles before happening including issues with visas.

Over the 10 days we will be sharing ideas in our schools, assemblies, lessons, school dinners etc. There will be a workshop day out at Sedlescombe Primary, where we will be able to share ideas and hear about what is happening out in Sierra Leone.

We are fortunate that one of the visiting group (Letitia Huggins) is the current primary school teacher of the year so we are looking forward to hearing from her. As well as the education aspect we will be taking our visitors to various social events including bell ringing, Morris dancing, crazy golf and a 'Chilli' night.

If your children have any questions they would like to ask our visitors, then please forward them on to their class teacher.

St Matthew's



The Hub @ St Matthew's
Serving the Community

COME FOR
COFFEE
AND
CAKE

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



St Matthew's Church Centre
Macmillan cancer support
coffee morning
Tuesday 23 September
10 am–2 pm

Tea, Coffee and Cakes
Everybody Welcome



FAMILIES TOGETHER

Sunday 28 September 2025

4-5 pm

Come and join us for games, crafts, food, songs
and a bible story about Jesus.

 **St Matthews**
Helping local people follow Jesus Christ

For children under 12 and their families



Come and hear how Jesus healed
Bartimaeus

Come and join us for crafts, games, food,
songs and a bible story about Jesus.

At St Matthew's Church Centre, London Road, TN37 6PD

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Key Dates

Friday 24th October- INSET Day

Monday 3rd November- INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November- Start of Term 2

Tuesday 11th November- Parent Consultations

Thursday 13th November- Parent Consultations

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper and
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December- End of Term 2

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