



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

JULY 2026



One of the highlights of this month was our biannual celebration at the White Rock Theatre. The children were a credit to St Paul's, demonstrating excellent behaviour and truly letting their light shine on stage in front of a paying audience. It was a wonderful showcase of the talent, confidence and creativity of both our children and staff. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and helped make the event such a memorable success.

As we reach the end of another successful school year, we would like to thank our children, parents and staff for their hard work, support and commitment. We are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved and wish everyone a happy, restful and enjoyable Summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

Due to the recent heatwave, only 9 classes achieved attendance of 95% or above.

Overall school attendance for this month is 94.3%.

We also really appreciate your continued efforts in supporting attendance. Strong routines help children feel settled, happy and ready to learn, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

We remain committed to providing every child with the best possible education. When children attend school consistently, they benefit fully from learning opportunities, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and develop positive habits that support lifelong success.

A big well done to the 9 classes who have achieved attendance of 95% or above this term—an excellent accomplishment.

Attendance this term

RLB	88.5%	2MC	95.2%	4AB	94.2%
RBCKC	96.6%	2JS	94.9%	5JM	90.3%
RSM	93.6%	3JB	97.5%	5ER	87.1%
1HI	96.0%	3CR	93.8%	5EY	94.3%
1LG	95.2%	3GH	95.4%	6CW	93.2%
1LBLG	93.5%	4HM	96.4%	6KG	96.0%
2HONH	92.3%	4VLTS	92.9%	6ECM	96.8%

3JB
- 97.5%

Worship Council

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Ashburnham Place is an English country house, now used as a Christian conference and prayer centre, five miles west of Battle, East Sussex. It was one of the finest houses in the Southeast of England in its heyday, but much of the structure was demolished in 1959, and only a drastically reduced part of the building now remains standing.

The park, covering some 200 acres (0.81 km²) and including three large lakes around the house, was laid out by the landscape architect **Capability Brown** in the mid-18th century orangery.

'I love singing assembly it is like we are singing to God'

'Worship helps me to understand what God is like'

'Ashburnham is so peaceful- I love this trip.'



Nursery

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We've had a wonderful final term in Nursery with plenty of water play and outdoor fun! The Badgers and Rabbits absolutely blew our socks off by taking the lead in our Talk for Writing story sessions, confidently stepping into the role of the "teacher" and guiding the retelling with pride and imagination.

Our Pre-schoolers have shown a strong, confident transition into Reception and the dinner hall. They are excited, ready and looking forward to their next big adventure in big school.

Corin's End of Year Concert, along with welcoming two visiting musicians who played the violin and cello, was the perfect way to end the term.

The children were mesmerised, and we're certain we spotted a few future St Paul's musicians in the making.

It's been a joyful, busy, sunshine-filled term and thank you to all our families for your support, smiles and partnership throughout the year!



Reception

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TRIP TO HASTINGS MUSEUM

The children had a fantastic visit to Hastings Museum! They impressed the adults with their fantastic dinosaur knowledge, enjoyed interactive activities, explored real fossils, completed a dinosaur hunt, and finished the morning with an exciting volcano experiment. It was a wonderful day of learning and discovery!



Baby Dinosaur



RSM enjoying water play with Baby Dinosaur.



Year 1

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Year 1 have had a fun-filled month of DT.

Inspired by our trip to the beach, we designed, made and evaluated a new and improved mock-up pier. The children had some fabulous ideas about what might go on their pier, including an ice cream van, arcades, cinema, free rides and sea creature sculptures.

We then took inspiration from the text, 'The Night Pirates', and designed, made and evaluated our own moving illustrations using sliders. The children were fascinated by how their drawings could move!



Year 2

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Trip to Great Dixter

Year 2 children had a fantastic day at Great Dixter. They started by sketching in the beautiful gardens, then took their lunch to the woods before enjoying exciting outdoor learning activities.



2HONH designed and made dresses for the three queens that we have been studying in Art. Inspired by the stained-glass window in the hall of St Paul, we created a drawing of ourselves and the things we are interested in the stained-glass style.



Year 3

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Year 3 have learnt about the ingredients used in cold drinks, their nutritional values, and how they are presented commercially, including cost. They have successfully made a fruit drink choosing specific ingredients to change the appearance/taste of a drink. They have recorded consumer needs and evaluated their final product.

Year 3 enjoyed having their drink in the sunshine on the field.

Mr Barrett

Elvie – It was fun.

Lorena – I liked it because it was fun to make the drinks. It went really well, I like experiments.

Azalea – I liked it because you can experiment with different things and see what goes well.

Frazer – I liked how my drink tasted.



Muhammad – I liked being creative with the ingredients.

Oscar – I liked it because we had lots of ingredients and it was fun to make the drink.

Mate – I liked how I chose my specific fruit for my drink.

Vinnie – When I had the drink, it tasted like lemonade



Year 4

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World War 2 Day



Dressed in their finery



Year 4 making ration book cookies



Emily - I loved when we made the cookies,
Christine made the margarine fall out of the
bowl!

Aron- I loved everyone taking turns to stir!

Lillie- I loved all of the making!

Year 5

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Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

Year 5 had a visit by PSCO Duly and PSCO Quinnell. They talked to us about how they came to be part of the Police service and the different roles that they have in the police.



Ruby: "I found it really inspiring. I found it interesting learning about the different roles they did"

Elodie: "I think it was really great as it gave you a lot of different ideas if you wanted to become a police officer"

Nya: "I love hearing about the canine units that they have in the police"

Kingston: "I thought it was very exciting and learning about the firearms and different police units"

Wiktor: "I found it quite interesting that there wasn't just one job there were loads of paths to go down for the police"



Fingerprints

Year 6 Memories

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6CW



6KG



6ECM



St Paul's Presents

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Around the World!

What an incredible evening we shared at the White Rock Theatre.

Our children from Years 4, 5 and 6 truly surpassed themselves, showcasing their talents, enthusiasm and confidence as they took the audience on a spectacular journey around the globe. From the very first performance to the final bow, the children demonstrated exceptional commitment, energy and teamwork.

Despite the heat and excitement of performing in front of a proud audience, every child behaved impeccably and represented St Paul's with pride. Their hard work and dedication shone through, making the evening a wonderful celebration of creativity, culture and performance.

We are immensely proud of every child who took part and would like to thank our staff, families and supporters who helped make the event such a memorable success.

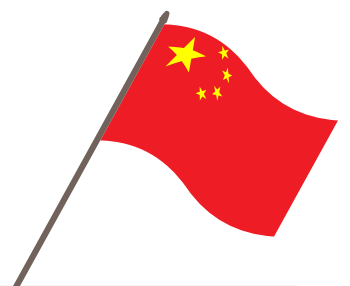
Well done, everyone. You were amazing!



Being a narrator at 'St Paul's Presents', made my time at school special.
Maya



Being a narrator at 'St Paul's Presents', was a real pleasure. I got to speak in front of loads of people which was fun.
Elsa



Special Mention

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MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL



moorfields_eye_charity We'd like to say a huge thank you to the amazing Evans family who took part in Eye to Eye 2026 this year and raised over £650!

Rex was diagnosed with Congenital Stationary Night Blindness (CSNB) when he was two years old. CSNB is a retinal condition present from birth that affects the ability to see in low light conditions and the dark. Unlike most inherited retinal diseases, CSNB stays stable throughout the patient's entire life.

After seeing Eye to Eye advertised, Rex told his mum that he wanted to help give back to Moorfields and rallied the whole family together to walk for the hospital who support him.

Safeguarding

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Summer Holidays

The children attended a Sea Safety presentation on the 17 July.

We are very lucky to live near the beach and in the Summer, it can be a lot of fun to spend the day by the sea. It is important to remember to swim between the red and yellow flags and stay near a lifeguard station if you are not a confident swimmer. There is useful advice to be found here.

RNLI water safety education resource: Water Safety Passport activity

Sun Safety

We are experiencing increasingly warm weather and more frequent heatwaves. It is important that we teach children how to stay safe in the sun, whether at the beach or out and about.



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The children attended a Sea Safety presentation on the 17 July. We are very fortunate to live so close to the coast and, during the summer months, spending time at the beach can be great fun for families.

It is important, however, to stay safe around the sea. Children will learn about key safety messages, including the importance of swimming between the red and yellow flags and staying close to a lifeguard station, particularly if they are not confident swimmers.

For further information and helpful sea safety advice, please visit:

[RNLI water safety education resource: Water Safety Passport activity.](#)

Screen time often increases over the summer holidays, so it is important to think about digital safety as well as physical safety. We recommend setting up parental controls on devices to help prevent children from accessing inappropriate apps, websites, or content.

There are a range of simple tools available to help you manage privacy settings, screen time, and online activity. For practical advice and step-by-step guidance, please visit: [Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

By taking a few simple precautions, you can help ensure that your child enjoys a safe and positive online experience over the Summer break.

The summer holidays can be a wonderful opportunity for families to spend time together, but we also recognise that having children at home for six weeks can sometimes be challenging. Managing difficult behaviour, additional needs, family pressures, or wellbeing concerns can feel overwhelming at times.

Please remember that support is available for parents and carers. If you would like advice, practical strategies, or information about local services, please visit the website below:

[Support for parents and carers – groups, webinars and workshops | Family hubs](#)

If you are worried about a child over the holidays – there are a number of places you can raise your concerns. To protect primary-aged children during the summer holiday visibility gap, East Sussex schools and families must rely on local reporting networks and proactive safety strategies.

The central point for all non-emergency child welfare concerns in the county is the East Sussex Single Point of Advice (SPoA).

Immediate Contact Information

East Sussex SPoA (Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm, Fri 8:30am-4:30pm): Call 01323 464222 or email 0-19.SPOA@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Emergency Duty Service (Out of Hours): Call 01273 335905 for urgent evening, weekend, or bank holiday concerns.

Immediate Danger: Always dial 999 for the police.

National Helplines: Contact Childline at 0800 1111 or the NSPCC Helpline at 0808 800 5000.

Reading

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4 July - 5 September 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national annual programme produced by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with libraries. This inspiring partnership will use the power of music to tackle the decline in children's reading enjoyment and inspire a new generation of readers in the UK. You can find out more about this year's theme and why the Challenge is important [here](#)

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St Paul's Summer Reading Challenge



Let's get reading!

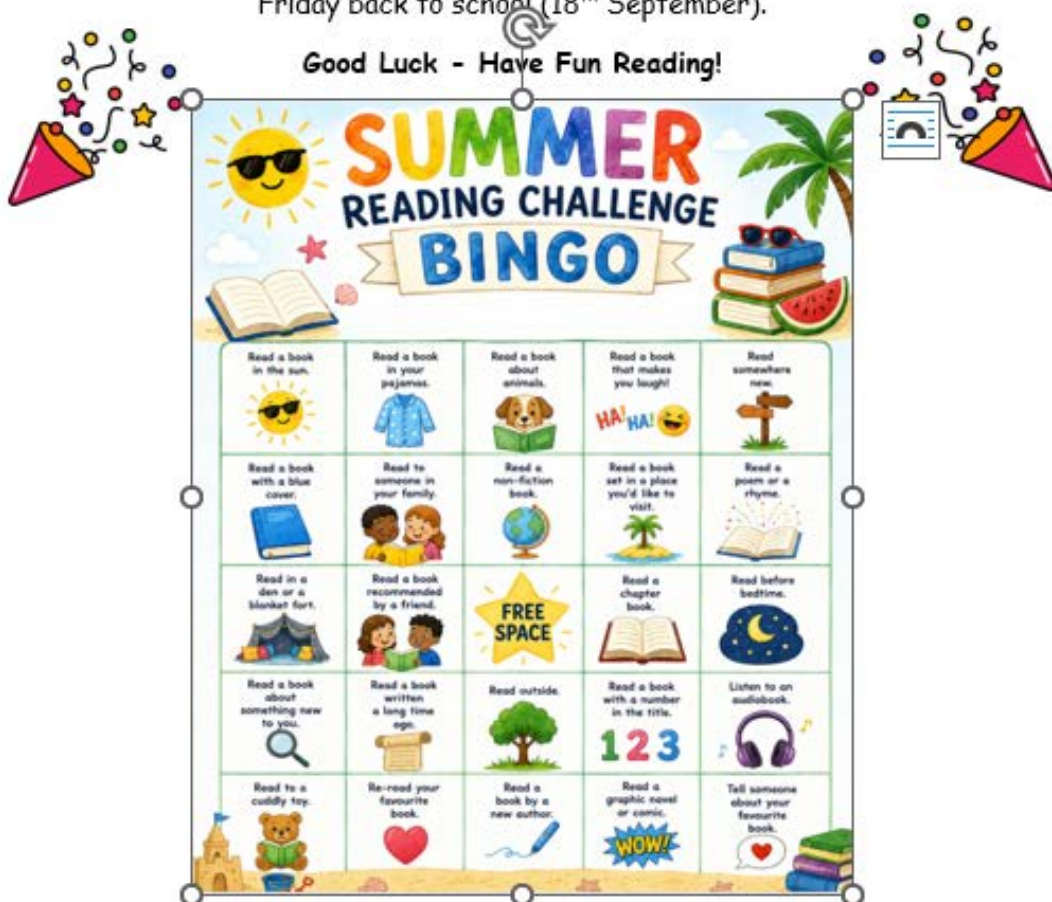
Over the summer, complete the different reading activities.

The activities you complete must be signed and dated by an adult.

The challenge runs from **Wednesday July 22nd - Wednesday 9th September.**

If you complete ALL the activities during the holidays and bring the sheet to school, you are invited to a celebratory party on the second Friday back to school (18th September).

Good Luck - Have Fun Reading!



Print me and get a parent/carer to sign the activities when you have done them

St Matthew's

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St Matthews is the parish church for St. Paul's CE Academy and a number of our families have children at the school.



The relationship between St. Matthews and St. Pauls is hugely important and we have worked hard in the past few years to build and strengthen the partnership between us. As a church, we support the life of the school by leading collective worship once a week, hosting school services in church and through RE visits to church.

For more information about the school, visit the academy website [here](http://www.stpaulsceaacademy.org).

The Hub coffee morning at St Matthew's Church Centre will be taking a summer break during August.

Our last meeting will be Tuesday 28 July



Welcome back to The Hub on Tuesday 1 September

**10 am - 12 noon
Tea, Coffee and Cake
Everybody welcome**

Key Dates

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Wednesday 22 July - INSET Day
Wednesday 2 September - INSET Day
Thursday 3 September - INSET Day
Friday 4 September - INSET Day
Monday 7 September - First day of Term 1 for Years 1 to 6
Friday 23 October - INSET Day

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