



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

JUNE 2026



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It has been an action-packed month at St Paul's with lots going on; ending with a sweltering heatwave, Thankfully, due to air conditioning in most classrooms and areas around the school, we manage to keep the school open and the children and staff cool!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sports Day events. It is always lovely to see so many parents coming to cheer on their children as they complete their events.

As we move towards the end of the year, we are building up to St Paul's Presents for Years 4,5 and 6 at the White Rock Theatre and look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to travel around the world with the children!



Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

Due to the recent heatwave, only 3 classes achieved attendance of 95% or above. By Monday 22nd June, 11 classes had reached or exceeded 95% attendance across the month – a fantastic achievement despite the challenging weather conditions.

Overall school attendance for this month is 94.5%. While this is slightly below the current national average of 94.6%, it represents an improvement on last month.

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 3 classes who have achieved attendance of 95% or above this term—an excellent accomplishment.

Attendance this term

RLB	93.4%	2MC	97.7%	4AB	91.3%
RBCKC	97.8%	2JS	92.2%	5JM	92.3%
RSM	92.7%	3JB	97.3%	5ER	86.9%
1HI	93.8%	3CR	94.7%	5EY	91.0%
1LG	93.5%	3GH	94.5%	6CW	92.3%
1LBLG	92.8%	4HM	94.1%	6KG	93.3%
2HONH	94.8%	4VLTS	94.6%	6ECM	94.1%

RBCKC-
97.8%

Extended Schools

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Following recent feedback from parents, we are encouraging the children to learn life skills and explore a variety of food. The children made their own sandwiches, teaching them how to butter bread. After their snack, the children discussed other dishes they would like to be involved with preparing then eating.



My sandwich was yummy as I got to pick my own filling. I make sandwiches at home so I knew what to do .

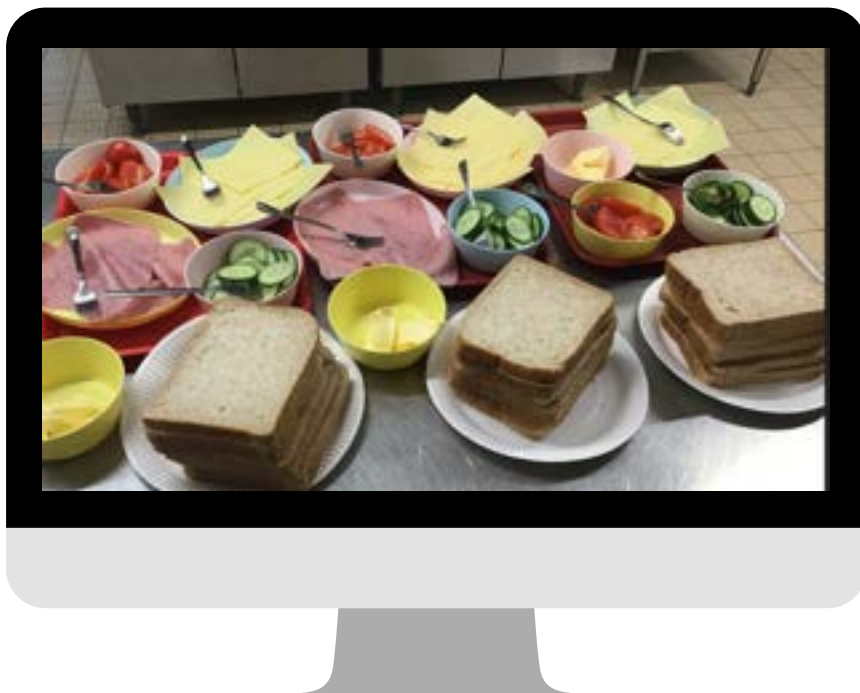
Daisy - Year 4

I was proud with myself that I tried new food, so much I've asked mum to buy lettuce, cress and cucumber.

Cody- Year 3

I wasn't sure about the egg salad however I tried the egg yolk and tomatoes. I liked the tomatoes but not sure on the egg yolk.

Angelo- Year 5



Nursery

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I like playing in the mud- Mason
We read our story- Lilly
I built a house Alaz



Reception

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Dino on the Loose!

When we came back from our Singing Worship on Tuesday our classroom was a complete mess! There were tipped over tables and chairs, a muddy trail, ceiling tiles dislodged, a 'broken' whiteboard, and our resources had been tipped out!

Luckily, RLB turned into detectives and found many clues to suggest that a dinosaur is on the loose and had been roaming around our Reception classrooms!

They quickly got to work gathering evidence and recorded it to show our head teachers and the police. On Wednesday we discovered an enormous speckled egg under a tree and found instructions on how to catch a dinosaur. We got to work on designing and making traps.

Finally on Friday, we noticed a large orange figure in our outside area. It turned out to be a dinosaur - in shoes!

Designing a trap



Dino in the classroom



I saw a scratch on the window, I was interested. I thought it was a tiny dinosaur - Oshi
I think the dinosaur was actually a little bit sneaky, because he wanted to explore a little bit - Shaun
The tallest dinosaur broke our roof, it smashed the screen and its tail swished - Didi and Bonnie
There were footprints, they were spikey and they were on the table and the floor! I think it was a T-Rex - Leo

Sports Day

Reception were fantastic at Sports Day and really showed their superstar skills! They kept going even when things got tricky and showed great resilience. It was lovely to see them show great sportsmanship, cheering each other on, showing respect, and celebrating everyone's efforts.



I thought they were real cowboys and a dinosaur; it was so funny- Zorawar and Enzo
I liked the beanbags the best because I threw it really far! - Winona



Year 1

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In Maths, Year 1 created their own versions of the game 'Snakes and Ladders'. We then taught our grown-ups how to play it.



Year 1 have also taken part in the Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild', which is a fun challenge where you get to do something wild in nature every day for the entire month of June. To kick it off, we shared ways we can enjoy nature, then went outside to do some of these things.

Here are some of the ways Year 1 enjoyed nature:



Year 2

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Create Music Workshops

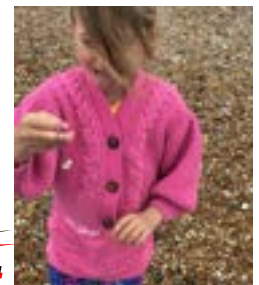
2HONH have enjoyed working with Create Music and Miss Watson to help with the composition of *The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle*. Along with three other local schools, the children then superbly demonstrated their skills in a performance at The White Rock Theatre. Year 2 have been learning about three Queens in History - Queen Elizabeth I, II and Victoria. In our related Art topic, the children have explored used tracing paper and carbon paper to copy images of the Queens.



Year 3

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Year 3 have enjoyed participating in three beach trips in which they have been able to explore rockpools, make their own artistic designs using their surroundings and work together in a team.



Vinnie - It is relaxing to go to the beach; we got to search for things.

Nina - I enjoyed doing the rock pooling as there were lots of fascinating creatures

Frazer - Finding Sea creatures in the rocks was fun.

Finley - It was good to decorate the rocks.

Mate - It was nice making things.

Lara - I liked painting the rocks.

Delilah - I liked seeing the anemones on the rocks.



Year 4

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WAKEHURST



To finish off our topic, 'Why are Rainforests so Wet?', we had a wonderful opportunity to visit Wakehurst Place. During the visit, the children took part in three engaging activities: a Rainforest Workshop, a Rainforest Trail and an Art Inspired by Nature session. In true St Paul's style, they demonstrated excellent listening, shared their knowledge confidently and impressed the staff who led each activity.

A huge thank you to the parents who joined us, endured the very hot coach journey and supported the children so brilliantly throughout the day. Your help is always greatly appreciated

Rainforest Workshop



We explored the smells of spices and investigated where certain fruits come from and looked at the shapes of leaves on plants that can be found in the rainforest.



On our trail, we looked at what happens when raindrops fall on the leaves, look at how tree roots moves to find water and why some stems on trees are spiky.

Once they made their art work in groups, they then did a walking gallery, where the children explained what they made and why.



Year 4

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Explore 6000 children's sketches from the A Town Explores A Book festival sketch assemblies.

Year 4 were part of this Festival this year.

You are warmly invited to the sketches exhibition and garden soundscapes this coming weekend at Archer Lodge, Charles Road, St Leonard's-on-Sea, TN38 0QX: <https://explorethearch.co.uk/find>

Saturday 27th June, 12-3pm

Sunday 28th June, 12-3pm

FREE ENTRY- The sketches exhibition is open during the Edible Open Gardens trail this weekend. As well as children's sketches exhibited in scrapbooks and on giant scrolls, sketches have inspired Interactive paper automata. They are exhibited alongside the film of the festival opening event. **FREE ENTRY** with Count Us IN Community music children's soundscapes in the leaves of Archer Lodge's beautiful garden. **FREE ENTRY.**

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Venue: <https://explorethearch.co.uk/find>

Edible Open Gardens: <https://towngrown.co.uk/edible-open-gardens-2026/>



Year 5

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5JM replanted the wildflower garden at school as part of World Eco Day. At the same time, our link school in Sierra Leone were planting a similar garden next to their school farm project. This also links in with our science topic of 'Life Cycles'.



It is important to plant flowers so the bees can pollinate new flowers and make honey.
Maxwell

I am excited to see how the new garden will turn out.
Wiktorja

We need the world to be colourful and not boring, so we need to plant flowers.
Lucia

5ER keeping cool in the heatwave!



Year 6

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Skateboarding



Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in skateboarding this term. They have all improved their own individual skills and participated in class games such as red light, green light and granny's footsteps.

I loved our skateboarding sessions.
I enjoyed learning new skills.
Connor- 6KG

Show rehearsal is in full swing!



Maths

Year 6 have had a go at running their own safari park. They have designed their own park, learnt how to budget their money and use it responsibly to purchase other attractions.



Fun Run!

Year 6 completed a fun run to raise funds for their end of year prom. Each class dressed up and ran as many laps of the field as they could.



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We took three teams to Horntye for the Hastings cricket tournament run by Sussex cricket. Team A won their group putting them into a semifinal vs Silverdale C. They won the game with some excellent catching and strong batting by 50 runs.

In the final, we had Silverdale A who we beat in the group stage by 1 run.

Again, fielding was key being only 4 runs behind before we got to bat.

The girl's knocked the ball around for fun only losing 5 runs for a wicket from their 30 balls.

The score at the end was again very one sided with St Paul's winning by 30 runs.

Teams B and C had a mixture of pupils who were very keen to play but had not had the chance in a competition setting.

Team B were in a very difficult group losing all three games, but Elodie was a star captaining her team, keeping the spirits high and organising them really well.

Team C got a draw in the first game, but sadly lost narrowly in the next two games meaning they played St Paul's B in the 5th and 6th playoff.

Team B came out winners in a game by just 11 runs.

Mr McGowan

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I really liked it because it was like crazy golf, and it was really fun going with my friends from class.

Teddie M

It was really fun because I loved hitting the cones really far away!

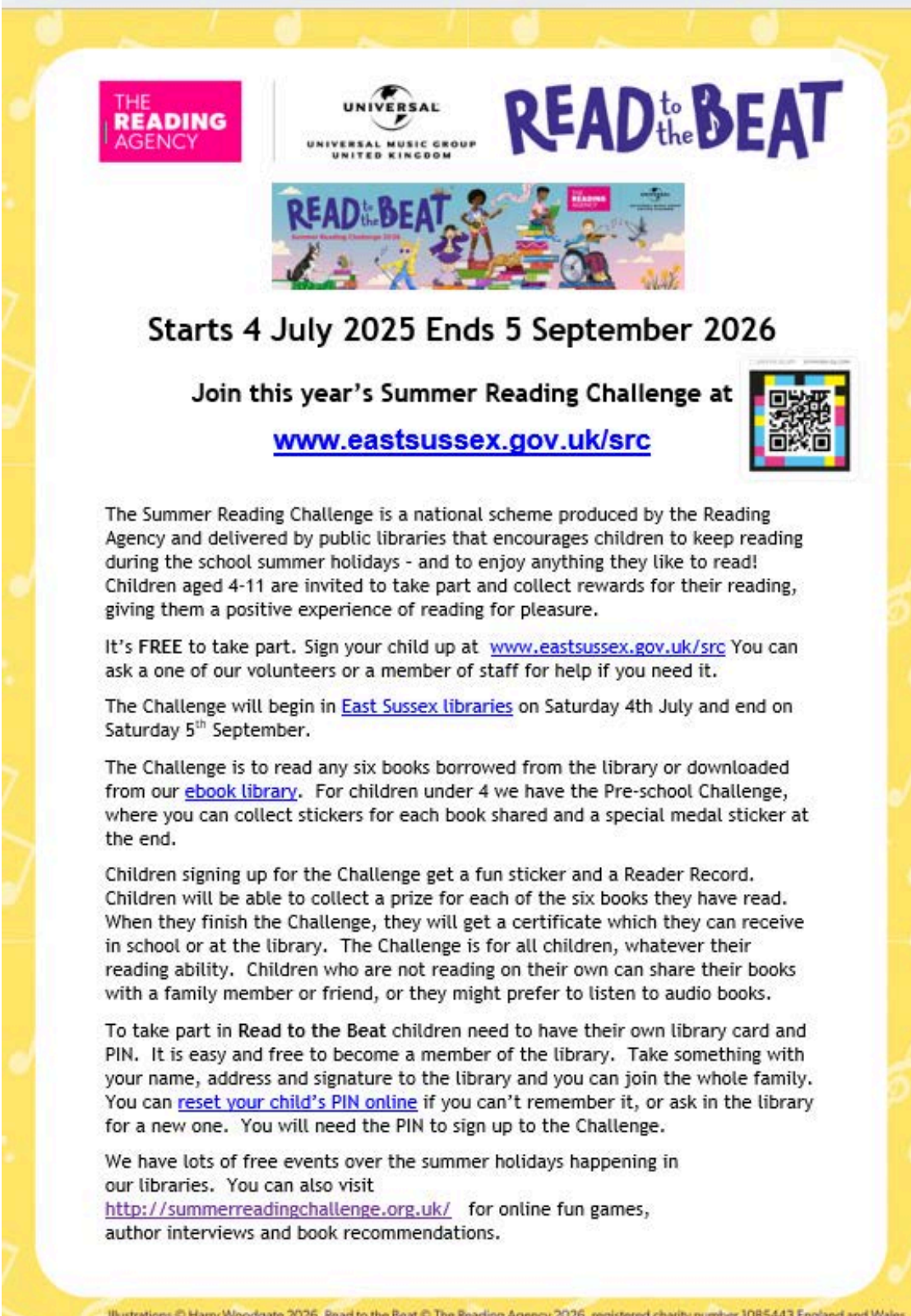
Ciro

We entered two teams into the 3 and 4 Tri Golf area finals. They all had to play eight different activities four chipping and four putting. Our Year 3 team came 5th while our Year 4 team won the whole event by 300 points. A super achievement and our third Hastings and Rother victory of the year.

Mr McGowan

Reading

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The poster features logos for The Reading Agency, Universal Music Group, and the 'Read to the Beat' challenge. It includes a QR code and a central illustration of children reading and playing. The text provides details about the challenge's dates, registration process, and rules.

THE READING AGENCY

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READ to the BEAT

READ to the BEAT
Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Starts 4 July 2025 Ends 5 September 2026

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at
www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's FREE to take part. Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 4th July and end on Saturday 5th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a fun sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge, they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading on their own can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in Read to the Beat children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

We have lots of free events over the summer holidays happening in our libraries. You can also visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for online fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.

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PASTORAL CARE TRAINING DAY

What to Expect:

Teaching from Steve Midgley,
Executive Director of Biblical
Counselling UK

Training and equipping for pastoral
care in the local church

Lunch provided

Cost: £6 per person

-  10am - 3pm
-  Saturday 11 July 2026
-  St Ethelburga's Church,
St Leonards on Sea
TN38 0AS

Free parking available along
and up Filsham Road



Please book your place at:

www.stmatts.co.uk/bcuktraining
or using the QR Code



Key Dates

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Wednesday 1st July- Transition morning
Friday 10th July- Years 4, 5 and 6 White Rock Show
Wednesday 15th July- am- Worship Council to Ashburnham
Friday 17th July 2.30pm- 3.00pm- Year 6 Open afternoon
Monday 20th July- Year 6 trip to Port Lympne
Monday 20th July 2.00pm- 3.00pm-Open Afternoon
Tuesday 21st July- 9.30am-Year 6 Leavers ' Service @ St Paul's [parents welcome]
Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 21st July - End of Term 6 for children
Wednesday 22nd July - INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd September- INSET Day
Thursday 3rd September-INSET Day
Friday 4th September- INSET Day
Monday 7th September- First day of Term 1 for children

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