



# St Paul's News



*"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"*

MARCH 2026

March has been an exciting month of learning, creativity and inspiration across the school. We began with a wonderful World Book Day, where children and staff brought stories to life through imaginative costumes, author-inspired activities and shared reading sessions across classes. It was a joy to see our pupils' enthusiasm and love for books shining through.

Our year group Maths Workshops were another highlight this month. Parents and carers joined their children in hands-on sessions exploring problem-solving, games and practical maths strategies. The hall buzzed with collaboration and curiosity, and we are grateful to everyone who attended and supported these engaging sessions.

We were also incredibly privileged to welcome Paralympian David Weir to St Paul's. His visit left a powerful impression on our pupils as he spoke about resilience, dedication and achieving goals despite challenges. Children were truly inspired by his story and asked thoughtful questions that reflected their admiration and curiosity. It was a memorable experience that perfectly complemented our school values of perseverance and courage.

## CONTENTS

**March- p1**  
**Attendance - p2**  
**Extended School- p3**  
**Nursery- p4=5**  
**Year 1- p6**  
**Year 2- p7**  
**Year 4- p8**  
**Year 5 Maths Play- p9**  
**Sports @ St Paul's-p10**  
**World Book Day p11-14**  
**David Weir- p15**  
**Wellbeing- p15**  
**St Matthew's Church - p16**  
**Key dates - p17**

**Francis White**  
**TCS Mini London Marathon in**  
**Schools**



# Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

**Only 11 classes had their attendance at or above 95% this term.**

Overall school attendance this month is **94.2%** which is below the national average of **94.6%** to date but an increase on last month.

We also really appreciate your continued efforts with attendance. Strong routines help the children feel settled, happy, and ready to learn, and we're grateful for your support. We are committed to providing every child with the best possible education. When children attend school consistently, they benefit from the full learning experience, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and develop routines that support lifelong success.

**A big well done to all 11 classes that have an attendance at or above 95%!**

## Attendance this term

RLB	96.3%	2MC	95.1%	4AB	93.6%
RBCKC	96.0%	2JS	92.0%	5JM	96.5%
RSM	95.1%	3JB	97.5%	5ER	91.5%
1HI	97.5%	3CR	96.6%	5EY	94.6%
1LG	93.7%	3GH	96.1%	6CW	94.6%
1LBLG	94.6%	4HM	95.1%	6KG	91.5%
2HONH	94.2%	4VLTS	95.7%	6ECM	93.7%

3CR-  
97.6%

# Extended Schools

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"



I saw a brown and orange snake. I stroked the frog. It felt bumpy. I enjoyed it.  
Sadie Yr 1



It was amazing. I really like the frog- Pete. I hope I can have a pet snake.  
Lienne Yr 6

It was really, really, really fun! I love lizards and snakes, oh.. and frogs. The best thing I held was the snake. I hope Jaws and Claws visit aain!  
Niko Yr 5



# Nursery

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks in Nursery, filled with learning, creativity and lots of family involvement.



Enjoying our delicious pancakes



It was wonderful to see them confidently using cutlery to cut up and enjoy their pancakes. And in true storybook style, our visitor wasn't the Big Bad Wolf at all - it was Miss Kiniari who caught the irresistible smell of Ella and Amy's delicious pancakes drifting through the air. She followed the scent all the way to the Pier, only to find a perfectly warm pancake waiting just for her, much to the children's delight.



We were delighted to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our **Numbers Count Workshop** - the Nursery was buzzing as everyone joined in with hands-on-activities, exploring number and problem-solving alongside the children. The children loved showing off their super subitising skills proudly declaring "I see ..." without counting a single dot on Mrs S' paper plates, much to the amazement and slight disbelief of their families.



Numbers Count Workshop



British Science Week

As part of **British Science Week**, the children became mini nature explorers using magnifying glasses, binoculars and notepads to record their findings. "I found a stick and a leaf, and a shell and the leaves are a bit sharp" - Ava S

# Nursery

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

## British Science Week

As part of **British Science Week**, the children became mini nature explorers using magnifying glasses, binoculars and notepads to record their findings.



"I found a stick and a leaf, and a shell and the leaves are a bit sharp" - Ava S



**Mother's Day-Daffodil painting-**

# Year 1

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"



## Outdoor Learning



Year 1 have loved their time in Forest School this term! The children explored the woods with great enthusiasm and worked together to build cosy little dens for a cuddly teddy. They also learned how to carry sticks safely—holding them low, walking carefully, and being aware of their friends around them. We were so proud of how sensible and responsible they were while still having lots of fun in the forest

## Comic Relief-Red Nose Day

Year 1 had a fantastic time celebrating Red Nose Day! The children took part in a special bubble-making activity, filling the field with bubbles of all sizes. There was lots of laughter, excitement and teamwork as they experimented, chased, and popped the bubbles together. It was a lovely way to mark the day while raising awareness for a great cause!



# Year 2 Trips

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

## 2HONH trip to St Matthew's Church

On Tuesday 17th March, 2HONH went to St Matthew's Church to learn about the Easter story. We were all given a clip board and we had to find the 10 stations around the Church that told us about a different part of the Easter story. The children behaved beautifully and it was great to see them talking and asking questions of the adults that were there helping.

Miss O'Donnell

Brandi - It was nice to be in the Church with my friends.

Maggie - Going on the hunt around the church was fun.

Bianca - I enjoyed learning the Easter story.

Hugo - The Church was a calm and peaceful place.



# Year 4

## "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

4HM immediately took advantage of the Spring weather and enjoyed **"Reading For Pleasure"** outside.

Matilda said  
"I really liked the calm and quiet  
and the sun on my face."



Year 4 used printing techniques to make their own **'Bayeux Tapestry'**.



# Year 5 Maths Play

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"



**YEAR 5 MATHS PLAY**

Come and join us for a Maths Play session where your child will teach you how to play a game that they have created.

**WHERE: SCHOOL HALL**  
**WHEN: 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**TIME: 2.15PM**

PLEASE ARRIVE THROUGH THE HORNETTE SCHOOL GATE AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE HALL THROUGH THE BACK DOORS.

AT 2.50PM THE CHILDREN WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO THEIR CLASSROOM AND WILL BE PICKED UP AT THE USUAL TIME AND PLACE.

3+3

Our topic in PE has been football. We've learned how to control the ball carefully; pass into space and work together to create space when defending and attacking. We've built up our resilience and perseverance skills as well as working well together as a team.

In Science, we've been studying forces. This week, we were learning about gravity and we used Newton meters to measure the forces acting on an object.



# Sports @ St Paul's

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026-Netball



Miss Young-"We had a great afternoon at the Hastings and Rother area finals. The team played brilliantly and won all of their group matches. We qualified for the 1st/2nd place match and won 5-2 with some brilliant goals from Max, Viv and Elsie."

We've qualified to represent Hastings and Rother in the Sussex finals.

## Saturday 14th March 2026- Badminton

**Mr Fletcher-** " The badminton match at West St Leonards was a great success. Players had a good time; played well and were an asset to their schools. West St Leonards won the event and St Paul's were Runners-Up."



## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026-Cross Country



Mr McGowan- " A freezing muddy afternoon at Sandown didn't stop our pupils from running their legs off.

Aleen ran from start to finish in 1<sup>st</sup> place never really being challenged securing her 3<sup>rd</sup> win of the Cross-Country season. Lacie was our other medallist controlling her run saving herself for the last 200m running past the Sandown girl then the St Leonards girl to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Lucia is continuing to get better with every race finishing 5<sup>th</sup> with Viv, Ruby, Seb, Emily all finishing inside the top 15.

A couple of runners did lose their shoes and came back with rather muddy socks but everyone that ran was a credit to the school in effort and behaviour all afternoon.

# World Book Day

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

2HONH



We loved dressing up for World Book Day. We had a lovely day listening to and reading books 2HONH

## Nursery



# World Book Day

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

## Book in a Box Winners 2026



# World Book Day

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

## Class Book Swaps



We enjoyed reading about human history. We loved sharing fantastic facts.

Samuel 5JM

It was fun! We learnt about new books and everyone was excited. We got to read with Year 5!  
Joey 2HONH





# David Weir

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"



Sign in



Home



News



Sport



Weather



iPlayer



Sounds



iPlayer



Sounds



iPlayer

## NEWS

Home | UK | World | Business | Culture | Politics | Health | Tech | InDepth | BBC Verify | Climate

England | Local News | Sussex

Paralympian David Weir has visited a Sussex primary school to take part in a mini marathon with its pupils, ahead of the London Marathon next month.

Children across the UK take part in a two-mile run, jog, walk or wheel around their school as part of the Mini London Marathon in schools (MLMIS).

St Paul's Academy in St Leonards hosted the six-time gold medallist, where he spoke about his career and the importance of staying active.

"The message is to really get kids into sport to keep healthy, physically and mentally," he said.

"Sport is a tool for your mental health. You've got to really make it fun so kids can get into activities and make them feel good about themselves and their mental wellbeing."

[Paralympian David Weir visits St Leonards school for mini marathon - BBC News](#)

David Weir is one of the most successful and celebrated Para athletes in the history of the sport having made his Paralympic debut at Atlanta 1996.

He has since gone on to win ten Paralympic medals - including six golds - although he missed out on the podium at Rio 2016.

# Wellbeing

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"



## The Parenting Team

### Drop Ins

Join us for an informal chat if you have any questions about anxiety, behaviour, neurodivergence, SEND, living with teenagers or any other parenting related questions!

### Hastings and St Leonards

<b>Hastings Town Family Hub</b> 10-12pm	18 <sup>th</sup> May
--	----------------------

<b>East Hastings Family Hub</b> 10-12pm	13 <sup>th</sup> April 15 <sup>th</sup> June
--	---



# St Matthew's

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

## Easter at St Matthew's Church



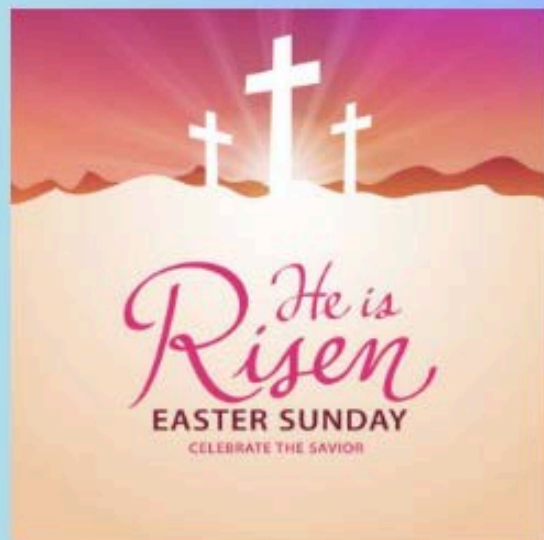
29 March  
11 am - All Age  
Palm Sunday Celebration



3 April  
11 am - Reflection and  
Meditation in Church

5 April  
11 am  
All Age Celebration

(followed by an Easter Egg Hunt  
for children)



# Key Dates

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

**Monday 13th April** - Start of Term 5

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - 8am - Year 6 SATs Breakfast

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - End of Term 5

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Start of Term 6

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Years 4,5 and 6 White Rock Show

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** Open Afternoon

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - 9.30am - Year 6 Leavers' Service @St Paul's [parents welcome]

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Year 6 Prom

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - End of Term 6

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - INSET Day

St Paul's CE Academy,  
Hornty Road,  
St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex,  
TN37 6RT

Tel: 01424 424530

office@stpaulsceaacademy.org

We'd love to hear some feedback  
from you as well as any new  
ideas for things we could include  
in our St Paul's News. Please send  
any comments to  
office@stpaulsceaacademy.org