St Paul's News

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BATTLE OF HASTINGS DAY

Battle of Hastings Day 14 October 2026

What an exciting day we had learning about a significant event that took place right on our doorstep 960 years ago in 1066!

The children looked fantastic dressed as Anglo-Saxons and Normans, with an array of soldiers, nobles and princesses bringing history to life.

Throughout the day, they took part in a variety of engaging activities and explored the famous Bayeux Tapestry, discovering the story it tells about the Battle of Hastings.

It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and eagerness to learn as they stepped back in time and deepened their understanding of the events that shaped the history of our town.

A memorable day of learning, bringing history to life where it all happened!



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Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

Overall school attendance for Term 1 is 95.8%; a great start to Term 1 which is above the National Average of 95.4%.
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 16 out of 21 classes who have achieved attendance of 95% or above this term, an excellent accomplishment

A special mention to 1HI who have achieved **99.3%** attendance since the start of term.



Attendance this term

RLB	97.9%	2MC	96.6%	4AB	94.1%
RBCKC	98.1%	2EK	98.0%	5JM	97.2%
RSM	96.3%	3JS	95.4%	5ER	95.4%
1HI	99.3%	3CR	96.5%	5EY	97.5%
1JB	94.5%	3GH	96.5%	6CW	96.3%
1LBSC	95.3%	4HM	96.7%	6KG	94.7%
2HONH	96.7%	4VLTS	93.1%	6ECM	91.2%

1HI
- 99.3%

Nursery

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What a magical Battle of Hastings dress up day we had!
The Nursery was filled with brave knight, beautiful queens and a fierce dragon and even a few cheeky jesters.
The children loved sharing their costumes, stories and medieval adventures with their friends.

Our little historians enjoyed retelling their memories of visiting castles and sharing their knowledge. One child proudly told us, "when I grow up I want to be a jester" while another shared "I want to be a queen, and I sat on a throne"
We even had a budding historian who excitedly explained,
"I've seen that tapestry when I went to Battle with my family" .
Mrs S and the Nursery team











Reception

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Year 1

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Year 2

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We dressed up as Anglo-Saxons or Normans because it was the anniversary of the Battle of Hastings.
Ayla

It was fun making shields and the worship was about the battle in 1066.
Ale

I liked dressing up!
Bonnie



Year 3

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Civilisation

We looked at Anglo-Saxon civilisation and discussed how they lived and the things that they would have done. Each table was given a different Saxon Kingdom that they needed to research and design. Each table needed to work together to calculate the supply's they need and to trade with other Kingdom to ensure every Kingdom had everything they needed.

Miss Roser and Year 3 team

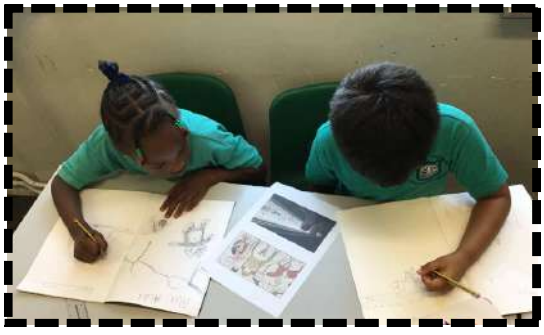






Tapestry

We learnt about the History of the Bayeux Tapestry and discussed why it may have been made. We then designed our own, inspired by the tapestry.







Year 4

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Year 5

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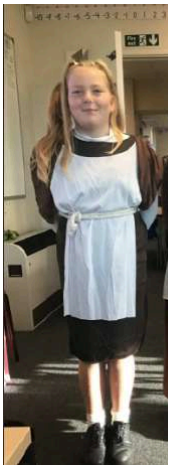
Some children dressed up in some excellent Battle of Hastings costumes. In the morning, we completed some Maths questions all about the numbers that were based on the Battle of Hastings.
In the afternoon, we created our own mosaic shields using paper and tissue paper.









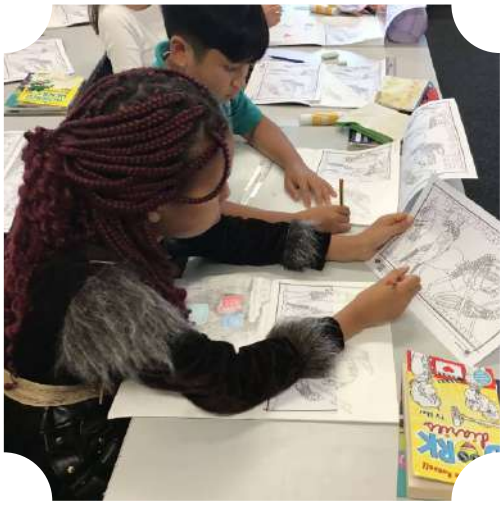




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Freddie - I enjoyed it very much. I learned that anyone on the Bayeux Tapestry could be Harold.

Jude - I enjoyed the Bayeux Tapestry art lesson because we got to draw part of it.

Emelia - I liked the art lesson; it was fun but tricky. It made me think about the battle and what happened during it

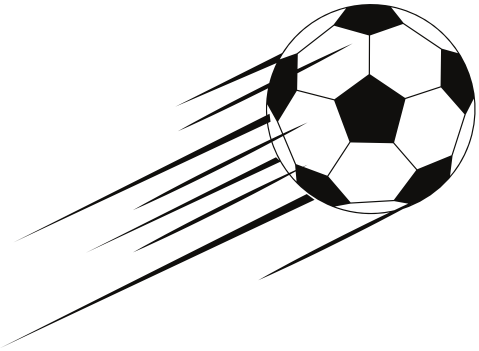
Kenai -I enjoyed dressing up as an Anglo-Saxon for Hastings day. It was fun to see what everyone else was wearing.

Olive - It was really fun seeing everyone's costumes and we did a fun activity where we got to draw a bit of the Bayeux tapestry. It was really hard to draw with only five earthy colours but it was really fun!

Jaymes -I loved all the amazing costumes! Drawing the Bayeux Tapestry was a bit tricky but it was brilliant and so much fun!

Sports

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The girls were a credit to our school today , it was great to watch them all play so well.
Mr McGowan and Mrs Barrnett





St Matthew's

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At St. Matthew's you'll find a church family of all ages keen to grow in our Christian faith and committed to helping local people follow Jesus Christ. Our main Sunday service is at 11am each week and this includes activities for children from babies through to school year 11.

Please use this site to find out more about us and do get in touch if you have any questions. You are very welcome at any of our services or activities.

GETTING BAPTISED AT ST MATTHEWS

Home / Getting baptised at St Matthews

Baptism is a sign and seal of God's grace and forgiveness and is a sign of belonging to the Church.

If you are an adult and are interested in being baptised, please contact our minister on matthew@stmatts.co.uk.

At St Matthews we baptise children as well as adults. Children are baptised on the understanding that the child will be brought up to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. At a child's baptism, parents and godparents are asked to make promises about their own commitment to following Jesus. If you would like to have a child baptised, please email the church office on office@stmatts.co.uk and one of the team will be in contact.

The PCC has also adoped a formal policy setting out our approach to baptism. A copy of this can be found here.

CHILDREN IN NEED DANCEATHON!



🌟 Help Us Create a New Sensory Room in The Harbour! 🌟

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that on **Friday 13th November 2026, St Paul's CE Academy** will be taking part in a whole-school Danceathon to celebrate Children in Need!
This year, we are raising money to help create a brand-new sensory room in The Harbour, providing an even better space to support the wellbeing, learning, and development of our children.

📅 EVENT DETAILS

- **What?** A whole-school Danceathon!
- **When?** Friday 13th November 2026
- **Time:** Throughout the school day (each class enjoys a 20-minute dancing session).

👕 WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN WEAR?

Come dressed and ready to dance! Anything fun and comfortable to move in:

- 🌈 PE Kits
- ✨ Bright Colours
- 🪩 Disco Outfits

💛 HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 📝 Sponsorship Forms: A sponsorship form has been sent home with each child. We would love children to ask family and friends to sponsor them.
- 💷 Donations: Cash donations are also welcome.

🏆 Prizes Available!

- 🥇 The child who raises the most money
- 🥇 The class that raises the most money

❤️ Thank You!

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. Every donation will help us create a wonderful sensory space for our pupils and make a real difference to their school experience.

⭐ **Dance • Give • Make a Difference** ⭐

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🕺 **LET'S GET DANCING!** 💃

Key Dates

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Term 2

Monday 2 November –First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 10 November– Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 6pm
Thursday 12 November – Parent Consultations 4.30pm– 7pm
Thursday 12 November @ 9.30am– New Reception Open Morning
Friday 13 November – Children in Need
Thursday 19 November @ 9.30am– New Reception Open Morning
Monday 7 December @ 9.30am– Reception Nativity
Tuesday 8 December @ 9.30am–Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 9 December @ 9.30am– Reception Nativity
Thursday 10 December @ 9.30am– Year 2 Nativity
Thursday 10 December @ 2.10pm– Year 3 Christingle in the Main Hall
Tuesday 15 December @ 2pm– Heyzy Drama Christmas Panto
Friday 18 December–@ 10am– Years 4,5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert @ St Matthew's Church
Friday 18 December– Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 4 January 2027 – First Day of Term 3

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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@stpaulsceacademy.org