



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

NOVEMBER 2025

Another busy month has flown by—from engaging classroom activities to special events, it's been wonderful to see our children thriving and showing our school values of respect, perseverance and helping others.

A few reminders as we head into December:

- Please ensure children come to school with appropriate clothing for the colder weather.
- Look out for details about our upcoming festive events and end-of-term celebrations.
- Attendance remains a priority—every day in school makes a difference to your child's progress.

Thank you for working with us to make St Paul's a caring and inclusive environment where every child is valued.

We look forward to an exciting final few weeks of term and several nativities!



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Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

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

Overall school attendance this term is **94.7%** which is below the national average of **94.9%** to date.

We are committed to providing every child with the best possible education. One of the most important factors in achieving this is regular and punctual attendance. 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 13 classes that have an attendance at or above 95% so far this term!

Attendance this term

RLB	97%	2JS	88%	4AB	96%
RBCKC	93%	2MC	95%	5JM	97%
RSM	97%	3GH	97%	5ER	94%
1HI	97%	3CR	97%	5EY	93%
1LG	91%	3JB	99%	6CW	95%
1LBLG	93%	4VLTS	96%	6KG	90%
2HONH	97%	4HM	97%	6ECM	95%

3JB-
99%

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A special well done to RSM who have won Sid our attendance dog for 3 weeks in a row. They also celebrated with a visit from Winnie and Miss Watson because they achieved 100% attendance for a whole week.



Extended Schools

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Extended Schools have been busy during November

We had a week focusing on Kindness as this is one of the Schools Christian values, The children created kindness clouds and decorated rocks with words of kindness.

Splash children were extremely lucky to have a visit from the Neighbourhood policing team. They spent time talking to the children about road safety, helping the children to understand the dangers of the road and how to cross safely. The children were enthusiastic and eager to learn about how to keep safe.

We started Christmas early, with a Santa platter for light tea. Creating a candle wreath, classic paper chains and pom-pom Christmas puddings for the Extended school hoop.

Last week, our Neighbourhood Policing Team had the pleasure of visiting St Paul's CE Academy to engage with young people at their after-school club.

We spent time talking about road safety, helping the children understand the dangers of the road and how to cross safely. Key messages included:

- Staying alert and aware of surroundings
- Looking both ways before crossing
- Being visible to drivers
- Using designated crossings properly

The children were enthusiastic and eager to learn how to keep themselves safe.

To make the session fun and interactive, we brought along word searches, colouring sheets, and spot-the-difference activities, all themed around traffic and crossing the road.

A big thank you to St Pauls for inviting us, it was fantastic to see the pupils so engaged in our talk.

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A Day in the Life of the Nursery

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"Every child made a prediction, every child did the experiment and every child spoke about what had happened- confident little Scientists already!"
Miss Blackman- Science Lead



Nursery has been buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and confidence!

Children have been strengthening their movement skills, mastering balance on bikes, and showing growing coordination and strength with ball games and loose parts.

Snack Time Success

Independence is shining through as our little ones tried new food and cereal week was a big hit! They impressed us with their table manners and eagerness to help with clearing up afterwards.

Maths Magic counting and ordering numbers to 5 brought smiles all around, with some children proudly matching objects to the correct numeral - add pupil voice

In Expressive Arts, the children carefully followed each step to draw Nativity characters, ready to sparkle on our Christmas hoop display. A colour-mixing experiment had our budding scientists making predictions and using wonderful vocabulary like "squishy," "mix," and "green and red bubbles." Miss Blackman, our Science Leader, was delighted by their confidence and curiosity.

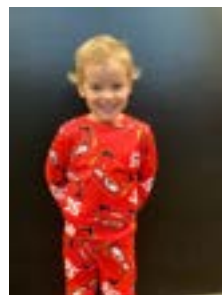
The children loved making bear biscuits! They eagerly discussed the ingredients, recipe, and dough, and their excitement grew as they looked forward to taking their creations home at the end of the day - pupil voice

The 'Curiosity Cube' and a special visit from a grandad inspired thoughtful conversations. Children created poppy artwork, from observational drawings to Loose Parts designs, and joined in a one-minute silence to honour the soldiers' sacrifice for our freedom - pupil voice

It's been a term full of discovery, independence, and heartfelt moments as our Nursery community continues to grow together in joy and learning!



Colour mixing



pyjama day



First day in the office!



Counting



Making bear biscuits

Reception

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Poppies



Bubble fun at forest school



'Kandinsky' circle artwork



The children had a wonderful time catching bubbles on their foraged sticks in forest school.

We have been learning about circles and the Russian artist 'Wassily Kandinsky' and have created their very own masterpieces
RSM

We made poppies for Armistice Day. We used loose parts to create our artwork.

"I used red for the petals and green for the sticks" -
After reading, 'Where the poppies now grow' by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey, we painted fields of poppies.

"We remember the people that died in the war. These are the bangs and red for the soldiers" - Brianna

Year 1

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To commemorate Remembrance Day, we created poppies in class and watched a beautiful animation following a young rabbit through the poppy fields.

We had an exciting day with Sam from Mallydams, who came in to teach us about nocturnal animals. We sorted animals into nocturnal and not, moved like the animals to different types of music, and danced with ribbons, sprinkling magic.

For Children in Need, we came in dressed in our pyjamas and wrote postcards to Pudsey to tell him what we had done to support the cause.



Year 2

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Create Music

We had the wonderful opportunity of working with Create Music. We have had two sessions so far and we have helped composers and writers, John and Izzy to write a song for a musical. In January they will be back to show us what they have done with our ideas.



Wynona - I liked hearing John play the piano. I liked learning and singing the new songs.
Hunter - It was so much fun!

Bianca - I liked it when Hazel told the story and I liked making up words for the new song

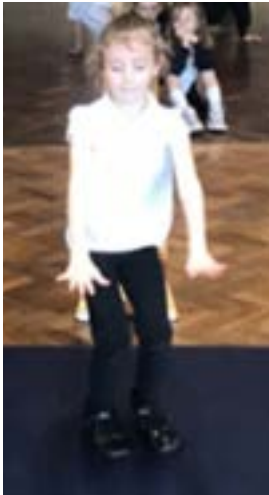


Year 3

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Gymnastics

We have been learning about jumping and rolling in Gymnastics.



Azalea - I have enjoyed the different things we have learnt.
Delilah - I enjoy practicing the skills.

Elvie - I like the rolls.

Vinnie - I like doing the teddy bear roll



Year 4

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As part of our enrichment for the History curriculum, Year Four had a Roman Day. The children created silver Roman coins, clay busts and laurel wreaths. A huge thank you to Ms Shackel for sorting out all of our fantastic art activities!



Suhayla's Mummy came to give a talk with Suhayla all about their authentic experience of Muslim life.

She brought in so many things for the children to see, smell, feel and touch. (She brought all of the children a sweet treat too!).

4HM created 'Freeze Frames' from our model text 'Zelda Claw'. They had to be very creative in their groups, as there are only two characters! Some of the children chose to personify the wind or the doors, even the tarmac!



Year 5

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We created our gingerbread people for our Christmas hoop. It was very calming and relaxing activity. It was a great opportunity to be creative.

First, we took photos for the heads.
Then, we glued them in place and decorated them.
We can't wait to see them up on the hoop in the hall.



On Thursday, 5EY performed their Class Worship to the rest of Key Stage 2. Everyone said a line and were very brave. Lots of children overcame their fears of speaking in front a large group. Some of the children performed a drama about the Old Testament prophecies and we showed some of our Messiah wanted posters.



Nosheen: The assembly was fun because I got to ask people questions about the Messiah.

Jaymes: I really like mostly all of the soups. Even though the last one looked different, it tasted really nice. We were also able to discuss with our friends how we found each of the soups.

Soup tasting



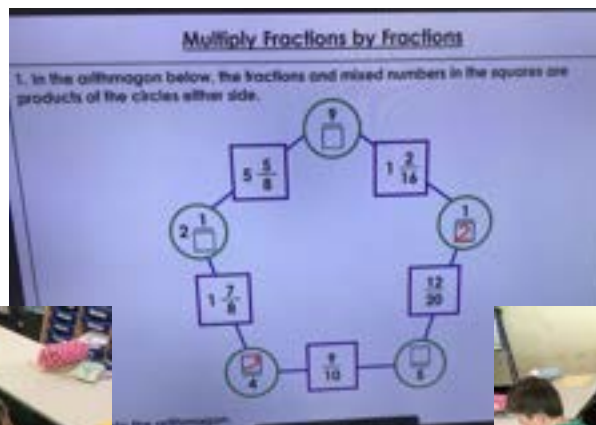
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Glyndebourne Rehearsals



Maths



Sports @ St Paul's

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Girls Cricket

A wet and windy walk didn't do anything to dampen spirits as the girls got off to a great start winning their first games.

Over the day they all showed excellent teamwork with Viv captaining the green team and Eloise for the white team.

The white team missed out on the knockouts by 1 win while the green team played Battle in the 3rd place game, winning by 50 runs.

We finished with the girls having a fun match versus each other.

St Paul's - White played 4 won 1 drew 2 lost 1
5th place.

St Paul's - Green played 4 won 3 lost 1
3rd place
Mr McGowan



St Paul's Badminton Team-
Tournament 15th November 2025



St Paul's has a new Hastings & Rother Year 5 girls champion. Aleen, in Year 4, not only won but this time won by over 100m finishing before we could see the second place girl coming up the hill.

In the same race we. Lucia finished 8th and qualified for the Sussex finals.
Mr McGowan



Wellbeing

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Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

At St Paul's, we are lucky to work with the local MHST service. Recently, we have had a change of practitioners and now welcome Betty and Anna to the St Paul's team. They will provide 1:1 support for pupils in Key Stage 2 along with offering group sessions. In the past, the practitioners have supported numerous children with their worries and also managing anxiety.

The service has created a short questionnaire for parents. We would be grateful if you could complete it [here](#)

During recent staff training, the MHST shared the chart below which outlines 'typical' worries and anxieties children display according to age. We think it is a useful resource to share.

Toddler to middle childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty separating from givers • Sleeping alone • Nightmares and bedwetting (monsters, heightened imagination) • Fear of new people and things
Middle childhood to late childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety around transition- new schools, new friends etc. • Anxious to please friends • Some but fewer nightmares- able to distinguish between reality and imagination. • Fears of getting lost, kidnapped, trapped, burglars, dentists, injury, heights.
Late childhood to adolescence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety around social exclusion, being embarrassed, public speaking, dating, academic, their future. • Difficulties with emotional regulation around trusted caregivers.

The Senior Mental Health Lead at St Paul's is Miss Watson. If you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or mental health please contact her.

English

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Reading Podcast

We were really excited to welcome Russell Miles from the English Literacy Festival to record a 'Desert Island Disc style Podcast with some of our pupils.

The children discussed their favourite books with Russell. The session was brilliant. When the finalised Podcast is edited it will be available to listen to online.

The afternoon was very uplifting and joyous. The children were bubbling with enthusiasm about their books. Russell enjoyed it so much, he has offered to record further podcasts with different pupils.



The children were particularly intrigued by a book Russell showed them. It was published in 1578



Musical achievement

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Performance at the Royal Albert Hall

We are really proud of one of our Y5 pupils – Scarlett – who represented St Paul's, Hastings and East Sussex at the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on 11th November. Scarlett sang No Place Like Home by Kerry Andrews and played Mambo by Leonard Bernstein and Causeway by Aileen Sweeney along with 1300 young musicians from around the country. Well done Scarlett!



St Matthew's

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We welcome you to join us at any of our Christmas services. If you have any questions please contact the office on 01424 425863 or email office@stmatts.co.uk



Christmas Services this December

Please do come and join us to celebrate Christmas.

Sunday 7 December

11am Carols with Sussex Brass

We are delighted to welcome back Sussex Brass to lead us in a traditional service of readings and carols. This service will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Sunday 21 December

11am Family Carol Service

An all age service with the opportunity for the children to dress up as characters from the Christmas Story.

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Christingle Service

A carol service for all the family with an opportunity to hear the Christmas story and a chance for all the children to make a Christingle.

Christmas Day

11am All Age Celebration with Communion

A special service for everyone to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Key Dates

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Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th December @ 9.30am--Reception Nativity

Tuesday 9th December @ 9.30 am-- Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 11th December @ 9.30am--Year 2 Nativity

Thursday 11th December @ 2pm- Year 3 Christingle

Tuesday 16th December @ 7.45pm- One Voice Festival of Singing concert at De La Warr Pavilion

**Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper and
Christmas Dinner Day**

Friday 19th December 10am at St Matthew's Church- Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Service

Friday 19th December- End of Term 2

Monday 5th January 2026- Start of Term 3

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