



# St Paul's News



*"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"*

JULY 2025

## End of School Year Poem

The school year's ending, days are flying  
fast,

Summer is here, a fun time to last.  
We've learned and grown, and played  
with glee,

Now it's time for adventures, wild and  
free!

Remember all we've done this year,  
And keep your light shining!

Have a wonderful summer making  
memories with your families...

## CLASS OF 2025



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# Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

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

Overall school attendance this term is **94.4%** which is just below the national average of **94.5%** to date.

Thank you for your support with school attendance this year; it is very much appreciated by us all.

**A big well done to all 9 classes that have an attendance at or above 95% so far this term!**

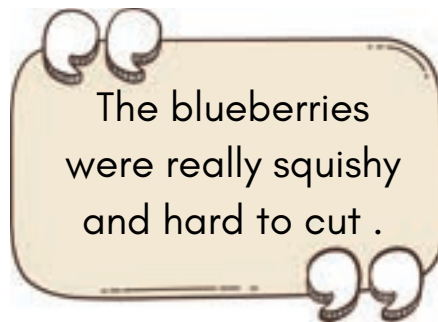
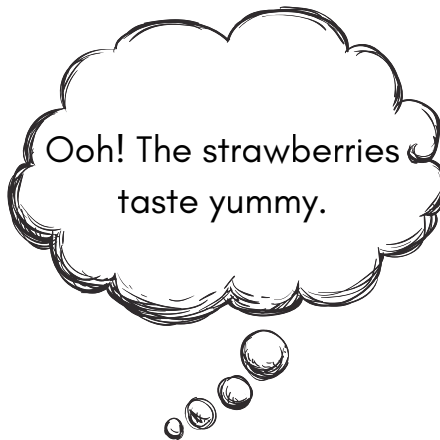
## Attendance this term

RLB	95.2%	2JS	94.3%	4AB	95.3%
RBCKC	95.5%	2LG	94.5%	5JM	94.3%
RKS	96.5%	3EL	93.3%	5ER	91.4%
1CD	96.3%	3AY	95.3%	5GH	95.3%
1RM	93.7%	3JB	93.3%	6CW	94.6%
1MCLB	96.8%	4VLTS	93.6%	6KG	89.4%
2HONH	98.1%	4HM	92.3%	6ECM	92.5%

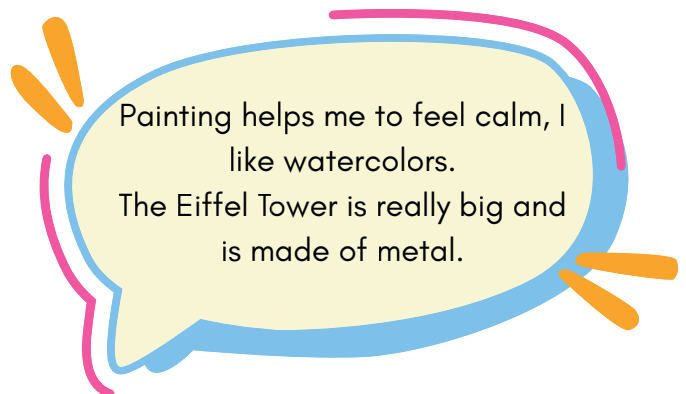
2HONH-  
98.1%

# The Lighthouse

In Maths , we had fun learning how to share fruit to make our own fruit ice lollies. They tasted good too !



On Bastille Day we imagined we were famous French artists and painted our own Eiffel towers.



# Extended Schools

## Term 6

Wow what a wonderful creative term.

This term has been filled with science experiments, playdough mini beasts, 3D art and much more.

Children explored floating and sinking, making foil boats.

They discovered what helps to make ice melt.

Finally, they worked on the classic skittle rainbow experiment, some children enjoyed eating the odd skittle .

## THE SPLASH TEAM



These three girls have been breakfast club buddies this year. They have helped settle in new children; show them the routine; even walked them up to class. Today they received a card from their buddy to say thank you.

Super proud of them!  
Mrs Fairweather

## End of Year SPLASH Party

Thank you to all who attended the splash summer party , fun was had by all



# Reception

## Reception Summer Concert

The children had a wonderful time singing, signing and drumming with Corin at their Summer concert. The children all performed brilliantly and joined in with enthusiasm.



I liked the drumming because I love banging on the drums.  
Jude

Ihsaan - I liked 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' because it was fun to dance to.

Ayla - I was happy because my parents got to see me sing!

I liked the songs. 'I can see clearly' is my favourite.  
Bonnie



## Bastille Day



# Year 1

Sam from Mallydams came in for an Outreach session with us.

We played some games where we pretended to be different sea creatures. We then looked around our Forest School Area for signs of wildlife and saw lots of minibeasts, plants and birds.

Then we built hedgehog homes using leaves and branches.

Finally, we played more animal games, where we pretended to be nocturnal animals. We had so much fun!

Year 1 Team

It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in nature.

Children thriving in their natural environment was wholesome to see.

Miss Blackman



I can see so many butterflies!  
1MCLB



It was fun making nests for hedgehogs.

We explored and found minibeasts, I liked the lady bugs.

1RM



# KS1 Nature Club

**We have had great fun in Nature Club over the past two terms.**

Children have had opportunities to:

- Talk about what they love about nature
- Plant seeds, care for them, and watch them grow
- Take part in 'No Mow May' and observe the changes over time
- Observe, draw and paint flowers
- Bug hunt
- Complete a guided drawing of a butterfly
- Grow caterpillars- watching the stages of their life cycle and releasing the beautiful butterflies into our Forest School area



"I don't want to release it but it has to fly."  
Inaaya

"He's getting ready."  
Luna



"Let me take a picture of it in my brain."  
Seth



"It wants to stay."  
Hugo



# Year 2



2HONH had a fantastic day at Great Dixter. They spent the morning looking at the beautiful gardens and the afternoon exploring the woods.



Arthur - We saw the flowers and did some Art.

Gracie - I liked the woods as we made little dens.

Penny - I loved the beautiful flowers.

Tafi - I built a slug circus!

2JS had a brilliant day at Great Dixter. We spent the morning exploring the woods and building dens and the afternoon visiting the gardens and printing. Visitors commented on how polite and well behaved they all were.

Millie - It was so much fun, I loved building the fairy house.

Cody - It was brilliant.

Dina - I enjoyed the printing.

Alex - The gardens were beautiful





# Year 3

**Marianne North**  
**1830-1890**



We completed our paintings inspired by local artist, Marianne North. We used water colour paints to create a neutral background and then used ready-mixed paint to paint botanical flowers in the style of Marianne North.



# Year 4-Bastille Day



14th July



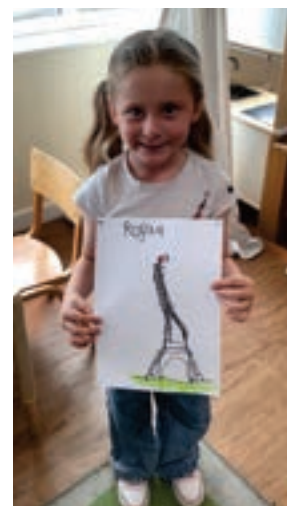
4HM

We have been learning French for 2 years and I enjoyed doing the activities , practicing my French

Sophia B



La Tour Eiffel





# Year 5

Our DT unit has been linked to kites.

We researched different types of kites, designed our own kites, used pastels to create kite scenes and finally in groups built our own designs.

Year 5

Jago - we got very dizzy trying to get the kite to fly because it was too heavy but we really enjoyed the activity.



My kite 'kinda' flew!  
I don't why it didn't!  
Olivia





# Year 6

## Pizza Making with Relish



I enjoyed pizza making because it was really fun and I added sweetcorn and kept on eating the tomatoes!- Mursal

There were lots of toppings to chose from and I was with my friends- Maggie

There were lots and lots of toppings pick from- Ren

It helped me understand how pizza is made- Zane

I enjoyed pulling out the weeds. I fell back a little bit as we pulled them out- Poppy

It's really fun helping out, planting some flowers. I hope they look good! Hunter

I enjoyed being able to do gardening with my friends- Tom R

## Gardening Club

6ECM have helped the environment over Term 5 and 6 by planting the beds by the front gates.

As part of our spirituality sessions, we noticed that the school didn't have many flowers.

We decided to weed the beds and plant new flowers to add colour to our school!



# Maths

Over the summer holidays, please make sure that your child is still continuing to spend some time on Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars.

A few minutes a day really does make a huge difference to your child's understanding of number and recall of key times tables facts.



**Come to school dressed as a rockstar for Timestables Rockstars Day!**

On Friday 12th September, we are re-launching Timestables Rockstars to our Year 3 and 4 children. The website is a fantastic resource that supports our children to become fluent in their times tables which are so important for all areas of Maths.

Over the day, we will be taking part in some fun times table based activities and setting the children up with their logins and avatars.

Here are some examples of rockstar costumes as inspiration!



**Come to school dressed as a robot for Numbots Day!**

On Friday 12th September, we are launching an exciting new website and app that is designed to support children in learning key number facts.

Over the day, we will be taking part in some fun number based activities and setting the children up with their logins and avatars.

Here are some examples of robot costumes as inspiration!



# Sports @ St Paul's

## Richard White Cup



It was fun! No one gave up and we won lots of medals- Bettie Mae

It was nice seeing all my friends supporting each other and watching them take part- Poppy



All the children tried their best- it was a long day but they all supported one another and cheered St Leonards and The Baird.  
Mr McGowan

### Year 5 Tennis at Amherst Tennis Club during Wimbledon week!

Year 5 have taken part in tennis coaching sessions run by Pete and Susie at Amherst Tennis Club. We learnt how to hold the racket, have a rally, direct the ball at an area of the court and remember that using a racket softly can be very effective.

Year 5 team

Delphi - I liked my mini matches because it was fun.

Vincent - I liked everything about tennis but my favourite part were the mini matches.

Archie E - My favourite part was when I played against Miss Scott and beat her!





# DCAT Enrich 2025

This was our third year performing in DCAT Enriched, at Hurstpierpoint College.  
We were very lucky and given the song, 'One short day' from Wicked.

Back in June, Billy and Jemma, came in to teach the children the song and dance. As always, these wonderful, enthusiastic children performed brilliantly and behaved impeccably on what was a long and warm day.

We are always proud of their work ethic, which shines through every performance they do.

Well done, all!

I liked performing and  
getting the green shirts! -  
Elsa Year 5

I liked the performing part  
of the day and also the  
sandwiches. - Elsie Year 5



I liked the food and coming together  
with all DCAT schools. I was nice to  
watch different performances too! -  
Stanley Year 5

# Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

## Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at  
👉 [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)  
to get started from 5 July 2025.

**Help your child start their reading adventure today!**

# WELLBEING

## Anxiety Workshop

We welcomed Lucy from the Mental Health Support Team to run a two-hour workshop for parents. The session was very informative and included useful strategies and tips to help children to manage their worries more successfully.



## Some useful websites for advice and support

Support for parents - NSPCC

Parenting support services - Action for Children - advice for parents of children aged 0-19

Young Minds conversation starters - conversation starters for parents

Mind.org.uk - Helping your children with a mental health problem

Talking to your child about feelings - NHS

Family Lives - confidential and free helpline service for families

Holding Space - Family Mental Health Support in East Sussex and monthly parent drop ins

Health in Mind - Free course and therapy for adults in East Sussex to help with stress, anxiety and low mood



## Winnie - Our Wellbeing Dog

Winnie has had a busy term.

She enjoys visiting the Reception classes to share a story and a song (and receives lots of strokes!) She is also kept busy walking with a lot of children and receiving a lot of affection from the school community.



# Safeguarding

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## Parent Info

Our children are very excited for the summer break, but for lots of parents, this can be a challenging time. Please find below a list of useful numbers and links to services that can support families.

If you are worried about a child or a teenager, you can call SPOA (Single point of access) on 01323 464222

Referrals can be made anonymously and they will help work out what next steps should be

If there is an emergency contact the police on 999

For non-urgent calls, please use 101 and ask for Sussex Police

National Domestic Abuse helpline - 0808 2000247

Childline - 0800 11 11

Health in Mind Sussex can help if you are struggling with your mental health and can offer advice and support - 0300 003 0130

If you need support around alcohol or substance abuse -  
<https://www.changegrowlive.org/service/east-sussex-star/drugs>.

Lots of useful resources for families and children -  
<https://familyhubs.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

Hastings foodbank - 01424 755990. [Hastings.foodbank.org.uk](https://hastings.foodbank.org.uk) - The Hastings Centre, The Ridge, East Sussex, TN34 2SA.

For information around online safety - [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

# HELP US WIN £1,000

## FOR OUR LIBRARY

Nominate us and you could win a £100 gift card!

*[nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize](http://nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize)*





## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH VISION 2025-2028

### OUR PRIORITIES



## HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST



# 50 <sup>ages</sup> five <sup>-to-</sup> eleven

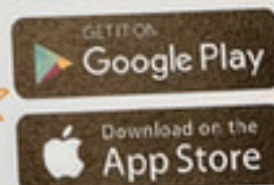
things to do

**50 Things to Do Ages Five to Eleven** is an exciting initiative full of ideas and activities for families and their children.

Our project offers a **wide range of activities** from exploring the outdoors, to learning how to code, to performance, to developing basic construction skills and even growing self esteem.

Explore the **colourful tabs** for more opportunities to **broaden your child's interest** or check out the **low or no cost events** that are happening **near you!**

Scan here to download our **free** app



For more detailed information, please visit [www.eastsussex.50thingstodo.org](http://www.eastsussex.50thingstodo.org)





# **SEND Jumbos** **soft play sessions**

These soft play sessions cater for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), proving a fun, inclusive and supportive environment where children can play, explore and connect.

**Sunday 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August**  
**8 - 10.30am / £1 per child**

These sessions are specifically aimed at children aged 8 years and under with additional needs, however siblings and families are welcome to join the session for support.

### **Session numbers are limited**

Booking is recommended up to 24 hours in advance to secure your space

Bexhill Leisure Centre  
**01424 731171**  
[www.freedom-leisure.co.uk](http://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk)



# Key Dates

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**- 5.30pm- 7pm-Year 6 Prom

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**- Last day of term

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**- INSET Day

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

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**- INSET Day

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**- INSET Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**- First day of Term 1

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