



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

JUNE 2025

On Friday 27th June we warmly welcomed the MP for Hastings and Rye, Helena Dollimore, to St Paul's. Helena is extremely passionate about Hastings and supporting all the children of the area.

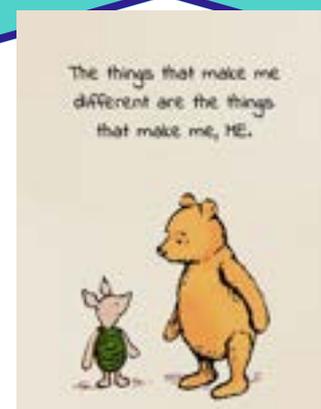
Helena asked and answered questions from the children- we could definitely see some up and coming politicians amongst our young people!

The class lists for 2025/26 were emailed out on Friday too, please let the front office know if you didn't receive the list. The children will be having their Transition morning with their new teacher on Wednesday 2nd July. The children will be told where to be picked up and dropped off from, however, we will also be emailing out drop off and pick up maps nearer to the start of the academic year.

We have also begun to enhance the school environment both inside and out. The History timeline on the middle playground is nearly complete and the book quotes are up around the KS1 playground.

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Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

5 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. Although overall attendance has improved since September 2024, we have seen 8 classes dip below 95% attendance since the last newsletter.

Please remember that in the event of your child being absent from school, it is your responsibility to let the front office know the reason for this through ringing in using Option 1 or leaving a message via Arbor.

A big well done to all 5 classes that have an attendance at or above 95% so far this term!

Attendance this term

RLB	94.9%	2JS	94.7%	4AB	94.1%
RBCKC	95.1%	2LG	95.5%	5JM	94.3%
RKS	94.8%	3EL	94.2%	5ER	93.9%
1CD	95.3%	3AY	94.1%	5GH	95.2%
1RM	93.0%	3JB	92.8%	6CW	94.4%
1MCLB	93.8%	4VLTS	94.5%	6KG	92.7%
2HONH	96.4%	4HM	93.7%	6ECM	93.1%

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96.4%

The Lighthouse



In the lighthouse, we have been letting our light shine when sharing breakfast in the morning, by learning how to share and take turns.

At playtime, we have had fun making different obstacle courses and working as a team.



If you have walked past the back of the Harbour, we hope that you have enjoyed looking at the wild flowers that we have planted.



Reception

Dinosaur on the loose!

Reception came back from their daily mile to find their classrooms were a complete mess! There were muddy footprints, ceiling tiles dislodged, a 'broken' whiteboard and our resources had been tipped out!

We suspected a dinosaur was on the loose and was roaming around our school! We had been looking for further clues when we found an enormous speckled egg in the playground. Luckily we found some instructions for 'How to catch a dinosaur'. We set to work to start making our own traps in case the dinosaur returned!



Dinosaur Trap



Dinosaur Egg!



Dinosaur wreckage!



Dinosaur Trap

Have we caught a dinosaur?

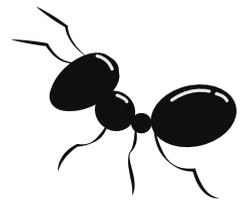


Dinosaur evidence form

Year 1



In Year 1, we are taking part in "30 days wild in June". We decided one of our activities to enjoy in the wild would be to go on a nature walk. We took a nature hunt outside and ticked off any nature we could find.
Miss Blackman



Ada - I found a poppy and an ant. When I go home I'm going to continue my hunt as I have baby newts in my garden.

Arna - I found an ant and a butterfly.

Albi - I've got fox gloves in my front garden.



Year 1



Having fun in the water

We had ice cream because it was hot. I went paddling and I found sea creatures!
Theo



Looking for crabs



We went crab hunting and I put my feet in the sea! We had a lovely time!
Luna

Year 1 enjoyed their trip to the beach. After a very hot walk down to the beach we enjoyed eating our lunch on the stones before cooling off in the sea.

The children loved exploring the rock pools, paddling in the sea and building water tunnels from the sea!

We finished the day with an ice cream on the beach.



Year 2

Global Warming

Since learning about the effects that global warming is having on Antarctica, the children in Year 2 have been wanting to do more to protect our local environment.

We have made posters to help remind children around the school not to litter and have also designed bug hotels, ready to make later in the term.



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE



Year 3



Because the weather has been so beautiful, we took advantage of it and went outside to do some observational nature drawings.



Benny: "I loved being outside"

Tuta "I liked doing the drawings because it made me feel calm"

Zemar "I liked it because the petals were very pretty"

Sienna: "I felt calm because all of the flowers were lovely and there were bees"

Year 4



How did you let your light shine on Sports Day?
How did it feel to be competing as part of a team?



I enjoyed the Vortex which is like the Javelin. It was a really hot day so we had lots to drink during our rest break.
Polly



The children all worked well as a team and encouraged each other.



Year 4

Year 4 Evacuee Day

Year Four 'evacuated' the children to Alexandra Park. The children were exceptionally well behaved and were commented on by the general public several times as to how wonderful they were and what a joy it was to see the children playing so nicely together. The children played games that were typical of the 1930s/1940s.

Year 4



The children were impeccably behaved, members of the public commented on how well they all played and behaved.
Year 4 teachers

We were evacuated to Alexandra Park where we played different 1940s games- hopscotch, pick up sticks, rounders, skipping and many more...
Eva



Year 5

Police Community Support Officer Visit



I liked the part where we tried on the uniforms. They were really heavy, and you could feel what they have to carry round all day. Etta



It was very good, it was interesting because the PCSOs told me that she does her job to help people, and it inspired me.
Noemi V



Year 5

Music concert



The best bit was the four chord medley because everyone was singing together.

I thought the concert was very exciting. I felt quite confident performing in front of the parents. I loved it.
Ibrahim KO



Year 6

Last Term of Primary School

Fun run- raising money for their prom



I dressed up as a shark and had so much fun! All the Year 6 costumes looked cool!



Sports Day



On Sports Day we helped Years 1 and 2 . During this, we were all given a specific activity and had to count the scores. Each class was divided into the four house teams.

Tom

3EL had one of the highest scores with 64 points which was impressive. We spent the whole morning sitting and counting.

Edwin

Mayflower won, we enjoyed the morning.

Bettie Mae

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Year 6

Last Term of Primary School

Port Lympne



When we went to Port Lympne , I saw lots of different animals roaming about. My favourite was the cheetah because they were standing on the rock growling. The baboons were cleaning each other by picking off their dirty bits!

Lexi



We went to Port Lympne , it was really fun. We saw all the animals but my favourite were the lions because at the end one of the jump against the enclosure as we walked past.

Maud



We also looked around the dinosaur trail and looked at the huge models!



MP Visit

Friday 27th June 2025- Helena Dollimore

School Council



Helena Dollimore spoke to the school council from Years 1 to Year 6.

She was impressed with the children's knowledge on citizenship and said that our children asked the most pertinent questions of out of all the schools she has visited.



Year 4 MTC

Year 4 got the highest Multiplication Times table Check [MTC] score out of the 26 schools in our Academy Trust. 74% of the children got 25/25 on the MTC putting St Paul's in the top 3 % nationally.



I really wanted to know more about parliament as my nan had been an MP. I was really happy to learn more.
Melody

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?

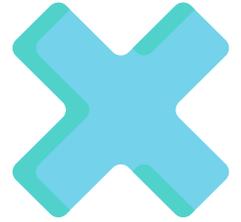
- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read 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
to get started from 5 July 2025.

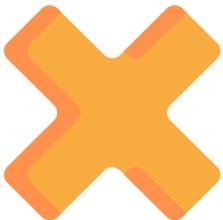
Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Maths



A **HUGE** well done to all of our Year 4 children who did amazingly well in their multiplication times tables check this term.

All the staff are incredibly proud of you!



Please remember that children in Years 1 - 5 should be completing 15 minutes of either Numbots or Timestable Rockstars each week for homework.

The brilliant results that the Year 4 children achieved this year were down to a lot of hard work on Timestable Rockstars. It really is so important!

Sports @ St Paul's

Monday 9th June 2025



Year 5 & 6 Quad Athletics area finals
silver medal

Monday 16th June 2025



Year 3 & 4 Quad Athletics Bronze
medal



Tuesday 10th June 2025



Year 5 & 6 girls took part in a cricket festival
at Horntyte playing games vs 3 other
schools.

Wednesday 11th June 2025



Year 5 & 6 also took part in a cricket
festival at Horntyte playing games vs
other schools as well as a year 5 vs
year 6 match which the year 5s won.

Town Sports Record Breakers



3 Gold Medals! I was so excited and proud of my achievements as this was the first time I had got 3 gold medals in any event.
Viv

Name	Class	Activity	Old Record	New Record
Grace	5GH	50m Sprint	8:00 sec	7:84 sec
Negheen	5JM	Chest Push	4 m 90cm	5m 10 cm
Lacie	5ER	80m Hurdles	12:91 sec	12:53 sec
Edwin	6KG	80m Hurdles	12:51 sec	12:07 sec
Jawad	5JM	Chest Push Platinum league	6m10cm	
Viv	5ER	3 Gold medals	70m sprint Long Jump Relay	

I kept my mind focused and thought hard about what I wanted to do and why- I used all my strength and pushed!
Jawad



“Does your child worry?”

If so...the me and my mind team welcome you to our free 2 hour Anxiety and Worry Workshop, please come along and join other parents and carers to relax have a coffee and learn some top tips!

...to making life a little less stressful and a lot more successful!!!

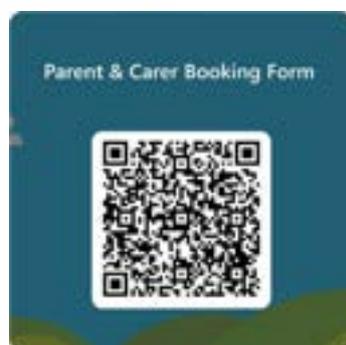
Date: Friday 4 th July 2025

Time: 9am -11am

For more information speak to Miss Watson

We look forward to seeing you there

(please **book your place** by scanning the QR code)



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



St Matthew's Church Assistant Administrator



St Matthew's Church PCC is seeking to appoint an assistant administrator to join our office team 10 hours a week from 1 September 2025 until 31 January 2026.

We are looking for someone who:

- Supports and is committed to our church's mission and vision
- Has excellent organisational and communication skills with good attention to detail
- Is reliable and self motivated
- Has good IT literacy
- Has a warm and friendly personality
- Understands confidentiality

For more information including a full job description and application form, please see www.stmatts.co.uk/jobs.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 11 July 2025**.

Key Dates

Year 6 Transition days-

Hastings- 30th June and 1st July

St Leonards Academy- 1st and 2nd July

Rye - 2nd to 4th July

Ark- 2nd July

Claverham 3rd and 4th July

Friday 4th July- Mufti Day- bring a bottle or chocolate or a £1
Tuesday 8th July and Thursday 10th July - Year 2 at Great Dixter

Thursday 10th July- DCAT Enriched

Friday 11th July- 3.15pm- 5pm- Mini Summer Sizzler

Tuesday 15th July- 2pm Open Afternoon and school reports

Friday 18th July- 9.30am- Year 6 Leavers Service- in school

Friday 18th July- 5.30pm- 7pm-Year 6 Prom

Friday 18th July- Last day of term

Monday 21st July- INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd July- INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd September- INSET Day

Thursday 4th September- INSET Day

Friday 5th September- First day of Term 1

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