

## COOL SCHOOL: FACTS

By Rory

School isn't the same around the world. You probably already know that. But how different? Read on to find out.

First of all, Brazil has the fewest number of school hours on Earth, at around five hours, one hour and 35 minutes less than we have.

However, it is either in the morning, afternoon or evening: 7am to 12pm, 12pm to 5pm or 5pm to 10pm. Not the best times! The rest of the top five shortest school days are in Finland, Italy, Singapore and Germany. Countries in Southeast Asia have long school days.

### High School, Low School and Sky School

In Phuma Changtang, Tibet, there is a school over 5km above sea level. Imagine the views! But  
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High School: In Phuma Changtang, Tibet, there is a school more than 5km above sea level

## WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE IN GIRL GUIDES?

By Rosie

Girl Guides started in 1914, 100 years before I was born. It's only for girls, but there are Cubs and Scouts for both genders.

When I was a Brownie, I joined when I was seven. I've made some new friends from outside of school, but there have been girls from St Paul's. Now I'm in Guides

because I am too old for Brownies as I'm now ten. Something fun we do in Brownies and Guides is we go on lots of trips.

In Brownies we went to the cinema and we did the Giraffe trail around Cambridge city centre.

Now I am in Guides, we go

on bigger trips, like going on a sleepover to Ely Guide Hut.

At the sleepover, on the 31st January to the 1st

February, we firstly decorated aprons, then we made our own dip. Mine was a bit crazy because I mixed houmous, yogurt, syrup, herbs and garlic paste. It tasted sweet and yummy! We watched a movie after dinner with

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Welcome to the fourth issue of The Epistle, a newspaper reported and written by children from Years Five and Six for their fellow pupils.

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MEET OUR DINNER  
LADIES

THIS TERM  
WORLD BOOK DAY, ECO  
CLUB AND FOOTBALL  
TOURNAMENT

PLUS...  
PUZZLES, CARTOONS  
AND MORE

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popcorn, sweets and hot chocolate before getting into our sleeping bags and going to sleep. When we woke up we made butter by shaking cream. We had this on our toast for breakfast. We made coasters, then went to the park. When we got back we varnished the coasters and made pesto to have with pasta for lunch. We played games and then the leaders gave out sleepover badges.

We are split into different groups called Patrols. I am in the Sprite Patrol. The patrols are named after mythical creatures.

We wear a uniform which is a blue t-shirt and hoodie and also a blue

and yellow neckerchief and woggle. It's important to wear a uniform because it makes us all equal.

Once we start we make the Guide promise to uphold the Girl Guide laws. They are to:

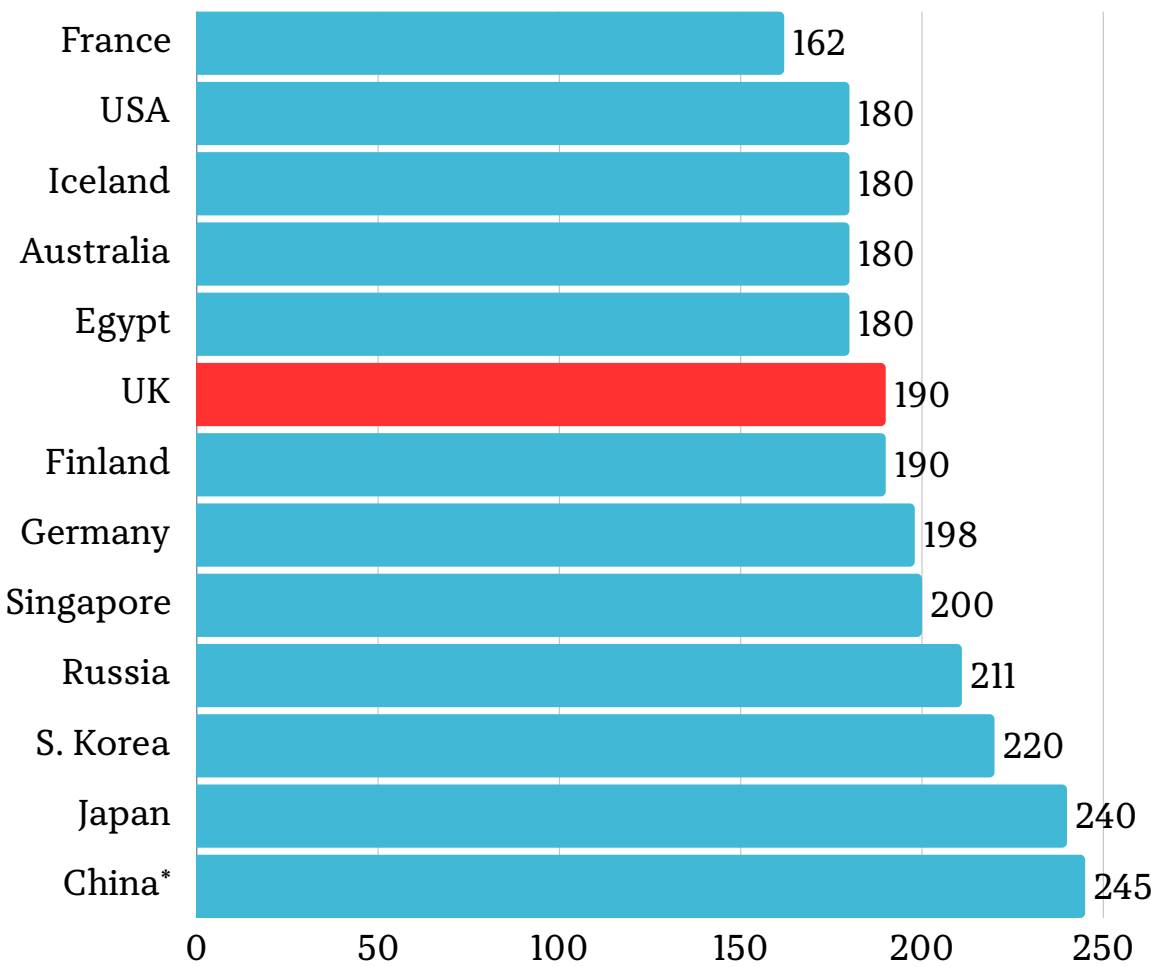
- be honest, reliable and trustworthy
- be helpful and use our time wisely
- face challenges and learn from our experiences
- be a good friend and a sister to all Guides
- be polite and considerate
- respect all living things and take care of the world around us.

We learn new skills and earn badges. This term I'm starting first aid.



Rosie in her Girl Guide uniform

Average number of school days per year around the world



\*For China, we could only find information on secondary schools,

• See poll on Page Four: Should we get more school holidays?

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what about lower down? In Kharkiv, Ukraine, due to the war, schools have often been in underground stations. In Alice Springs, Australia, there is the Alice Springs School of the Air. Before you ask, this is not a flying school. It actually broadcasts lessons to people that live in remote areas of the Australian outback.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Armenia, chess is a school subject! This is partly because an amazing chess player, Tigran Petrosian, was Armenian.

# LUNCHTIME HEROES

By Arthur, Callum, Louis and Rohan

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if you had to cook for more than a hundred kids? Well, now you know because we have interviewed the school cooks, Gemma and Ester.

**Why did you choose to cook for your job?**

We cook so we can see the happy faces of children.

**Do you enjoy cooking at home?**

Yes we thoroughly enjoy cooking at home but it's better when someone else does the cooking!

**Is it hard to cook for all the people in the school?**

If we have the right equipment it is easy to cook for all the children in the school.

**What are the top three dishes?**

The favourite dishes are burgers, pizza and fish fingers.

**What are your favourite and least favourite parts of your jobs?**

Seeing happy faces [is our favourite part] and our least favourite part is when the kids don't like the food.



Gemma clears away our trays

With thanks to our sponsor, Cambridge Performing Arts Club



Delilah, from Fox Class, created this art to show what she's been up to at PAC!

**PAC**  
FROM SCHOOL TO STAGE

Our after-school club is not just a place for childcare; it's a hub of creativity, exploration, and growth for your children. We run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Upper Hall of St Paul's church, focusing on a variety of performing arts from dance and acro to singing and circus skills. We take care of school pick up and run until 5.15pm.

Why not join us this Summer Term or try our holiday clubs running from 23rd-25th July? Our holiday clubs are designed to keep your child's imagination alive with a variety of activities including yoga, mindfulness, performing arts, creating shows, and outdoor trips.

Interested in sponsoring a future issue? Talk to Denise (Hildi and Bea's mum), Gwen (Rosie and Dylan's mum) or Sarah (Arthur's mum)



# WHAT DOES ST PAUL'S THINK?

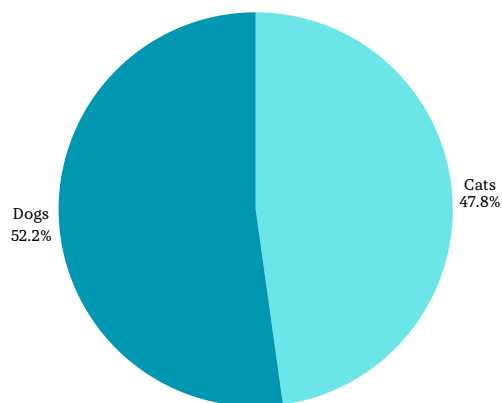


By Valentine

Is St. Paul's a dog school or a cat school? Have you ever wondered how many people want more holidays from school, and how many people prefer English to Maths? I have, so I found out to put in the newspaper.

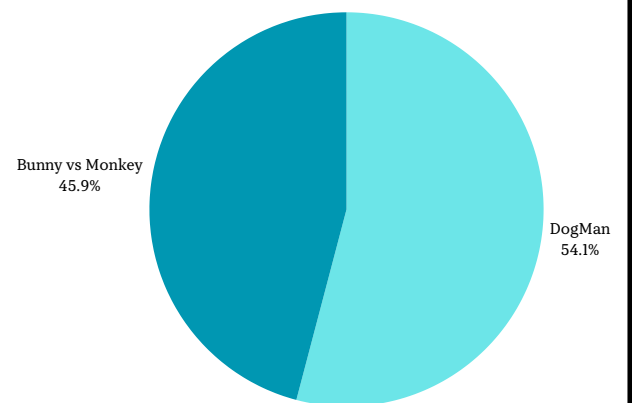
## Cats or dogs?

Do you like cats or dogs more? Does the school agree? Well, winning the poll is dogs with 59 and last is cats with 54 votes.



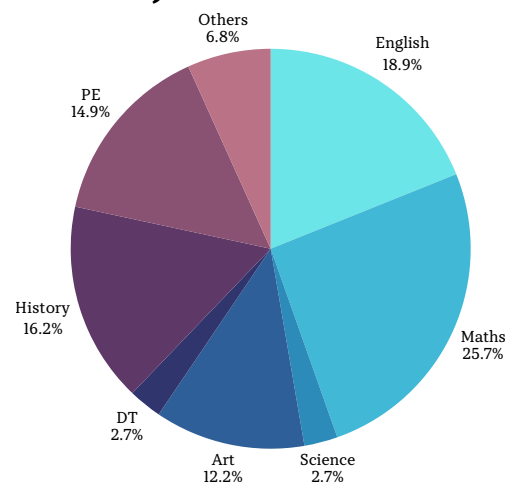
## DogMan or Bunny vs Monkey?

Probably because of the new release of the DogMan movie, DogMan won.



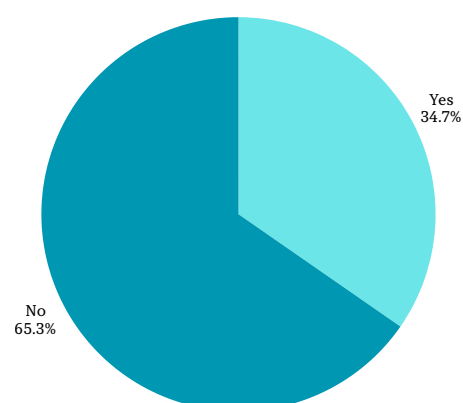
## What's your favourite subject?

In the others are five subjects which each got one vote: music, reading, computing, RE and French.



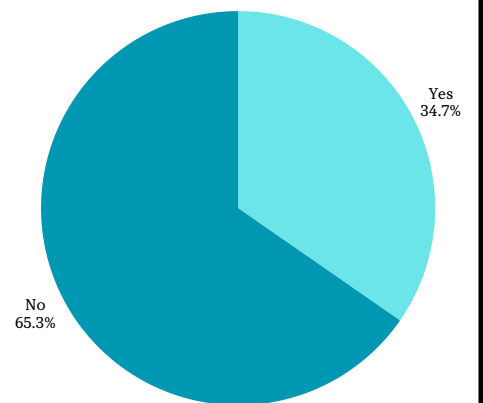
## Should we have longer summer holidays if it meant more hours in the school day?

What do you think? Now, if you said yes, you would have longer school days.



## Does pineapple belong on pizza?

The majority of people think pineapple doesn't belong on pizza. Do you agree?



# WHAT IS WORLD BOOK DAY?

By Clara

You may wonder why on Thursday the 6th of March, children all over Cambridge were dressing up as characters from different books. Well, I'm about to tell you.

World Book Day is an organisation to ensure that kids all over the country get to read **their way**, whether it's listening to an audiobook or just taking 10 - 15 minutes to read a book, however or whenever you want. You may even remember taking part in an activity for World Book Day at your old school. School Council decided who won certificates for their costumes.

## FUN FACTS

- Musician George Ezra wrote a World Book Day song to the tune of his hit single *Shotgun*
- The first World Book Day was on 23 April 1995
- 100 countries celebrate this special day
- The date for World Book Day was chosen because England's greatest wordsmith, William Shakespeare, died on this date in 1616. The U.K. and Ireland celebrate World Book Day on the first Thursday in March because the 23rd April sometimes clashes with Easter.

- The original idea for World Book Day was conceived in 1922 by Vicente Clavel, director of Cervantes Publishing House in Barcelona, as a way to honour author Miguel de Cervantes and boost the sales of books



On World Book Day, teachers dressed up too!

## ECO CLUB LATEST

By Clara

Do you remember our previous article when we mentioned a bit about the grant to encourage and support wildlife at St Paul's? We have made great progress. We've installed several bird feeders, a bird box, a bird bath, a solitary bee hive and a ladybird tower. The birds have found the food and have started to tuck in!

Our current focus is to increase the number of plants (particularly insect-friendly ones) in the school grounds. If you ever have any spare plants or seeds, you can give them to us.

If you want to join Eco Club, it's on a Friday lunchtime in The Wren's Nest.

## HOW TO DEFEND AN ANSWER

by Josiah



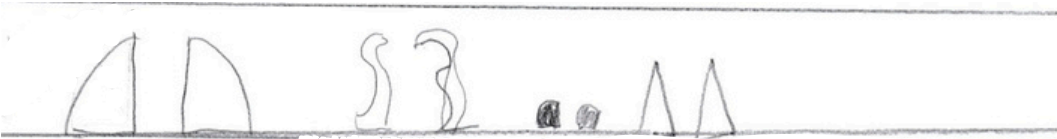
One of the new bird feeders

- ANSWERS TO HARRY POTTER QUIZ ON PAGE 7
1. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
  2. Eleven
  3. Peeves
  4. Seven
  5. Ginny Weasley
  6. Hermione Granger
  7. Hedwig
  8. Trevor the toad

MAKE A MONSTER

by Rosie

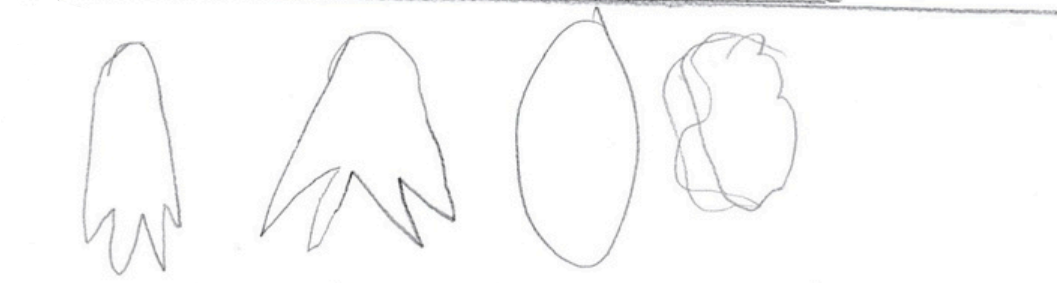
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FACE



BODY



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LEGS

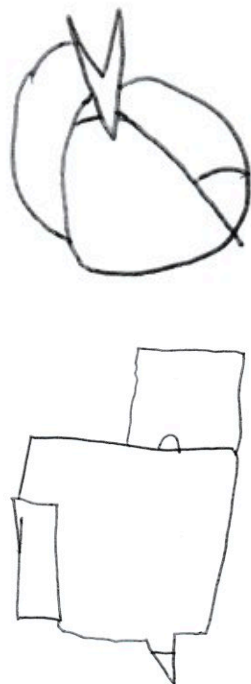


THE FOUR COLOUR CHALLENGE

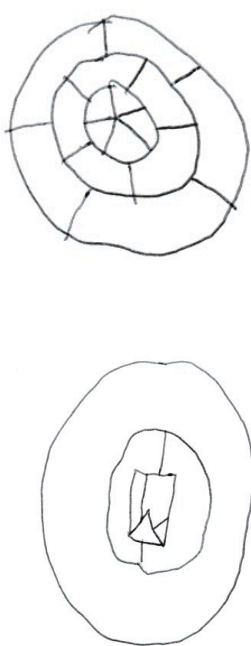
By Rory

Colour in these shapes using just four colours. Two bordering regions (points aren't borders) cannot be the same colour.

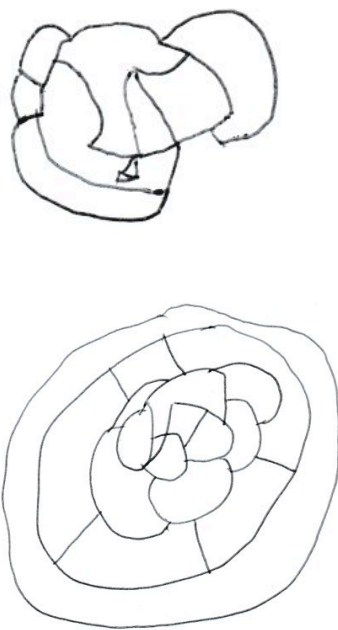
EASY



MEDIUM



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WORDSEARCH

by Rosie

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rabbit, cat, dog, tortoise, mouse, goldfish,  
hamster, gerbil

HARRY POTTER QUIZ

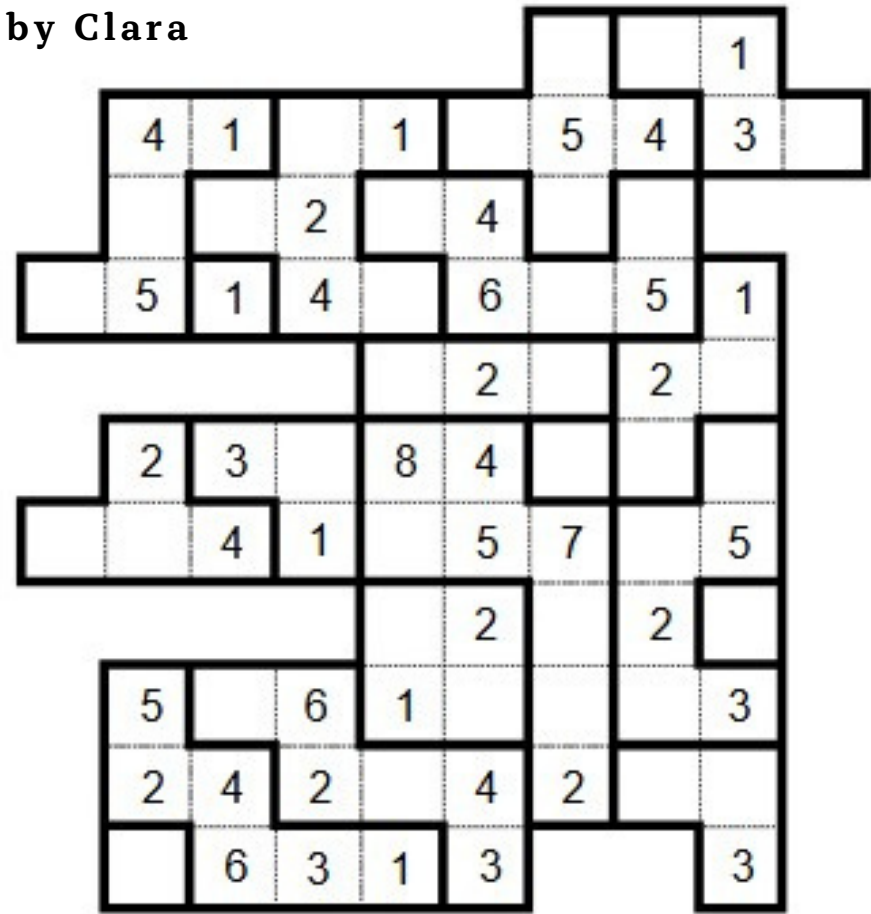
by Clara and Rosie

- 1.What book do Sirius Black and Remus Lupin first appear in?
- 2.How old are wizard children when they first get their letter inviting them to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
- 3.What is the name of the poltergeist that causes mischief in the corridors of Hogwarts?
- 4.How many books are there in the Harry Potter series?
- 5.Who marries Harry Potter?
- 6.Who marries Ron Weasley?
- 7.What’s the name of Harry Potter’s pet owl?
- 8.What’s the name of Neville Longbottom’s pet, and what type of animal is it?

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SUGURU

by Clara

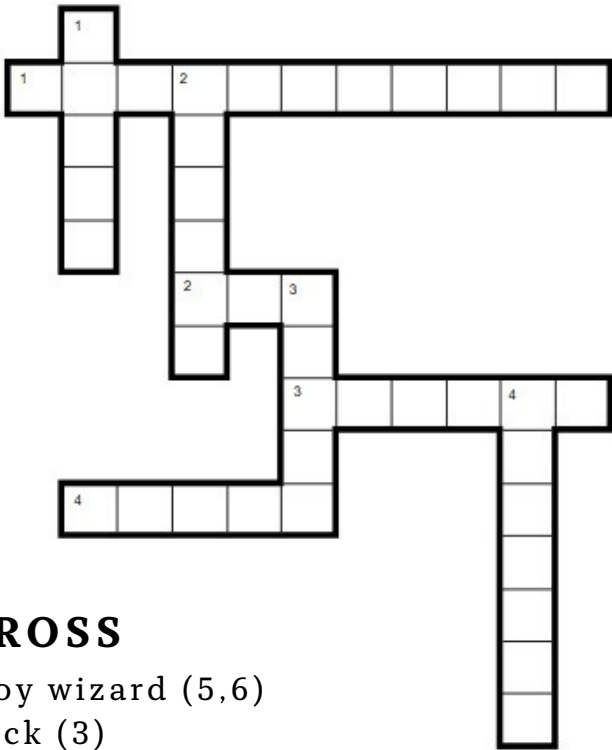


HOW TO PLAY

Every area surrounded by thick lines must contain the digits from 1 up to the number of squares within that area. Neighbouring squares (including diagonals) cannot contain the same digit.

CROSSWORD

by Clara



ACROSS

1. Boy wizard (5,6)
2. Sick (3)
3. Animal group (6)
4. Man and \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and chairs (5)
2. Hare or \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and lime (5)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln (7)

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# A DRAMATIC DAY OF FOOTBALL

By Arthur, Louis and Rohan

This term, St Paul's competed in an inter-school football tournament. This is how the day unfolded.

## The Coach Journey

When we got onto the minibus we were very excited for the tournament ahead. We were all questioning if it was going to be like last year (we had come second last). Throughout the journey, we were playing football games to prevent us from getting bored.

## Group Stages

The first game was nerve-racking but thankfully we won 3-0. After that, we were excited because we had already done better than last year. Sadly, we lost the next two games but we were placed in the Shield Cup.

## The Shield Games

In the quarter-finals (the first knockout matches) Louis scored four goals giving us a ticket to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, goals from Louis and Arthur took us to penalties. They and Ethan were selected to take shots against the goalkeeper and we managed to win! Arthur said: "I was really nervous beforehand, but pleased and relieved afterwards". The victory took us to the



finals of the Shield Cup.

## The finals

Louis scored a great goal leading the referee to award the other team (what we thought was) an unfair penalty. Our opponents then got a last minute goal which meant we came home with the runners-up trophy. We had a really great day, and want to thank our

fellow team mates, our coach Miss Brown, Mrs. Abrey and

our team sponsor, Maison Clement.



St Paul's footballers walk onto the pitch

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