

From the headteacher



Dear families,

We're Here to Help

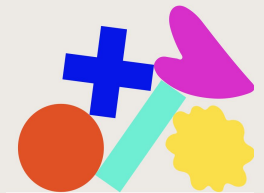
If your family needs any support – whether you need advice about homework, concerns about friendships, support with attendance, help with routines at home, or concerns about your child's well-being – please don't hesitate to reach out.

Your child's class teacher is always your first point of contact, but you're also very welcome to speak with me or any member of our Senior Leadership Team. We're here to listen and to work together to support your family.

You can catch us on the school gate, email your child's class teacher via the class email address, or email the office.

With warm wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Professional Development in English and Maths

This week, our English and Maths subject leaders attended external training to develop their expertise. We also welcomed our English adviser into school to monitor our progress in Writing, receiving positive feedback and clear next steps. Our in-house maths moderation took place, allowing teachers to collaborate and ensure consistency in assessment. These activities demonstrate our continued focus on high-quality teaching and learning.

Year 6 SATs Week

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May. We're incredibly proud of how hard they've worked this year and know they'll do their very best. To help them start each day feeling positive and energised, we'll be providing breakfast in school before the tests begin. This is a great opportunity for the children to relax together and feel supported by staff before the SATs take place. We're confident our Year 6 pupils are well-prepared and ready to show what they know. Good luck, Year 6 – we're all rooting for you!

It's been a week of celebration at St Paul's! I've had the pleasure of presenting gold cards to children across the school this week, recognising their hard work, perseverance and achievements. It's always a joy to see the pride on their faces – and to share these special moments with them.

We've also been celebrating birthdays across our school community, with each member of staff and every child receiving a birthday card lovingly made by one of our talented pupils. St Paul's is a special place – where everyone is valued and celebrated as part of our school family.



Rabbit class news

This term we have been exploring the Mediterranean region and more specifically, Italy. We have created adverts, encouraging tourists to visit and enjoy the delights of this part of the world. Judging by Rabbits' responses to this activity, it is safe to say that they are very taken with the culinary delights that are on offer - pizza and ice cream! Last week we created picture maps of Italy, identifying famous geological features and landmarks. Some of us took the opportunity to rename The Leaning Tower of Pisa and changed it to The Leaning Tower of Pizza!

We have also begun our swimming lessons, which are going well. In maths, two topics that we have/are learning about are money and time and I would encourage parents of Rabbit Class to talk to their children about these and give them responsibilities to encourage them to use of their skills and knowledge in these areas.



Useful dates

Summer Term 2026
Tuesday 14th April -
Friday 17th July 2026

WB 11 May - Year 6 SATs

Thurs 21 May - KS1 Sports day

Fri 22 May - KS2 Sports day

Half term - week beginning Monday 25th May

Attendance Matters!

Every Day Counts This Summer Term

As we head into summer, we want to remind you why regular attendance remains so important for your child.

This term is crucial for:

- Securing learning** – Consolidating the skills needed for next year
- End of year assessments** – Helping us plan your child's next steps
- Special events** – Sports days, trips, performances and celebrations
- Friendships** – Precious final weeks with classmates and teachers

Looking ahead: We know summer can bring temptations to extend holidays or take time off, but every day of learning matters. Missing school now can impact your child's readiness for September.

Need support? If your child feels anxious or worried about attending school, please speak with us. We're here to work with you to put the right support in place.

Good attendance is a partnership. If you have any concerns, please contact me or your child's class teacher.

Let's talk attendance!

