

From the headteacher



Dear families,

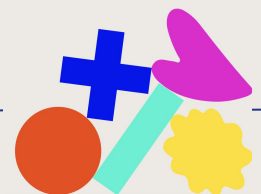
This week, I attended a refresher course on Therapeutic Thinking, which was incredibly valuable in helping us refine our current practice here at school. Therapeutic Thinking is an approach that helps us better understand and support children's emotional wellbeing and behaviour. The course reinforced our commitment to creating a nurturing environment where every child feels safe, understood and able to thrive.

This approach underpins how we respond to children's needs with empathy and consistency, helping them develop the skills to manage their emotions and build positive relationships. It's an important part of our whole-school commitment to supporting not just academic progress, but the personal development and mental wellbeing of every child in our care.

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend and get the chance to relax and spend quality time with your families. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, refreshed and ready for another busy week at St Paul's.

With warm wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Newspaper club have been busy interviewing authors from the Cambridge Literary Festival. The children discovered what makes a good story (from Loki author Louie Stowell), why reading voraciously gives you lots of ideas (from How to Become a Genius in a Year author Mike Rampton) and why history is often funny but also super important to know (from Athena Kugblenu of History's Most Epic Fails). Make sure to read the summer issue of The Epistle in July to find out more!

NSPCC workshops were run on Monday this week. The children watched an educational video and listened as two members of the charity explained the importance of 'speak out stay safe'. The children were encouraged and empowered to seek help and discussed the types of situations that may require them to do so. They also talked about the support available through Childline's free, confidential hotline.

EYFS and KS1 TA training was delivered by an educational specialist. It focused on using positive learning strategies to engage children in play and activities.

Year 5 Bikeability was a great success. The children were excited to practise their skills and proficiency around the local Cambridge streets.

Robin class enjoyed a fabulous storytelling session with Victoria Goodman.



Squirrel class news

Dear parents and caregivers, Happy Friday!!!!

Here is an update on what the Squirrel class are getting up to:

English: We are writing to Inform using Odd and the Frost Giants, (a book about a viking boy) as inspiration. We are all intrigued by the book and have begun learning about the Viking Gods and Goddesses.

Handwriting/spelling: We are focussing on slowing down and tidying up our handwriting using the year 4 statutory spelling words list as a guide.

Science: We have delved into conservation. We have been looking at deforestation and will be exploring air pollution next week.

Maths: We are having a big push on our times tables and basic facts, speeding up our recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been learning about decimal tenths and hundredths and are now linking that knowledge to money. Next week we will be looking at time.

History: We have been having fun looking at the Norman Invasion, the battles involved and William the Conqueror after 1066.

Computing: We are improving our digital photo editing skills

PE: Dodgeball has been exceedingly popular, we are currently improving our athletics skills.

French: We have been learning the names of body parts and how to communicate with a Doctor if we need help.

RE: We have been learning about the Prophet Muhammed.

PSHE: We have been learning about how life is created. The class loved learning about the stages of growth of the foetus from conception to birth.

Enjoy your Bank Holiday Monday!

Warm Regards, Paul Toghill



Useful dates

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

Mon 4 May - Bank Holiday

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!

