

From the headteacher



Dear families,

What a wonderful week at St Pauls! Our values of wisdom, love and welcoming community have really come to life.

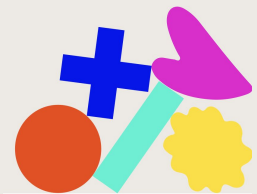
A huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 pupils who completed their Bikeability training this week. They showed tremendous determination and listened carefully as they learned crucial road safety skills. It was wonderful to see them grow in confidence and support one another brilliantly.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for coffee morning, it has reminded us that when families and school work together, our children truly flourish. These moments of connection strengthen our whole community.

The beautiful spring sunshine has been the perfect backdrop to a busy week – long may it continue!

With warm wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S



Pairing Collective Worship - Wednesday 22nd marked this year's 'Earth Day', so a fitting day for classes to pair up across the school for collective worship and an Earth focused debate. The child debated and discussed the statement 'We should look after our environment.'. There were some very thought provoking arguments both for and against the statement. Personal conclusions were they made by the children, based on the discussions they had held.

Blossom in Spring - Squirrel class ventured onto the school car park this week to take in the the beautiful sight of the blossom trees in bloom. They described the trees using their five senses, which supported their English learning with a calm real-life experience.

Bikeability - Children from Rabbit and Squirrel classes were welcomed into school along with their bikes this morning. They spent the morning or afternoon learning key skills for riding with confidence and safety. Year 5 are now eagerly looking forward to their own sessions next week!

Pupil Progress Meetings - Our termly pupil progress meetings allow us to review individual and group progress, identify curriculum gaps, and plan targeted support. Through collaborative discussions between teachers and senior leaders, we ensure every child receives the help they need to succeed.

Staff RE Training: Understanding Christianity - Our staff recently completed training on the 'Creation' unit from Understanding Christianity, ready for September. This professional development has equipped our team with fresh approaches and resources to deliver engaging RE lessons for our pupils.

Coffee Morning Success - Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent coffee morning. It was lovely to welcome parents into school for informal chats and strengthen our school community (as well as enjoying some lovely coffee and cake!). Please look out for future dates in the newsletter.



Otter class news

What a busy first week back for Otter class! We have been enjoying the sunshine, however sporadic it might be, and getting outside as much as we can! Thanks to a muddy afternoon of planting, our classroom is full of new life. We look forwards to seeing how our lettuces, sunflowers, runner beans and cress come along in the coming weeks.

In English, we are currently writing our own field guides for life on earth to give to an alien visitor and have embarked on some new work on statistics in maths. In PE, we have been advancing our tennis skills and, in history, we have travelled back to ancient Mesoamerica to meet the Maya. Although we are only just beginning the term, we have been very busy and continue to work hard!



Useful dates

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

Apr 27 - 30 - Year 5
Bikeability

Fri 1 May - Squirrel cake sale

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!

