

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

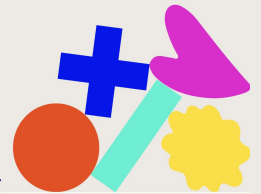
As we approach the end of the Spring term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our pupils have made this term. It has been a joy to see their enthusiasm and dedication to learning.

I would also like to extend our best wishes to Miss Abrey as she embarks on her maternity leave. We are excited for her and look forward to welcoming her back in the future. In the meantime, we are pleased to introduce Mr Toghill, who will be covering her leave during the summer term. We are confident that he will bring great energy and support to our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break filled with joy and relaxation. Thank you for your continued support!

Warm wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- Thank you for coming along to Parents' Evening! Your support and collaboration are invaluable as we work together to ensure the best for our children's education.
- Our recent Easter church service was a lovely occasion, with beautiful songs from the choir and Year 3, 4, and 5 production, alongside Easter crafts from our younger classes and Bible readings by Year 6.
- Our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter storytelling sessions led by Victoria Goodman, with some taking place in church and others at school, encouraging a wonderful sense of peace and reflection.
- Squirrel Class have been creating some fantastic endings to The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe.
- The Cyber Crime Team are offering a series of free webinars for parents and carers. Recommended to parents/carers of Year 5 and above - or get ready early! Sign up here: https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/0/9/1/4/1/3/files/75664_parents-webinar-flyer-v2.pdf?dm_i=6QFI,1C5JP,72ZGS6,69PNR,1,0,0,0
- Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a science lecture at the University of Cambridge science department. The lecture was entitled 'It's a gas' and involved lots of loud 'explosions'!
- Year 6 enjoyed a great day out last week at The Tower of London to end our topic on 'Crime and Punishment'.
- St Paul's have been awarded a 'distinction' PE award for their by AfPE!



Robin class news

Robin Class really enjoyed their trip to the church this week. They had been practising their singing and had decorated crosses to share during the Easter service. We really appreciated all the parents who walked to the church with us - Thank you.

We had fun earlier this week, designing and making a chair for Baby Bear. We investigated different sorts of chairs, and what made a chair 'just right'. We then tested different shapes to see which were the strongest, before creating chairs from cylinders of paper. Baby Bear then tried them out!

We have been growing beans in a bag this half term, and the children have been very excited to see the changes to our beans. First they spotted roots, then the shoot and, before too long, the first leaves appeared. Some beanstalks were so tall that we were worried there might be a giant's castle at the top!

We have been enjoying the book 'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen. Some of the children have created stories of their own in the same style. Others have been designing their own hats or trying to work out where a hat might have been left.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter break.



Useful dates

Fri 27 Mar - PTFA Easter event after school (in the courtyard)

Fri 27 Mar - End of term

Mon 13 Apr - Training day

Tues 14 Apr - Children to start back at school

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

Half term - week beginning
Monday 25th May

Attendance Matters!

What Happens When Children Miss School - When children miss school, even for what seems like a short time, it can really add up. Rather than thinking in percentages, it helps to think in terms of days or sessions missed. For example, 90% attendance might sound good, but it actually means your child has missed 1 in every 10 lessons, that's approximately 4 weeks of learning across a whole school year!

Every day your child misses, they miss out on:

- **Important learning** – Each lesson builds on the one before, and gaps can be hard to fill later
- **Time with friends** – Friendships grow stronger through playing and learning together every day
- **Fun activities** – Special events, exciting new topics, and activities that make learning enjoyable
- **Feeling part of our school family** – Being here regularly helps children feel settled, confident and happy

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or your child's class teacher.

Let's talk
attendance!

