

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

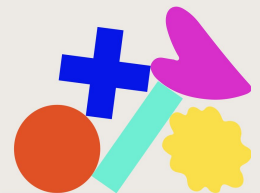
What a wonderful evening and morning we've had at our "Lights! Camel! Action!" nativity performance! I was absolutely delighted to see every child shine on stage — learning all their words, dancing with such enthusiasm and confidence, and singing from the heart. A huge well done to every single child for their hard work and bravery.

A huge thank you goes to all our staff members who worked so hard behind the scenes — from directing and music, to staging and organisation. And thank you, too, to our fantastic audience whose cheers and applause made the performance even more special.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed raffle prizes today. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and each prize will be added to our hampers to be raffled off at the Christmas disco. It's been great seeing all the children (and some adults) in their pyjamas today!

Warm regards,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- The focus last week in multisports was the fundamentals of football. The children have been working on a range of skills and sports since September and have been really eager to learn whilst asking 'What's the plan in multisports this week?' every lunchtime leading up to it!
- Squirrel class have begun exploring the book: Winter's Child and are looking forward to creating their own sequel.
- We are looking forward to the final two weeks of term with lots of festive activities planned from Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and our Christmas service.



Badger class news

Wow, What a Fantastic Performance!

What an incredible evening we had at St Paul's with the performance of "Lights! Camel! Action!" Our talented students from Badger (and Robin Class) truly shone on stage, showcasing their hard work, creativity, and teamwork. The festive atmosphere was great.

The preparation for this performance involved countless rehearsals, where students honed their public speaking and collaboration skills. They learned the importance of dedication and perseverance, which are invaluable lessons that extend beyond the classroom.

This performance not only highlighted the artistic talents of our students but also reinforced our commitment to fostering a vibrant school culture that celebrates creativity and community spirit.

Toys in Space and Maths Learning

This term, our students are embarking on an exciting journey with the "Toys in Space" writing unit! This imaginative storytelling theme allows children to explore their creativity while developing essential literacy skills. As they craft their narratives, students will learn about narrative structure and character development, which are crucial components of effective writing. We can't wait to see the fantastic stories they create!

In maths, we are diving into shapes, connecting this learning to real-world applications that enhance spatial awareness and problem-solving skills. To make this learning even more engaging, we invite families to participate in a holiday shape scavenger hunt! This fun activity will encourage parents and children to explore their surroundings and identify shapes in everyday objects, reinforcing the concepts learned in class.

Useful dates Attendance Matters!

Autumn Term 2025
Wednesday 3rd Sept 2025 -
Friday 19th Dec 2025

Dates for your diary

Thurs 11 Dec - Christmas
jumper day

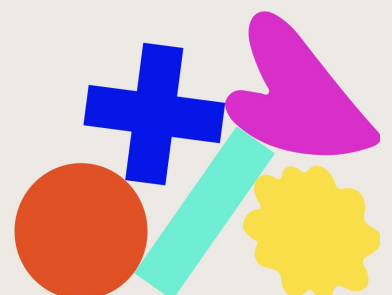
Fri 12 Dec - History day (Y5)

Wed 17 Dec - Christmas
dinner

Thurs 18 Dec - Christmas
service

Good attendance is essential for your child's learning and progress. We work hard to build strong relationships with families, understand barriers to attendance, and provide support where needed. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly. We place high priority on improving attendance and work closely with families to address any difficulties. **If your child is struggling to attend, please contact us early so we can work together to find solutions.** We're here to understand what makes attendance difficult and provide tailored support. Every day in school counts towards your child's success and wellbeing.

Let's talk
attendance!



Getting your child the right support when needed...

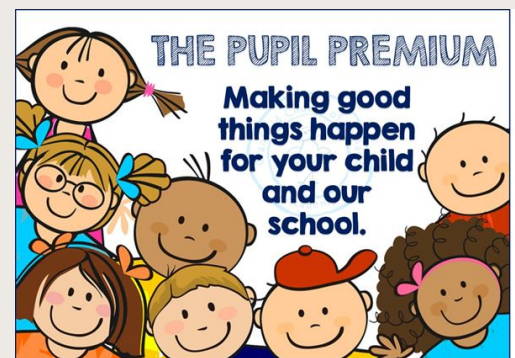
Pupil Premium and Free School Meals.

Checking whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) is quick, confidential, and can make a real difference to their education. Even if your child chooses not to take the meal, simply being registered can bring valuable **Pupil Premium funding** into the school. This additional money is used to provide extra support, resources, and opportunities that directly benefit children—such as smaller group work, academic interventions, enrichment activities, and wellbeing support. By taking a moment to apply, you could help unlock funding that strengthens your child's learning and benefits the whole school community.

We encourage you to check your eligibility

here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

No matter which year group you are in, this funding can begin to support your child and the school when they first join us. If you are not sure, please either ask or submit an application to see if you are eligible.



Young Carers

Letting your school know that you are a young carer can make a big difference to your wellbeing and success at school. When staff understand the responsibilities you have at home, they can offer the right support—such as extra time for homework, someone to talk to, or flexibility when things become difficult. Schools can also connect you with helpful services, clubs, or young carer groups so you don't feel alone. Sharing your situation doesn't mean you'll be judged; it simply helps the school make sure you're treated fairly, understood, and given the support you need to balance caring with your education and your own wellbeing.

If you believe your child is a young carer, please do reach out to Mrs Thake who can offer support as and when needed.

IS THIS YOU?



"My Mum is sick.
I have to stay home
from school some
days to help her."

"I have to make sure
Dad takes his
medication each
morning and night-
time."

"I need to make sure
my younger brother
and sister get ready
for school"

SIBS

Sibs is a UK charity that supports **siblings of children and adults with disabilities, long-term health conditions, or additional needs**. They provide information, advice, and emotional support for both young siblings and adult siblings, helping them deal with the challenges and responsibilities that can come with having a brother or sister who needs extra care. Sibs also works with schools and professionals to raise awareness and make sure siblings get the understanding and support they need.

If your child has a sibling with disabilities, long term health conditions or additional needs, please do let us know. Mrs Thake would be your first point of contact.

Collective worship theme

Advent

As we move through the busy weeks leading up to Christmas, life can begin to feel a little bit like a jar of muddy water. When the jar is shaken, everything inside swirls around so fast that it's almost impossible to see clearly. Sometimes our days can feel like that too—full of rushing, noise, lists to remember, and places to be.

At school, children have lessons, clubs, friendships and activities. At home, grown-ups juggle work, chores, cooking, and all the extra preparations that December brings. It's no surprise that things can feel a bit “muddy” for all of us!

But something special happens when we let the jar settle. The water becomes clear again. In the same way, when we give ourselves a moment to stop and be still, even for just one minute, our minds can settle too. We notice our thoughts, our feelings, and the peace that quietness can bring.

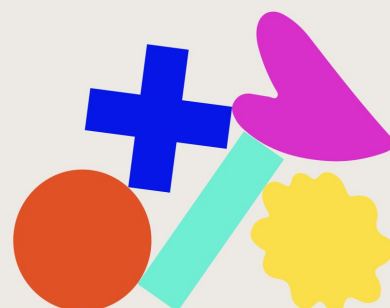
At the end of November, Christians begin the season of **Advent**—a time of waiting and preparing for Christmas. Each week, a candle is lit in churches to remind people of hope, peace, joy and love. The very first candle is the **candle of hope**, a reminder that even in busy or muddled times, light can shine through.

As we head towards Christmas with all its excitement, let's remember to make small spaces for calm. A quiet moment. A deep breath. A chance to pause and notice the light and peace around us.

This Advent, may your homes and hearts find moments of stillness—like the settling of the jar—where peace can gently shine through.

Please do read more about our school's values...

[St. Paul's vision and values](#)



Christmas

at St Paul's 2025

Christmas Nativity (Robin and Badger class)

Thursday 4th December - Children arrive at 5.30pm and performance starts at 6pm.

Friday 5th December - Performance starts at 9.30am.

Tickets available here: <https://forms.gle/nAZDUhxiaHRtV3Uv9>

Pyjama Day

Friday 5th December

Children can come to school in their pyjamas or lounge wear for this day.

Please bring a donation of a raffle prize.

Christmas Jumper Day (on top of school uniform)

Thursday 11th December

Sparkle and Shine Day

Friday 12th December

Come to school in your most sparkly outfit. Please bring a donation of a raffle prize.

PTFA School Disco at St Paul's Church

Friday 12th December

St Paul's Christmas Lunch - you will be able to book on School Grid closer to the day.

Wednesday 17th December

Church Service at St Paul's church starting at 9.15am

Thursday 18th December

We will require parent volunteers to support with walking to church for this event.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/9tSVAksvpL4jj5gK9>

Last day of term - full day

Friday 19th December - We wish you a very Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS