

From the headteacher

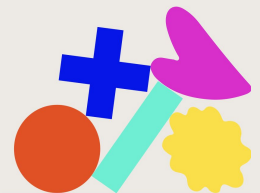


Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Year 5 pupil worship leaders have been busy taking their next steps in developing confidence and leadership. We were delighted to welcome Rev. Imogen into school to guide them through their training. Together, they explored how to open and close collective worship with meaning and respect, and they practised reading aloud with clarity and confidence.

The children approached the experience with real enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see them developing in their roles. We look forward to watching them lead our school collective worship over the coming weeks.

Warm regards,
Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- Squirrels have begun exploring podcasts - creating a script, recording, editing and adding sound effects!
- The library is a calm and welcoming space in the school and is very well used by every class each week. There is a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books to choose from and we have a thriving community of readers who recommend titles and authors. This year we are fortunate to have four excellent helpers from year 6 who tidy shelves, clean, repair and classify books. The library is decorated with photos of all kinds of practical activities like cooking, sewing, drawing and craft activities, all of which have been learned by the children borrowing library books. We are very proud of our readers and our beautiful library!
- A couple of weeks ago we had the poppy appeal. We raised £90.35 which went towards £2175.73 which was raised by the Cambridge schools - thank you for your support.
- Congratulations to Hildi in Year 3 who was one of the runners up in Daniel Zeichner Christmas card competition!

We continue to look for someone to fill our school administrator post. If you know or think of anyone, please share our link to the advert: [School Administrator My New Term](#)



Rabbit class news

Having survived the Stone Age, we have been immersing ourselves in the Bronze Age. Learning about the advancements that were made by the people living in Britain at this time and questioning the purpose of Stonehenge.

In our design and technology lessons, we have been exploring stable structures and how 2-D nets can create 3-D shapes. Using this understanding we designed and made our own Bronze Age roundhouses.

Here are our completed results.



Useful dates

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

Dates for your diary

Thurs 4 Dec - evening
Nativity performance
(R/Y1/Y2)

Fri 5 Dec - morning Nativity
Performance (R/Y1/Y2)

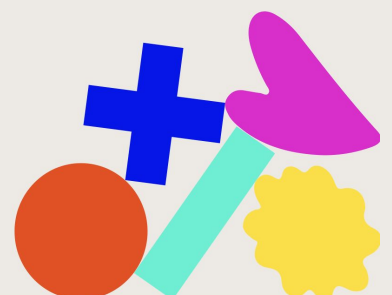
Thurs 11 Dec - Christmas
jumper day

Fri 12 Dec - History day (Y5)

Attendance Matters!

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!



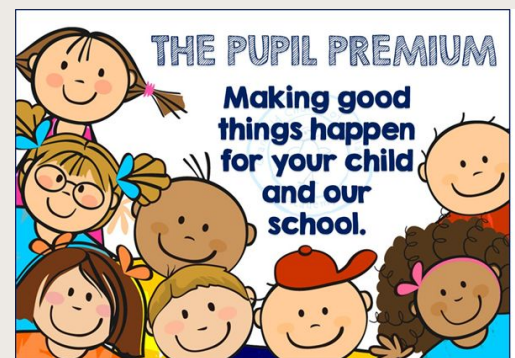
Getting your child the right support when needed...

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

“Bringing Peace”

This week in assembly, we have been thinking about **peace** — what it means, how it feels, and how we can share it with others.

We learned that peace isn't just a quiet moment (though those are lovely too!). It's the calm, kind feeling we get when people are caring, gentle, and respectful towards one another.

We also discovered the special symbol of peace — the **dove**. This gentle bird reminds us that peace often begins with simple, loving actions.

Why not take a moment today to pause and think:

- Where do I feel most peaceful?
- Who brings peace into my life?
- What could I do to bring peace to someone else?

It doesn't have to be a big gesture.

A smile, a helping hand, or inviting someone to join in your game can make a world of difference.

Every small act of kindness helps to make our school — and our world — a more peaceful place.

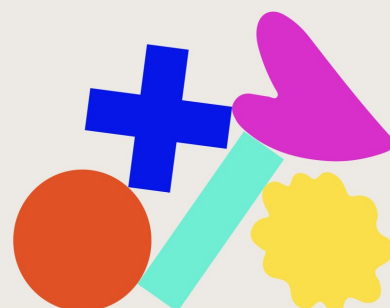
- What peaceful choice will you make today?

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

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



P E A C E



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