

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, it is an appropriate time to reflect on the remarkable progress our children have made. Each and every pupil has much to be proud of, and I know you will share in celebrating their achievements.

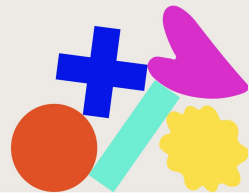
Whether your child joined our school only recently or has been part of our community for many years, every pupil has made a valuable contribution to school life. Through their enthusiasm, determination and kindness, they have enriched our community while making excellent progress in their academic learning and personal development. It has been a privilege to witness their growth, resilience and achievements throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have created a nurturing environment in which our children can thrive.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new families in September as we begin another exciting academic year together.

Warm regards,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- Children in Robin and Badger Classes enjoyed an exciting **drumming workshop** led by Henry, Mrs Morley's son, who shared his expertise in playing the djembe drum. The children learnt how to hold the drum correctly and explored different techniques used to create a variety of sounds. They practised keeping a steady pulse, experimented with different speeds and pitches, and developed their musical skills by learning and performing a range of rhythms. It was a fun, energetic and engaging experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed discovering the joy of making music together. A huge thank you to Henry for delivering such an inspiring workshop and sharing his talents with our pupils.
- The final week of term has been filled with **celebration, creativity and opportunities** for children to enjoy the many friendships they have built throughout the year. Across the school, pupils have taken part in a variety of end-of-year activities, including film afternoons, craft projects, puzzle-solving challenges, and designing their own maths games and PE activities. These experiences have provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on a successful year of learning while having fun together. **Our Year 6 pupils** also enjoyed a memorable Leavers' Assembly and celebration party, marking the end of their primary school journey. It has been a fitting way to celebrate their achievements, create lasting memories and wish them every success as they prepare for the exciting opportunities ahead.
- We would like to wish all **children and families moving onto different locations and new adventures** the very best for the future. We know you will continue to shine, and we have no doubt that your new schools and communities are fortunate to be welcoming such wonderful children and families. We wish you every success in this next chapter and hope you look back on your time with us with happy memories.
- **A parting note from Mrs Lennon:** As I prepare to return to my home school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, children, parents and governors of St Paul's for the warm welcome and unwavering support I have received over the past few months. It has been a genuine privilege to be part of such a caring and dedicated school community. The kindness, encouragement and sense of belonging shown to me have made my time here an unforgettable and immensely positive experience. I will leave with many wonderful memories and wish everyone at St Paul's continued success and happiness for the future.

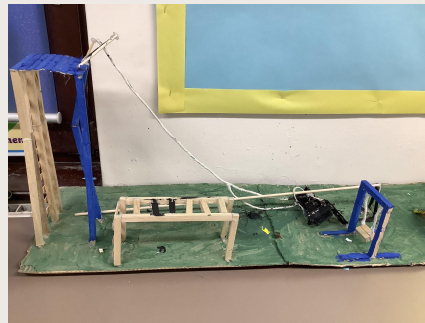
Hedgehog class news

It has been a great end to the year for Year 6 with the children showing their acting and singing talents in our production of Peter Pan alongside Year 5.

Year 6 carried out a DT project of designing and making a play park. They used the saws to cut the wood that they were using, drills to make holes and glue guns to stick things together. Our knowledge from PGL helped us to think of some of the activities that would be at our play park.

The children took part in a Leavers assembly to the whole school and parents. They shared their memories, wishes and thank yous speaking clearly. A few tears were shed and we would like to wish them and their well for the future.

The children had a Leavers party on Thursday after school where they took part in a quiz on 'Guess the baby'. Many thanks to the Year 6 parents for sending in photos of their children when they were younger. The children then enjoyed a water balloon fight on the field. Following this they had pizza and then played games.



Useful dates

Summer Holidays
Monday 20th July 2026

Autumn Term 2026
INSET DAYS Tuesday 1st
September 2026 &
Wednesday 2nd September
2026

SCHOOL BEGINS Tuesday 3rd
September 2026

Half Term Monday 26th
October - Friday 30th
October

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:

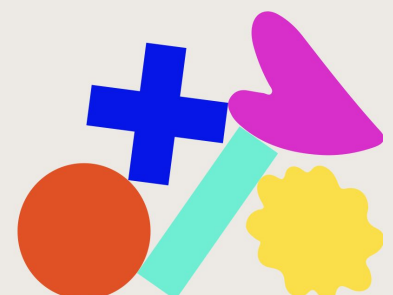
- Securing learning** – Consolidating the skills needed for next year
- End of year assessments** – Helping us plan your child's next steps
- Special events** – Sports days, trips, performances and celebrations
- Friendships** – Precious final weeks with classmates and teachers

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!



Other News

Sponsor Our School Newspaper!

We're looking for local businesses and supporters to sponsor our school newspaper.

For **£200**, you'll receive a **half-page advertisement** in one issue of the paper, designed by one of our talented children. Your sponsorship helps cover the cost of printing and supports our young journalists.

We publish **one issue each term**, so we're looking for **three sponsors each year** to keep the newspaper in print.

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to find out more, please get in touch with me. We'd love to hear from you!

See our most recent publications here:

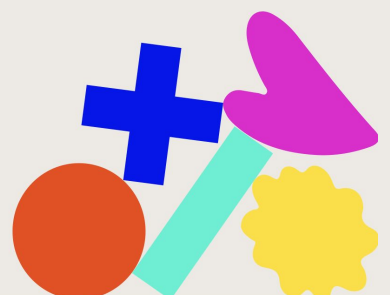
<https://www.stpauls.cambs.sch.uk/school-newspaper/>

Volunteers

Many of our lunchtime clubs are run by volunteers who generously share their time, skills, and interests with our pupils. If you'd like to support either our **Newspaper Club** or **Eco Club**, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Thake via the school office for more information.

We are also looking for keen volunteers who have an interest in Chess to support our chess club on a Friday morning. Please do let us know if this is something you can support....

As with all volunteer roles in school, safeguarding checks will need to be completed before you can begin.





The MANCHESTER CAROLS

*by Carol Ann Duffy &
Sasha Johnson Manning*

***A modern-day oratorio, reshaping
and modernising the Christmas story***

CALLING CHORUS MEMBERS!

- Recruiting in all voice parts
- Non-auditioned
- Some choral experience preferable

Chorus-only rehearsals:
Thursday evenings 7:30-
9:30pm (weekly from 3
September)

Full rehearsals:
afternoons of 5, 22, 29 Nov

Sign up to sing: music@stpaulscambridge.org.uk