

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

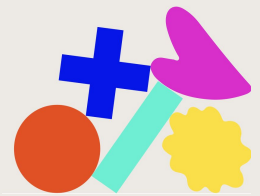
It's been a busy week at school! Our Year 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian Day, it was delightful to see all the children dressed up in their creative costumes. Their enthusiasm for learning about this fascinating era truly brought the subject to life!

Additionally, we had the pleasure of participating in a Labyrinth Day at school, organised by Rev Imogen and some wonderful members from the church. The church labyrinth is such a meaningful activity, providing our pupils with a unique opportunity for prayer and reflection on their life journeys. It was lovely to watch the children thoughtfully navigate the winding path, contemplating its significance and the importance of inner peace.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in enriching our children's educational experiences. Here's to more exciting adventures ahead!

Best wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- Year 4 have taken inspiration from the story FAR THER by Grahame Baker-Smith and have been writing their own story about a parent and child, they have written as the child telling the story of their relationship with their parent who is obsessed with creating something.
- Great under 5 minute video on how video games affect children's well being <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tC5PtenMC7U>
- Labyrinth day led by the church
- Year 6 greatly enjoyed making periscopes in their science lesson this week.



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](#)



Squirrel class news

Squirrel class had a very exciting day on Tuesday, we travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt when Tutankhaten (later renaming himself to Tutankhamun) was Pharaoh. We began by working on different stalls in the market place at Memphis. At these stalls we used ink on papyrus to write in hieroglyphics, ground flour to create bread, carved sacred scarab beetles (bars of soap), used clay to create canopic jars (used to store organs of the dead), scarab beetle bracelets to bring us good fortune from the Gods and shabti figurines which were models Ancient Egyptians believed provided Pharaoh's with slaves in the afterlife. We also created perfume bowls using clay pots filled with herbs and spices in addition to wax. These would be placed on the head and would melt over the hair to create a nice smell!

Alongside the market our guards went out on patrol with their bows, spears and shields to ensure no one was invading the city.

In the afternoon, we spent time preparing for the Opet festival where we had groups of dancers, actors performing a play on Isis and Osiris, the Apis bull predicting the future for the year, slaves serving food and of course the guest of honour Pharaoh Tutankhamun and Queen Ankhesenamun along with their fan bearers and royal guard. The festival was fantastic and our Pharaoh and Queen blessed every member of the festival as they'd worked so hard.

Many thanks to our parent volunteers, without whom the day would not have run so brilliantly.



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)

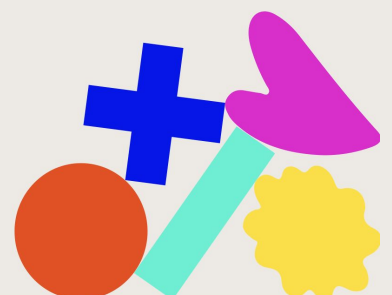
Thurs 11 Dec - Christmas
jumper day

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...

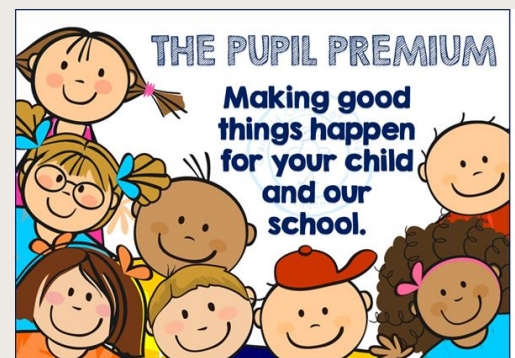
Pupil Premium and Free School Meals.

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

Friendship and Happiness

This week we explored the question: What is happiness?

The children shared many ideas, but we agreed that real happiness often comes from friendship, kindness and being with others, not from things we own.

We heard a story about children in a Brazilian village who chose to run together and share a prize rather than compete. When asked why, one child said:

“How can one of us be happy if the others are sad?”

The Bible story of the feeding of the 5,000, tells us about a boy who shared his small picnic of loaves and fishes and Jesus used it to help feed a huge crowd. This helps us to reflect on how even small acts of sharing can make a big difference.

This reminded us that happiness grows when we include others and look out for one another.

We also reflected on times when being a good friend—or having one—made us feel truly happy. As we were reminded:

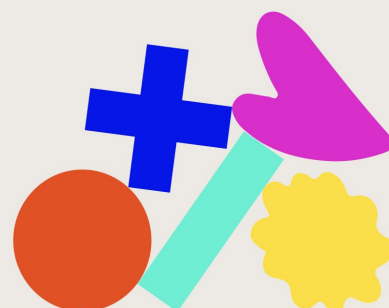
“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”

A short thought for home:

Think together about a time when sharing or kindness made someone smile.

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