

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has definitely been a bit wet and grey, but our spirits were lifted by a fantastic visit from Pudsey! It was brilliant to see all the children dressed in their spots, bringing joy and cheer for such a good cause.

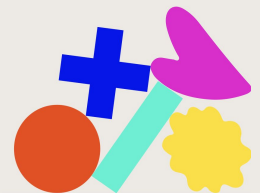
It was wonderful to hear our talented musicians playing the piano, coming in and out for collective worship. Their energy and enthusiasm brightened even the gloomiest of days!

I'm also excited to share that we've successfully filled our office administrator role. We can't wait for them to join our team and contribute to our wonderful school community.

Thank you for all your support.

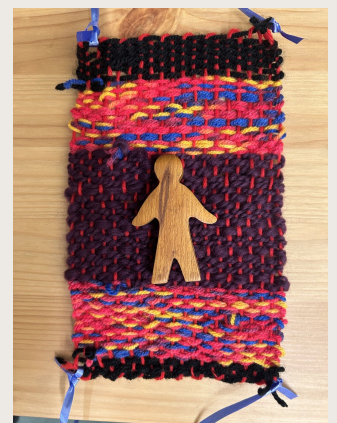
Warm regards,

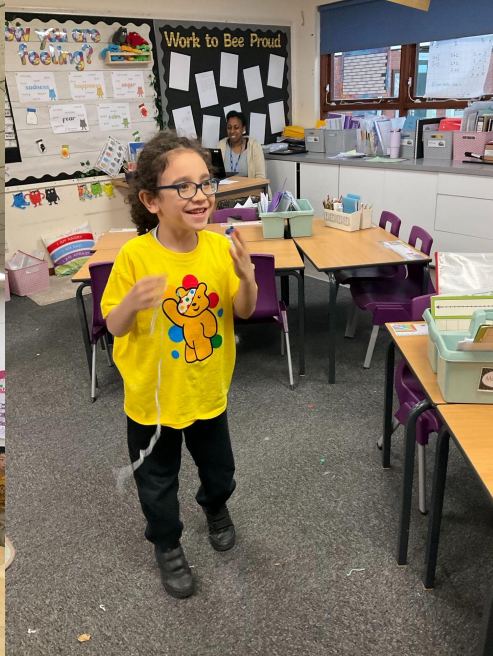
Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- Year 4 are enjoying their writing text: FaRther by Grahame Baker-Smith, the book is all about dreams and Year 4 are beginning to work on their own dream sequel story.
- In Worship Club have been weaving mats as a reminder of the story about Jesus healing the paralysed man. The man was lowered on his mat through the roof by his four friends.
- Today was Children in Need - we were fortunate that Pudsey was able to visit us and even join us for a dance session!
- The children have been thinking about Anti-bullying this week - Power for Good
- The PTFA met this week to discuss future events as well as funding priorities
- We welcomed many prospective families at our Open Afternoon - it was lovely to talk to families about our school and be able to share what is special about St. Paul's





Otter class news

It has been another busy week for Otter class as we settle back in to our learning after half-term. In English, we have been learning all about Mars as we explore the book 'Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover'. Otters have been really excited to learn as much as possible about the red planet and are working hard towards their newspaper articles which we will produce next week.

In science, we have moved from physics to biology; exploring mammals including humans. Otter class have been comparing the life cycles of different mammals and have started to make observations and predictions about why some mammals have longer gestation periods than others.

In computing, we have started work on our digital media unit; using iPads to plan, film and later edit videos all about the famous Victorians that we researched before the break. We are going to use these videos to settle the debate: who was the most influential Victorian?

As usual, we have been working really hard in maths as we take our understanding of fractions further. Otter class has been putting their multiplication skills to good use, as we learn how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.

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)

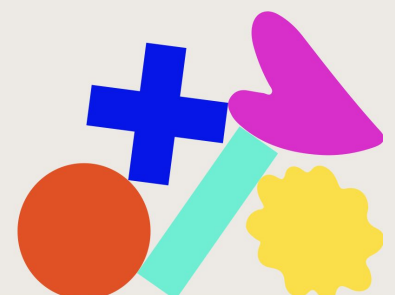
Thurs 11 Dec - Christmas
jumper day

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!





Collective worship theme

Anti-bullying week - Power for Good

This week, we are joining schools across the country to mark Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme “**Power for Good**”.

As a Church of England school, we believe that everyone has the power to make a positive difference. Our school values of wisdom, love, and a welcoming community remind us how to use that power each day.

Wisdom helps us make good choices — to think before we speak or act, and to stand up for what is right.

Love encourages us to be kind, forgiving, and to show care for others, even when it's not easy.

A **welcoming community** means we include everyone, celebrate our differences, and make sure no one feels left out.

At home, you might like to talk about how you can use your own power for good this week — through kind words, helpful actions, or simply by being a good friend.

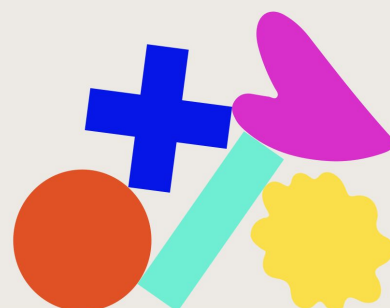
Together, guided by wisdom, love, and our welcoming community, we can make our school a place where everyone feels valued, safe, and loved. 🧡

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

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

[Anti-bullying week...](#)

[Anti-bullying alliance - Parents and Carers](#)



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: [Coming soon](#)

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: [Coming soon](#)

Last day of term - full day

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS