

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

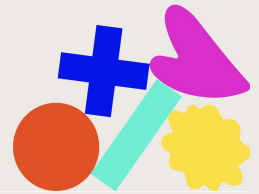
As we move through another busy term at St Paul's, I'm delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. Miss Abrey, our Squirrel Class teacher, is expecting her first child – a joyful milestone that we're all celebrating together.

Change is always part of school life, and whilst Miss Abrey will be taking maternity leave later this year, I want to reassure you that we're committed to ensuring a smooth transition for the children. Miss Abrey will be working closely with us to prepare the class, and we'll share detailed plans with you in advance so both you and your children feel fully supported and confident about the arrangements.

Squirrel Class continues to thrive, and we're looking forward to maintaining their excellent progress throughout this exciting time. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- Squirrel class have begun their dance PE sessions using Ancient Egypt as inspiration, this week focused on the Ancient Egyptian Gods and representing them through dance sequences performed in unison.
- The younger years have started learning their songs for Lights! Camel! Action - the Christmas Nativity. We are looking forward to learning the dances next week.
- We have had jnr chef come in today for a fabulous assembly this afternoon sharing their website where they have lots of delicious recipes designed for KS2 children to cook mostly independently and KS1 children with adult support - give it a go! <https://jnrchef.co.uk/st-pauls-school/> password: AvocadoKS2
- Eco club have used apples and seeds to make bird feeders which they have hung around the school.



Hedgehog class news

Hedgehog class have been very busy this week being authors. They have finished their own narrative based on the book 'The unforgotten coat' and then published their work. Following on from this, they have gone on to look at the book 'Stonewall'. This is a book where two buildings are the narrators! They have created a timeline of key events that happened in the book.

In maths, the children have been learning about fractions - placing them on number lines, comparing fractions through their denominators and then their numerators. To compare fractions with their denominators we learnt how to give the fractions a common denominator. With the numerators, we had to give the fractions the same numerator before we could compare them.

In science Hedgehog class have started to look at 'Light' and carried out a simple experiment to show that light travels in straight lines. The children also looked at diagrams of the eye and the various parts within an eye.

In history, the children carried on learning about the Blitz and how and why children were evacuated. The children then went on to write diary entries as an evacuee or wrote about what happened when people were evacuated.

Useful dates

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

Dates for your diary

5-10 Nov - Book Fair

Thurs 13 Nov - Open
afternoon

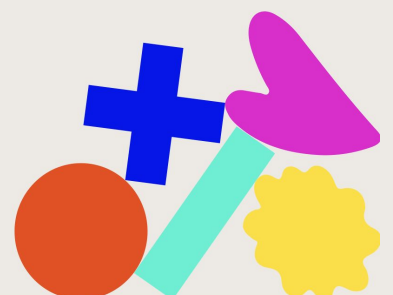
Mon 10 Nov - Flu
vaccinations

Tues 11 Nov - PTFA meeting

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

Building Relationships That Last

As we finish this week, let's think about something we often take for granted – our relationships with the people around us.

We live in a world where things are often thrown away too quickly. A toy breaks and we replace it. A gadget gets old and we buy a new one. But what about our friendships? Do we sometimes treat people the same way – giving up on them when things get difficult, or moving on to someone new when we feel like it?

The characteristics of friendships that lead to happiness and security include mutual respect, honesty, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences, and support with problems and difficulties. Most friendships have ups and downs, and these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened.

A thought to carry with you:

Think about one friendship that matters to you. When challenges arise – and they will – remember that working through difficulties can actually make a friendship stronger. How can we communicate effectively and manage conflict with kindness and respect? How can we be assertive and express our needs and boundaries whilst managing feelings, including disappointment and frustration?

We can build relationships that last – not by giving up when things are hard, but by showing patience, kindness and commitment to one another.

This week, let's challenge ourselves to:

Be patient with our friends when misunderstandings happen

Show kindness even when we feel frustrated

Remember that everyone deserves respect, even when we disagree

Value the people in our lives, not treat them as disposable

True friendship isn't about perfection – it's about commitment, care and choosing to stick together through the ups and downs.



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

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

Next week is Anti-bullying week...

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



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Thursday 16th October 2025
Thursday 13th November 2025
1.30pm - 3.00pm

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