

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

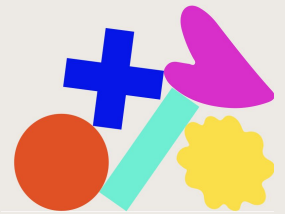
We have had yet another busy week here at school, filled with engaging projects that have captured the children's imaginations. It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity that our students display in their learning. Year 4 have demonstrated their creativity with their ancient Egyptian collars.

I would also like to take a moment to share some wonderful news. Mrs Thake is expecting her first child! We are all thrilled for her and wish her the best as she embarks on this beautiful journey of motherhood. Please join me in sending your warm wishes to her during this special time.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. We truly appreciate all that you do to help make our community vibrant and strong.

Best wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- The English advisor visited Mrs Thake on Tuesday and they completed a writing deep dive which included a learning walk, book look and lots of conversations about our practice.
- Year 4 have been exploring efficient subtraction methods, understanding when column subtraction is useful and when mental methods will be better.
- Thursday was the first of two open afternoons for prospective EY parents. We enjoyed welcoming familiar and new faces to tour around our school. Please do spread the word for our next open afternoon on Thursday 13th November.
- Miss Abrey enjoyed accompanying the Year 5 and 6s to swimming this week to see the fantastic progress they have made.



Badger class news

We have been delving into the text *The Wolves*, which has inspired us to enhance our understanding and appreciation of these fascinating creatures. The children have demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm, culminating in their writing of fact files about wolves. Their ability to articulate their knowledge so effectively is commendable. As we transition into our new writing unit, *Billy and the Beast*, we encourage you to discuss these stories at home, as it will further enrich their learning experience.

In addition to our literacy work, we have thoroughly enjoyed integrating outdoor learning into our science and art lessons this term. We have been exploring our senses in science, which has greatly enhanced the children's observational skills. In art, we have focused on drawing and exploring the outdoors. One of the highlights has been the creation of our own artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, which allowed the children to engage creatively with their natural environment.

We are particularly looking forward to our upcoming visit to the Botanical Gardens next week. During this trip, the children in year 1 and year 2 will have the opportunity to become tree explorers and create a minibeast home, further linking our curriculum to real-world experiences.



Useful dates

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

Dates for your diary

Tues 21 Oct - Year 1 and
Year 2 trip to the Botanic
Gardens

Fri 24 Oct - End of term

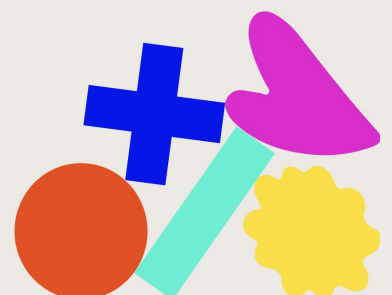
Attendance Matters!

As we begin this new term, I would like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance and punctuality for all students. Establishing good habits from the start lays a strong foundation for academic success. Consistent attendance ensures effective learning. Conversely, lateness can disrupt an individual's learning process.

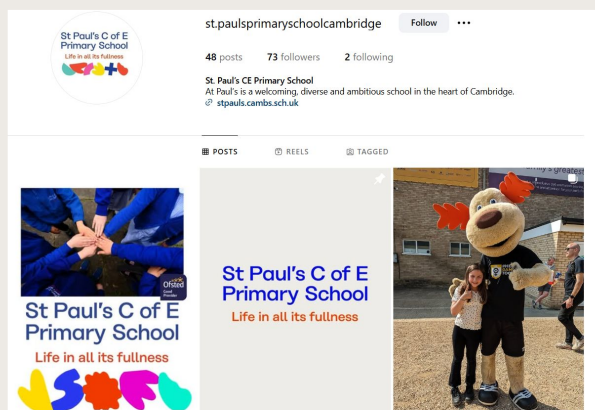
I encourage families to support their children in prioritising attendance and arriving on time. Together, we can ensure a productive and enriching educational experience for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Let's talk
attendance!



Other News



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We are Hiring!

School Office Administrator

Please do have a look at the office admin role that we are currently advertising for. Start date after October half term.

[School vacancies](#)

Collective worship theme

☀ How to Be a Good Learner ☀

At school, we talk a lot about learning — but being a good learner isn't just about getting the right answers. It's about how we grow, explore, and keep going, even when things feel tricky.

Good learners are curious. They ask questions like "Why?" and "How does this work?" They don't just accept information — they want to understand it.

Good learners don't give up when something feels hard. They know that making mistakes is part of the journey, and every mistake is a chance to get a little better.

Good learners are active. They listen carefully, join in, share their ideas, and aren't afraid to ask for help.

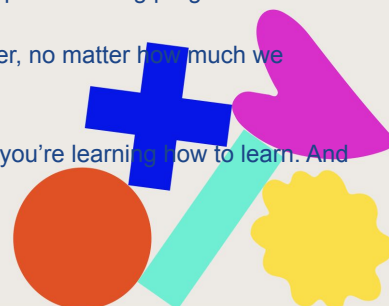
Good learners practise a little every day. Learning doesn't have to happen all at once — small steps lead to big progress.

And most importantly, good learners stay open-minded. There's always something new to discover, no matter how much we already know.

So next time you face something new or challenging, remember: you're not just learning facts — you're learning how to learn. And that's a superpower that lasts a lifetime.

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

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