

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well!

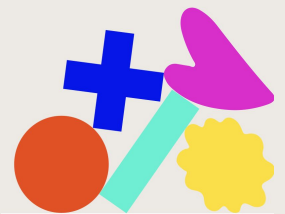
Please do come along to our International Lunch tomorrow from 12 to 2pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to try a variety of cuisines and celebrate the diverse cultures within our school community.

Additionally, I encourage you to share our Open Afternoon dates with your families (16 Oct and 13 Nov, 1.30 - 3pm). This is a fantastic chance for prospective parents to explore our school and see the incredible work our children are doing.

As always, your support makes a tremendous difference, and I appreciate all that you do. Wishing you all a lovely weekend filled with joy and relaxation.

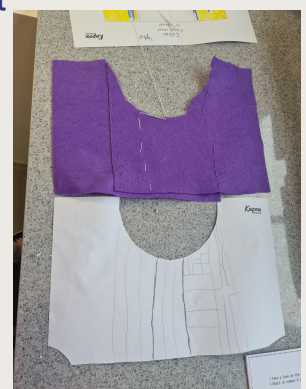
Best wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

- We held our Harvest festival at school, it was lovely to see so many families join us for this celebration. A huge thank you to everyone that donation food items for the Food bank.
- Our Maths adviser came into school to watch our 10 minute mental maths sessions and afterwards led training on teaching mental calculations
- It is always a pleasure to show families around the school. Please do share our Open Afternoon dates with families **Thursday 16 October and Thursday 13 November (1.30 - 3pm)**
- The children have been enjoying having more play equipment out at break times this week.
- All our clubs have got off to a great start, all are full and most have gone over the numbers we originally planned to give the opportunity for everyone to join if they want to.



Squirrel class news

Squirrel class have been busy with lots of different projects so far this year. We began the year working with Becky, the curate at St Paul's, who also works as a professional musical writer and composer. We considered the impact of the Creation story for Christians, then used this to focus on eco changes we should focus on in Cambridge. We were delighted to share this with our families at the end of the project.

We then moved onto a new music project: Rock and Roll, we have had great fun trying the 1950s hand jive, want a go? Check out this link!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lsz-iGL89so&t=7s>

We then moved on from enjoying listening to the music and the hand jive to 'walking the bass line', playing the bass line from Rock around the clock on the glockenspiels.

Our other creative project we have started in Year 4 is creating our own Ancient Egyptian collars, using the theme of ourselves in our designs. Here is some of our work so far!



Useful dates

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

Dates for your diary

Wed 1 Oct - Coffee morning
9am

Sat 4 Oct - International
Lunch 12-2pm - at school

Thurs 16 Oct - Open
afternoon - please a slot to
visit

Tues 21 Oct - Badger class
trip to the Botanic Gardens

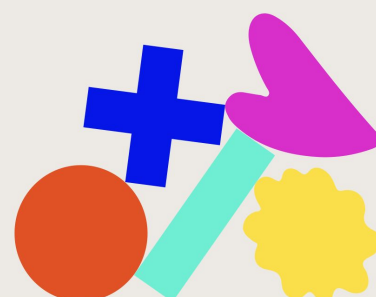
Attendance Matters!

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.

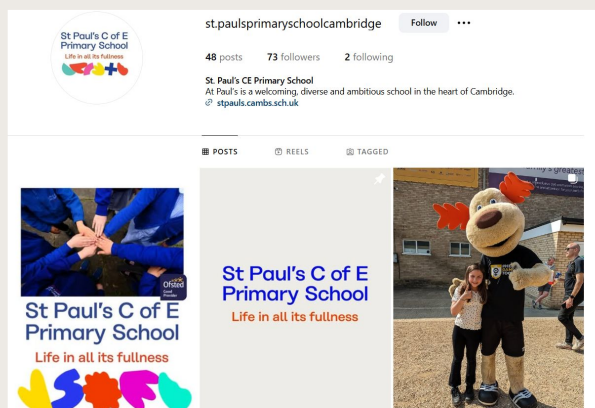
I encourage families to support their children in prioritising attendance and arriving on time. Together, we can ensure a productive and enriching educational experience for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Let's talk
attendance!



Other News



Instagram



Find us on Instagram at [st.paulsprimaryschoolcambridge](https://www.instagram.com/st.paulsprimaryschoolcambridge) where you can see photos from key events and reminders of upcoming events. #FollowUs #Insta #StPaul's #KeyEvents

Please share our posts widely! Let's see if we can reach 100 followers!

Collective worship theme

Harvest

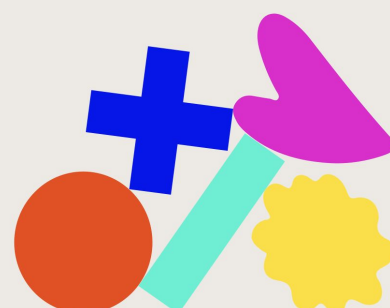
Harvest is a time for saying "thank you." We are thankful for the earth that grows our food, for the farmers who care for the land, and for the people who cook, sell and serve the food we eat. In the Bible, Christians read that God "crowns the year with bounty" (Psalm 65:11) — there is plenty to be grateful for. But harvest is also a reminder that not everyone has enough. At St. Paul's we celebrate harvest with joy, and also look outwards: collecting for local food banks, helping our neighbours, and caring for the environment so future harvests will flourish.

What can we do this week? We can name three things we're thankful for, plant a seed, make a small gift for someone in need, or tidy up our environment.

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our harvest collection — your kindness shows our values in action.

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

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



Celebrating Writing

During the first two weeks of term we completed a whole school writing root. Children across the school engaged with the book *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman. A wonderful text about change and diversity - bringing communities together. Our first subject showcase with our work is now on show and it shares writing from across the school.

Challenge for all...

Creating your own writing project fosters intrinsic motivation by allowing children to write for their own authentic purpose and express their unique voice - this leads to greater confidence and a lifelong love of writing.

This year, I would like to encourage you all to go out and buy your own special notebook and pen. Within this, creating your own writing projects. These could be stories, poems, diary entries, newspaper articles - the choice is up to you. We would love to see and share some of your writing projects in school later this year when you are ready to share!





St Paul's C of E
Primary School

Life in all its fullness

OPEN AFTERNOON

Book your school tour today at:
www.stpauls.cambs.sch.uk/open-afternoons
or call the school office for an
alternative date.

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

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Please share our poster with families and friends.
If you are able to display one in your front window, we
can print a poster for you to collect.