

From the headteacher

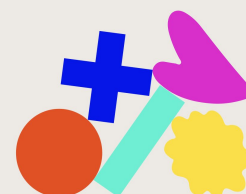


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another wonderful year at St Paul's, I'm delighted to share the exciting activities we have planned. Our Year 6 pupils are preparing for their next adventure with transition days to their secondary schools and a special move-up afternoon where all children will meet their new teachers. We're also looking forward to welcoming our newest members through stay and play sessions for our incoming Reception children. It's been a privilege to watch your children grow and thrive this year, and these final weeks promise to be memorable for everyone.

Warm regards,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Year 5 Visit to the Zoology Museum Our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic educational trip to the Zoology Museum, bringing their science learning to life. The children explored diverse collections and interactive displays that deepened their understanding of animal classification, adaptation and evolution. They asked thoughtful questions, demonstrated excellent behaviour as ambassadors for St Paul's, and returned buzzing with enthusiasm. A huge thank you to the museum staff and our staff and volunteers who made the trip such a success.

Welcome to Our New Reception Children We were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families to their first stay and play session. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners exploring their new classroom, making friends, and beginning to feel at home at St Paul's. These sessions help children become familiar with their learning environment and meet their teachers before September. We have another session planned next for week and look forward to getting to know all our new families.

Coffee Morning It was lovely see you at our end-of-term coffee morning – it was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents and governors in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Please do join us for refreshments and informal conversation at future coffee mornings, it's a great way to strengthen our school community. Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, you'll receive a warm welcome.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat We're excited to encourage all our pupils to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Cambridge libraries. The theme is 'Read to the Beat' – an adventure in stories, music and sound. Children can sign up from Saturday 4 July, read six library books during the holidays, collect stickers, and receive a certificate and medal when they finish. Reading over the summer helps prevent the 'summer slide' in literacy skills, so we hope as many children as possible will join in.



Badger class news

With the summer holidays in sight and change around the corner, we have been reflecting on our time in Badger class and looking forward to what the future might bring.

At the beginning of the week, we had a very special, final story session of the year delivered by Victoria. We considered how something is created, developed and built upon positively, before experiencing a great change. The children then designed their own stories from Victoria's story boxes - a firm favourite experience from this year.

To form the personal reflection section of their end of year reports, Badger class brainstormed the brilliant learning, play and development they have achieved this year. We thought of so many examples that the entire class white board was filled (and we continued to remember great experiences long after the session)! It was lovely to hear so many varied and cherish memories involving a wealth of aspects of school life: from studying books, books and more books, to football games at playtimes, to everything about our Maths lessons, to forming strong friendships, to filling the teamwork marble jar for reward time. Every member of Badger class should be incredibly proud of their journey this year.

We also thought ahead to next year and what it might have in store for us. The adventures and progress we might face, whether we are staying at St Paul's or moving moving further afield. Within this discussion, we considered what we wanted for ourselves; what we want to achieve in our futures and why.

Today, Badgers also began a DT sewing project. They found the sewing challenging, as well as relaxing and very rewarding. All children demonstrated super perseverance. Well done Badgers!

Useful dates

Summer Term 2026
Tuesday 14th April -
Friday 17th July 2026

Thurs 9 July - Year 6
performance, evening

Fri 10 July - Year 6
performance, morning

Wed 15 July - Informal
parent evening

Attendance Matters!

Every Day Counts This Summer Term

As we head into summer, we want to remind you why regular attendance remains so important for your child.

This term is crucial for:

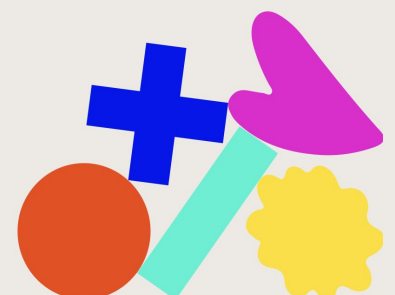
- Securing learning** – Consolidating the skills needed for next year
- End of year assessments** – Helping us plan your child's next steps
- Special events** – Sports days, trips, performances and celebrations
- Friendships** – Precious final weeks with classmates and teachers

Looking ahead: We know summer can bring temptations to extend holidays or take time off, but every day of learning matters. Missing school now can impact your child's readiness for September.

Need support? If your child feels anxious or worried about attending school, please speak with us. We're here to work with you to put the right support in place.

Good attendance is a partnership. If you have any concerns, please contact me or your child's class teacher.

Let's talk
attendance!





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