

From the headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we shared the class structure for September 2026. We are aware that this news will cause some concerns, worries and questions for many of you, and we want you to know that we understand and are here to support you through this transition.

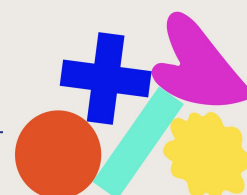
Thank you to those of you who have already contacted us with your questions – we really appreciate you taking the time to get in touch. We will get back to everyone individually next week. As questions are asked, we will continue to update our FAQs on the school website.

We know that changes like this can feel unsettling, particularly for our children. Please be assured that we have carefully considered this decision with your children's best interests at heart, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for everyone.

In the meantime, I hope you can all manage to enjoy the sunshine and have a lovely weekend with your families.

Warm regards,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Maths Mastery at Cambridge Maths School Some of our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic opportunity to attend a maths mastery class at Cambridge Maths School. This enrichment session allowed our pupils to deepen their mathematical understanding. The children returned full of enthusiasm. We're incredibly proud of how they represented St Paul's and embraced this wonderful learning opportunity. A huge thank you to Cambridge Maths School for hosting us!

Poetry Performance at the Corn Exchange We are thrilled to announce that three of our children's poems have been chosen to be performed at the Corn Exchange! These outstanding poems were written following an inspiring online session with the renowned children's author and poet, Michael Rosen. Our young poets worked incredibly hard to craft their pieces, and we couldn't be prouder to see their creativity recognised in this way. Well done to our talented writers!

Musical Inspiration in Cambridge Our Year 3 and Year 5 children had a wonderful cultural experience this week when they attended a concert in Cambridge. The children came back buzzing with excitement, telling us how good it was! Experiences like these help to broaden our pupils' horizons and inspire a love of music and the arts. It's fantastic to see our children so engaged and enthusiastic about live performance. Thank you to all the staff who organised and accompanied the trip, and to the children for their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. Thank you to our parent volunteers for supporting the trip.



Squirrel class news

Happy Friday!!!!

We have been busy doing assessments this week. We have been learning how to do well at assessments by reading the questions carefully and checking our answers at the end if we have time.

Here is an update on what the Squirrel class are getting up to:

English: We are writing to Persuade using 'The Baker by the Sea', (a book about an English fishing community) as inspiration. We have all begun writing a brochure for the village.

Handwriting/spelling: We are focusing on slowing down and tidying up our handwriting using the year 3-6 statutory spelling words list as a guide.

Science: We have been looking at the teeth and the human digestive system. Talk with your child; can they describe the different types of teeth we have, and the journey food takes from the mouth to the toilet?

Maths: We are continuing a big push on our times tables and basic facts, speeding up our recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been learning about statistics, shapes and coordinates.

Geography: We have been looking at settlements and what was needed to have a successful settlement during Norman times.

Computing: We are improving our digital photo editing skills

PE: We are having oodles of fun developing our throwing, catching and batting with Kwik Cricket, as well as volleyball and of course dodgeball.

French: We have been learning about the seasons and in particular the summer.

RE: We have been learning about the Sikhism.

PSHE: We have been learning about feelings and how to read the feelings of others. We have looked at Mindful CBT (by analysing our thoughts to see if they are actually true, we can flip negative thoughts to positive ones). Squirrel class can see how: Positive thoughts influence positive feelings and positive actions. Negative thoughts influence negative feelings and negative actions

Art: We have been looking at Festival feasts, planning and designing sculptures of food.

Warm Regards,

Paul Toghil



Useful dates

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

Sat 27 Jun - Summer Fair
11-2pm

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!

