

From the headteacher



Dear families,

Important Road Safety Reminder

I have been notified of several 'close calls' involving our children near the school. These incidents are extremely concerning and highlight the need for us all to reinforce road safety messages.

Please talk to your children about:

Stop, Look, Listen, Think – Always stop at the kerb, look both ways, listen for traffic, and think before crossing

Using pedestrian crossings where available

Never running near or across roads – always walk and stay alert

Cycling safely – dismounting at busy junctions, looking carefully before entering the road, and being visible to drivers

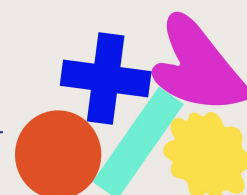
Staying focused – not using phones or being distracted when near traffic

What we're doing in school:

We will be reinforcing these messages through assemblies and class discussions. However, your conversations at home are vital – children are much more likely to follow road safety rules when they hear consistent messages from both school and home.

With warm wishes,

Helen Darrell



THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Our Year 4 pupils completed their multiplication tables check this week, which tests their knowledge of times tables up to 12. The children answered 25 questions on-screen, with 6 seconds to answer each question. We're proud of how well all our Year 4s approached this assessment. Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Our Year 1 pupils have also completed their phonics screening check. This statutory assessment helps us understand how well children can use their phonics knowledge to read words. The children worked hard during the check and showed great confidence in applying their phonics skills. We're proud of how all our Year 1s approached this important assessment.

Visit from Daniel Zeichner MP - We were delighted to welcome Daniel Zeichner, our local MP, to St Paul's recently. Mr Zeichner spent time chatting with our Senior Leadership Team about the school and our priorities, and then joined Badger Class to answer questions from the children. The pupils asked some thoughtful and engaging questions, and it was wonderful to see them so interested in learning about how our local democracy works. Thank you to Mr Zeichner for taking the time to visit us!

Headteacher's Conference - Mrs Darrell recently attended a headteacher's conference where she had the opportunity to network with fellow school leaders and learn about the latest developments in education. She returned with some excellent ideas and strategies that will help us continue to improve our provision for all our pupils at St Paul's.

Badger Class Cake Sale - A huge thank you to everyone who supported Badger Class's cake sale today! We're grateful to all the families who contributed and purchased cakes. The sale was a great success.



Otter class news

Otter class ended last half-term on a real high! We did amazingly at sports day, built some incredible dioramas in art, and went on an exciting trip to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to learn about the Maya. I'm sure that we all spent our May holiday soaking up the sun and getting some well-deserved rest.

Even though we have only been back for two weeks, year 5 is already off to a flying start! We had a peaceful and uplifting story session with Victoria Goodman, have been getting in the World Cup spirit and have been working really hard to learn lots of new songs ready to share with our adults at the end of the year.

We have been working hard to understand decimals and have been learning all about the ancient kingdom of Benin in English. In science, we have been getting stuck into experiments; sorting material changes into those that are reversible and irreversible. Safe to say, we are having lots of fun and working hard, despite the stormy weather.



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!

