



SCHOOL NEWS



"Love your neighbour as yourself." - Luke 10:27

Our week commenced with lots of excitement on Monday as our Nursery pupils welcomed a visit from the local fire brigade, who came to support their current learning focus on 'People Who Help Us'. This was followed on Tuesday by an equally exciting visit from one of our parents, a serving police officer who arrived with his police car, much to the delight of our Nursery children. The children thoroughly enjoyed their mornings of discovery, gaining invaluable insights into these two vital professions within our community. Thank you to all of our visitors, whose generous contribution of time and expertise helped to make our pupils' learning exceptionally interactive through the excellent first-hand experiences that simply cannot be replicated within the classroom environment.



Tuesday brought further excitement to our Early Years Foundation Stage pupils as they participated in a Teddy Bears Picnic. Our children brought their favourite teddy bears into school and enjoyed a lovely outdoor picnic in the glorious sunshine.

Following on from last week's exciting news regarding the arrival of chicks in Reception, I am pleased to report that they have all grown remarkably over the course of the past week, providing our Reception pupils with ongoing opportunities to observe and learn about life cycles and animal care through direct observation and interaction. They have now all safely returned to the farm.



We also welcomed our prospective Reception pupils for their settling-in session on Wednesday, which forms an integral part of our transition process. This provided our soon-to-be Reception class with their first taste of life at St. Paul's for some, whilst offering all an exciting opportunity to spend valuable time in the Reception classroom environment with Mrs Walsh, helping to ensure a smooth and confident transition in September.

Looking ahead to next week, I am excited to announce that on Monday, we will be hosting a visit from an African dance and drumming group. They will be working with all of our pupils across the school throughout the day, teaching them traditional African-based dances and drumming techniques. Having previously hosted an African drumming workshop that was greatly enjoyed by all of our pupils, I am confident that Monday's visit promises to be equally exceptional and memorable for our entire school community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richards
Headteacher

ST PAUL'S VISION AND VALUES

Community Aspire Respect

Endurance

Which part of the vision do you think links to our values?

At St Paul's, our welcoming Christian community, accepts and enables all to flourish to achieve their God-given potential. We develop independent and resilient learners, who lovingly respect each other with care and kindness. All are invited to make a difference in the world in which they live following in the footsteps and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Loving God,

We thank you for giving us the life that lies before us.

May we always make the most of what we have, always making new starts, always searching for the next thing we have to do.

Help us to keep our memories safe and precious in our hearts and to value the friendships we make along the way.

Amen



PUPIL AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Evangeline for good listening and playing lovely with her friends.

Reception - Elsie for always being a kind and caring friend.

Year 1 - Alice for always being so kind and caring to everyone in the class.

Year 2— Averly for always having an outstanding attitude to learning.

Year 3 - Poppy for her hard work and fantastic attitude.

Year 4 - Willow for being kind and helpful during rehearsals for the Year 4 rehearsals.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Adeline for really persevering to learn the tricky letters in her name.

Reception - Bradley for trying really hard when writing words in phonics.

Year 1 - Abbie for using a range of question words and a question mark when writing a question.

Year 2 - Jay for working hard to improve the presentation of his writing.

Year 3 - Renee for excellent work on speech.

Year 4 - Emilia for excellent uplevelling of a narrative to include appropriate coordinate conjunctions.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Jace for lovely discussion about heavy and light.

Reception - Ffion for super reasoning and problem solving when sharing equally.

Year 1 - Bertie for showing a great understanding of position and direction.

Year 2 - Remmie for positively using prior knowledge to support 'time' revision.

Year 3 - JJ for working really hard to calculate durations.

Year 4 - Regan for amazing work on identifying and comparing angles

NURSERY PASSPORT

Well done to the following children for completing their Nursery Passport this week:

Adeline Evelyn Millie

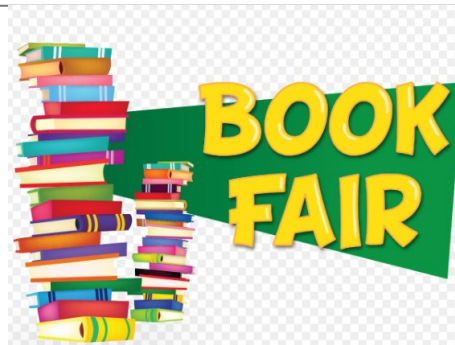
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery—85% Reception — 93% Year 1 - 95% Year 2 - 93% Year 3 - 100% Year 4—93%

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Book Fair News

We will be having a visit from the Travelling Bookfair from Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July. As is the case every year the offer will be 3 for 2 on all books with the commission coming back to school in the way of credit to purchase new books. Please do come along and support us and help both promote a love of reading for pleasure as well as helping us to continue to provide a print rich environment at school too. The book fair will be held in the room next to Kids Club and will take place from 8:30 to 8:45 each morning and then from 3:30 to 4:00 each afternoon.



Summer Fair News

Friday 4th July will be our annual Summer Fair from 3:30pm to 5pm here at St. Paul's. We would love to see as many of our families as possible and value any support that you are able to provide. Please see the dairy dates for donation requests.

As well as the usual items, we would also like any donations of cuddly toys which will form part of a soft toy raffle. These can be sent into school at any point up to and including Wednesday 2nd July.

Raffle

You should receive some raffle tickets this afternoon. If you wish to take part in this then please send the completed tickets and money into school. The prizes are:

Cash prize of £100, Lower Drayton Farm family tickets, 2 x £25 supermarket vouchers (donated by RP Plastering & Building Services), Pedicure voucher (Beauty Gems), Uniquely Ours voucher (personalised clothing & accessories), West Park tickets, Airea 51 tickets, Grand Theatre tickets, Hamper

Thank you in advance of your continued support.



Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property in school which is unnamed. All of the items will be put out by the Key Stage 2 door entrance for parents to check after school each afternoon from Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June. Any items not claimed by Monday 30th June will be put with the other items of uniform that we have ready for our 'Uniform Shop' at the Summer Fair on Friday 4th July 2025.

NURSERY GRADUATION AND RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

To give parents plenty of time to arrange work commitments Nursery and Reception have booked the following dates for their end of year events.

Nursery Graduation— Tuesday 15th July

Reception 'When I Grow Up- Assembly— Wednesday 16th July

KIDS CLUB PRICE INCREASE

From September 2025 there will be an increase in the price of Kids Club sessions. Please see the new costs outlined below.

Breakfast Club	
7.30am—8.55am	£7.70
8.00am—8.55am	£5.50
After School Club	
3.25pm—4.40pm	£7.05
3.25pm – 5.40pm	£9.45

Early Education and Childcare Staffordshire

Have your say

Are you the parent of a child under 5 or a parent to be?

Have your say on childcare in Staffordshire

Please complete our childcare survey for 2025 by visiting the link below
or scan the QR code. Have your say now!

<https://tinyurl.com/yx5pzz6m>



You could be
entitled to help
with childcare costs



Visit staffordshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare

Staffordshire
County Council

CHASEWATER ACTIVITY CENTRE

**£49.50
per child
per day!**

Summer Holiday Clubs

22nd July - 29th August 2025

Give your children a Summer to remember this school holiday with a host of water and land activities for just **£49.50 per day, per child!**

With drop off between **8.30-9.00am** and pick up between **5.00-5.30pm** there's hours of fun to be had every day!

Have an enquiry?
Contact us at welcome@peak.co.uk

Location:
Chasewater Country Park, Pool Ln, WS7 3QY

Full offer of activities and terms and conditions available on the website.

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BECOME A ROCK STAR THIS SUMMER

Looking for summer
holiday plans?
**Camp iRock
is here!**

28th July to 8th August

Ages 5-12
8:30am-4:30pm

- Form a band and rehearse together
- Learn to play popular songs on real instruments - drums, keyboard, guitar and vocals
- Write and record their own original song
- Starring in their own music video
- Perform in a live concert at the end of the week
- Play music games, make friends and have loads of fun!

50% off siblings
Armed Forces discount
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Limited edition
add-ons
available now!

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2025

Aldi £5 School
Uniform Bundle

Confirmed
Sunday 29th June

M&S 20% off All
School Uniform

Predicted
Tuesday 1st July

Sainsbury's 25% off
School Uniform

Predicted
Wednesday 18th June

Tesco 25% off
School Uniform

Predicted
Monday 21st July

Asda 20% off
School Uniform

Predicted
Thursday 26th June

Do you know of any other stores dates?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 🍷 (wine glass emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojiopedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🥰 (Smiling face with hearts) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Heart eyes) Intense attraction or excitement	👑 (Crown) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Stone face) Stone-faced, unbothered	👉 (Pointing hand) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍷 (Star of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	💧 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍲 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Bruni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojiopedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

DIARY DATES

JUNE 2025

Friday 20th June	Non-uniform day—donation of bottles for the Summer Fair please
Wednesday 25 th June	Summer Stay and Play for EYFS 10:30 to 11:30 Nursery/ 2:15 to 3:15 Reception
Friday 27th June	Non-uniform day—donation of sweets/chocolate for the Summer Fair please
Friday 27 th June	Year 2 School Trip

JULY 2025

Tuesday 1 st July	Viking Day – Y4 further details to follow
Wednesday 2 nd July	Transition Day – children will spend the day in their new class
Wednesday 2nd July	Meet the new teacher 4pm—5pm
Friday 4th July	Non-uniform day—donation of cakes for the Summer Fair please
Friday 4th July	Summer Fair 3:30pm to 5pm
Monday 7 th July	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Wednesday 9th July	Year 4 School Trip
Friday 11 th July	Reports Go out 11:45 : Y4 Leavers’ Lunch in school – Y4 parents welcome to join us in school
Friday 11th July	9:15 am – Y4 Leavers’ Show in school
Wednesday 16 th July	Drop-in Parents’ Evening – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm – no appointments needed
Monday 14 th July	Y4 Leavers Church Service—2:30pm
Thursday 17th July	Interhouse Games Competition—All children to attend in PE kits
Thursday 17 th July	4.30pm – 6:00pm – Y4 Leavers’ Party in school
Friday 18 th July	Non-uniform Day - £1 donation for school fund Last Day of term School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day