



SCHOOL NEWS

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



Last Friday 20th June, Reception, Mrs Clemson and myself had a lovely surprise when Ffion's dad kindly brought some 'minibeasts' in for us all to see. These included two African Millipedes, a Praying Mantis and a cockroach. Mr Farnell told us all about these creatures and many of the children held the millipedes and studied their bodies to see that they had 'armour' to protect them and hundreds of legs to help them move. Thank you for supporting us with our learning Mr Farnell.



This week started with a visit from the African Drum and Dance group which had kindly been organised by Mrs Walsh. All of the children across school spent time throughout the day learning how to play African drums and also learned a dance to perform. It was great to see how quickly the children learned both



the drumming technique and the dance moves. When our visitors left they remarked what great children we have here at St. Paul's and how well they had all listened and participated.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening a small group of Year 4 and Year 3 children attended Stafford Grammar School with Mrs Clews, Miss Leadbeatter and Miss Morgan to take part in a Choral day. This is a wonderful event which gives the children the opportunity to learn a range of songs which they then perform alongside children from lots of other school across the county. Those that attended really enjoyed the experience.

Today our Year 2 children have all been on a visit to Stafford Castle to enrich and embed their learning about Magnificent Monarchs. We are very much looking forward to finding out how this went and seeing lots of photographs of the day. Please look out for these on next week's newsletter and on our website.

Also today, Year 3 have been on a nature walk to look at plants in the local area as part of their Science work on Plants. We are so lucky to have lovely wildlife around us to enable us to do such activities and we are looking forward to further developing part of our field next year into an area that we can use for our very own 'Forest School'.

Thank you again for all the kind donations for next week's Summer Fair, our School Association have been very busy preparing everything again this week in the run up. In school the children have been practising some of the songs that were sung at this year's Young Voices Concert in Birmingham ready to perform at the fair. All Year 3 and Year 4 children had the opportunity to learn these songs initially in the Autumn term but we would welcome children from across school to sing them at the fair. The children will be singing at 4pm on the day so it would be lovely to see as many taking part and watching as possible. Thank you in advance of your support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Richards

Dear God,

you made us. We rejoice that we are all different.

If we were all the same, how would we know each other?

Help us to love our friends and celebrate the things that make us different but also the things that unite us.

Amen



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.

PUPIL AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Eddie H-S for his brilliant animal knowledge.

Reception - Maddie for great topic discussion about Summer.

Year 1 - Halia for always trying her hardest and having a positive attitude.

Year 2— All of Year 2 for being amazing on our school trip to Stafford Castle.

Year 3 - Henry for showing respect and curiosity in our PSHE lesson on diversity.

Year 4 - Amber for learning all her lines for the Year 4 leavers production.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Willow S for making a lovely passport independently.

Reception - Archie for great spelling and letter writing in phonics.

Year 1 - Toby for working really hard on your sentence formation.

Year 2 - Bella for lovely sentences about Queen Elizabeth II.

Year 3 - Annie for a fantastic start to her Romans on the Rampage narrative.

Year 4 - Willow for planning an excellent resolution to a narrative this week.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Blake for matching up numerals to 10 with amounts of objects.

Reception - Elliot for great work calculating doubles.

Year 1 - Oscar for always trying hard when completing recall tasks.

Year 2 - Penelope for excellent work on fractions and using prior knowledge.

Year 3 - Harlie for excellent work on Roman numerals.

Year 4 - Finnley for trying hard to interpret data in pictograms.

NURSERY PASSPORT

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

Adeline Blake Millie Evelyn Willow F

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Well done to the following children for completing their Reception Brain Challenge this week:

Eboni Chase Ava S Ffion Milo Maddie Amyra Archie Arabella Lilah

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery—77% Reception — 93% Year 1 - 94% Year 2 - 97% Year 3 - 95% Year 4—87%

NURSERY GRADUATION AND RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

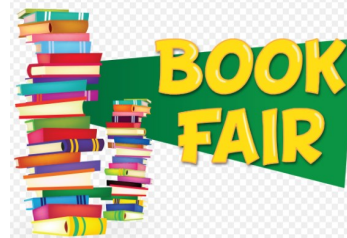
Nursery Graduation— Tuesday 15th July

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

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.



ST. PAUL'S FIRST SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025



Barbeque

Time: 3:30pm to 5pm

Refreshments

Bouncy Castle

Stalls

Young Voices Choir

Games



Raffle



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—

If you wish to take part in this then please send the completed tickets and money into school. Additional tickets can be obtained from the school office. 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

Donations for the Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who has sent items in for our Summer Fair next week. We will be having our last non-uniform day next week where we ask that any child who wishes to come to school in their own clothes kindly donates an item for the fair please. This could be a bottle, sweets, chocolate or cakes. Our School Association continue to work very hard to raise money to provide lots of enrichment opportunities for all of our children to enjoy so your support is invaluable to their efforts. Thank you in advance of your support.

School Trips and Visitors

Here at St. Paul's we recognise the importance of providing our pupils with a wide range of enrichment opportunities across the curriculum. Many of these we are able to provide ourselves but some are provided by paid visitors to the school or school trips and it is for these that, due to the cost and the fact that school budgets are so low, we have to ask for contributions from families. Unfortunately, if insufficient contributions are made then we will have to cancel the planned trips or visitors. We do aim to put all paid items onto ParentPay well in advance but recently we have noticed that there is a considerable shortfall in people making those payments and therefore it is becoming increasingly likely that events will be cancelled. To avoid this, we kindly ask that contributions to trips and visitors are paid by the specified deadline. Thank you in advance of your support.

Donations for Kids Club

If anyone has any craft resources that they no longer need then they would be very gratefully received by Kids Club. Thank you in advance.

Staffordshire County Council

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

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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!

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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-4:30am

- 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

www.irockschool.com/camp

Limited edition add-ons available now!



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2025

Aldi £5 School Uniform Bundle	Confirmed Sunday 29 th June
M&S 20% off All School Uniform	Predicted Tuesday 1 st July
Sainsbury's 25% off School Uniform	Predicted Wednesday 18 th June
Tesco 25% off School Uniform	Predicted Monday 21 st July
Asda 20% off School Uniform	Predicted Thursday 26 th June

Do you know of any other stores dates?

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

DIARY DATES

JUNE 2025

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 2 nd July	Meet the new teacher 4pm—5pm
Friday 4 th July	Non-uniform day—donation of cakes for the Summer Fair please
Friday 4 th July	Summer Fair 3:30pm to 5pm
Monday 7 th July	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Wednesday 9 th 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 11 th 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 17 th 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

SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday 1 st September	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 3 rd September	School reopens for pupils in Years 1-4
Wed 3 rd to Fri 5 th September	Staggered starts for pupils in Nursery and Reception