



SCHOOL NEWS

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



On Tuesday, Year 4 pupils were treated to a Viking Day led by Erik the Viking, who brought with him an impressive collection of historical artefacts and extensive knowledge to share with the children. This immersive experience served to build upon and embed the learning about Viking history that the pupils had undertaken during the Spring term. This day is always an invaluable experience for the children and really brings their learning to life. It was further enhanced by the exceptional efforts of our parents who provided their children with such wonderful period costumes, creating an atmosphere that truly transported our pupils back to this fascinating historical era.

The excitement continued for our Year 4 cohort as they embarked upon their transition day at their respective middle schools on Wednesday. This significant milestone in their educational journey was met with enthusiasm, and upon their return to St. Paul's at the end of the day, we were greeted by beaming faces and animated discussions about their experience. This is always a much anticipated event in the school calendar for our Year 4 pupils as they prepare for this important next step in their academic development.



Simultaneously, the remainder of our school community participated in our annual transition day, with all pupils spending time in their new classrooms with their prospective teachers for the forthcoming academic year. As I visited each classroom throughout the day, I was struck by the sense of excitement and anticipation that permeated the school. The children demonstrated real enthusiasm for their impending progression to new year groups, and their positive attitudes were lovely to see.

Today, as parents are aware, was our annual Summer Fair, an event that has been meticulously organised by our dedicated School Association. Their tireless efforts over recent weeks have ensured that this community gathering was both enjoyable and successful. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed through generous donations and the gift of their time. The funds raised through this event, alongside other activities throughout the year, directly contribute to enriching the educational experiences we are able to offer our pupils, ensuring that we continue to provide the highest quality of learning opportunities so thank you once again to everyone who supported this event.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Richards

Dear God,

Help us to learn to work together.

May we never be too proud to ask for help, not too hesitant to give it.

Thank you for the ways in which we will help and have helped one another.

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— Adeline for super listening and participation in all carpet sessions and activities with adults.

Reception - Ivy for a super first week at St Paul's.

Year 1 - Abbie for always having a positive attitude and challenging yourself.

Year 2— Averly for working incredibly hard in all areas of learning.

Year 3 - Armaan for his amazing attitude to learning.

Year 4 - Toby for helping with props for the leavers show.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Freddie for producing some lovely drawings.

Reception - Oscar for lovely sentences to describe Polar animals.

Year 1 - Finley H for contributing your ideas in class discussions and trying really hard.

Year 2 - Jackson for fantastic factual writing about Queen Elizabeth II.

Year 3 - Imogen for a superb ending to Romans of the Rampage that fit the book humour perfectly.

Year 4 - Megan for writing sentences containing coordinate conjunctions.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Willow S for speedy subitising of spots on dominoes.

Reception - Joshua for great work matching coins to a coin mat.

Year 1 - Lottie for recognising the same amount of tens and comparing two numbers.

Year 2 - Ethan for applying his knowledge independently in assessments. Superstar!

Year 3 - Rohan for working so hard on his test papers and not giving up

Year 4 - Finley for persevering with statistics.

NURSERY PASSPORT

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

Millie Willow F Willow S Evelyn Blake Adeline

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery—% Reception — % Year 1 - % Year 2 - % Year 3 - % Year 4—%

NURSERY GRADUATION AND RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

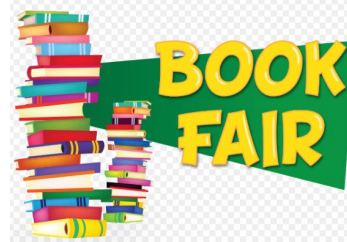
Nursery Graduation— Tuesday 15th July

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

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Book Fair News

Thank you to everyone who visited this year's book fair and made a purchase. We will update you all on how much was raised and how much commission we will get to the spend on new books for school.



Homework Passports

We would like all Homework Passports to be brought into school from **Monday 7th July** onwards so that we can share and celebrate them over the week and during the final week too. Please can we ask that they are brought in **no later than Wednesday 16th July** so that certificates can be prepared in advance of our celebration assembly.

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.

End of term notices

Please can all children bring a strong bag into school so that they can put all of their work for this year in it ready to bring home on Thursday 17th July.

On Friday 18th July children are invited to come to school in their own clothes for a £1 donation to school fund. They may also bring in a toy or game of their choice, but we ask that it is not a valuable one, a tablet or a computer game of any kind.

 **Staffordshire County Council**

Early Education and Childcare Staffordshire



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including ION, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

DIARY DATES

JULY 2025

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