



SCHOOL NEWS



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

On Sunday 9th November, Mrs Pope and myself were joined by two of our Worship Monitors for the Remembrance Day service at St. Paul's and the war memorial. The girls did a fantastic job at representing the school during this time of reflection and giving thanks to those who sacrificed so much for us all.

This week has been a particularly busy one. Throughout the week children across school have taken part in Interfaith Week where they have spent time each day learning about faith and the beliefs of others. The children have demonstrated both interest and respect during these times and have enjoyed their learning.

On Wednesday, EYFS had their Autumn Stay and Play sessions which gave parents and carers an opportunity to spend dedicated time with their child in their school setting accessing the various activities that had been provided.

Following this, Mrs Walsh did a Phonics Workshop with parents of children in Reception which was designed to give them insight into how early reading is taught at St. Paul's and provide them with guidance as to how they can further support at home.

This week has also been Anti-Bullying week so during our assembly time on Thursday we looked at how we can help ensure that kindness and respect are at the core of our behaviour and what to do if we are worried about bullying too.

Finally today, we opened the doors this morning to see lots of spots! Thank you to all of our families for supporting with our request to 'wear something spotty' in recognition and support of Children in Need and thank you to all of the families who have kindly donated to this very worthwhile charity. As well as having fun dressing up and taking part in some linked activities, we have also talked with the children about the importance of this fundraising experience and helped them to understand why such events are organised and how they support those in our wider community.

Today also saw us holding our first Reading Café of the year for our KS1 and KS2 children. We are always keen to promote reading for pleasure as much as possible so these are a great way to involve our school community in spending quality time sharing books and reading together. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and to our School Association who provided the refreshments for the event to. As ever, we are always looking for new members to join our SA so please do get in touch if you feel that you are able to help and support too. Please see further down in the newsletter, further information from the School Association.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Richards



Dear God,

Thank you for those who gave their lives for peace.



Thank you for the people today who work to make the world a better place.

Help us to be peacemakers—in our words, in our friendships, and in our world.

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— Martin-Francis for playing, sharing and communicating with his peers so nicely.

Reception - Hunter for completing a variety of choosing time challenges throughout the week.

Year 1 - Arabella for showing excellent endurance in all subjects.

Year 2— Morgan for coming to school enthusiastically and eager to learn.

Year 3 - Shaan for being a phenomenal expert and helping the class learn about Sikhism in Inter-faith week.

Year 4 - John-James for being extremely helpful to other members of the class and showing his understanding.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Reception— Aamaayah for trying hard with her name writing on all of her pictures.

Year 1 - Josh for using a range of adjectives in his writing.

Year 2 - Bertie for using exciting vocabulary to describe a setting.

Year 3 - Amelia for super sentences using fronted adverbials.

Year 4 - Harlie for using ambitious vocabulary in all of her writing.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Reception— Louie for great descriptions of 2D shapes.

Year 1 - Archie for persevering with fact families.

Year 2 - Toby for using concrete resources (tens and ones) to work independently.

Year 3 - Archie for fabulous work on column subtraction and exchanging.

Year 4 - Elliott W for showing endurance and perseverance in learning his 7's and 6's.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery—97% Reception — 91% Year 1 - 82% Year 2 - 97% Year 3 - 96% Year 4—93%



Sporting Achievement

Last week Eli went to the Czech Republic to compete in a Canicross event. Eli is now ranked 13 in the world for his age category and ran very well making Team GB very proud. Well done Eli!



A new competition is now running on TTRockstars for all children in Years 2,3 and 4. Please encourage your child to logon and have a go over the course of the week to see how many points they can score for their House Team.

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Message from Mrs Pope:

For our school trip next week, children will need to wear school uniform, but are asked to wear sensible outdoor footwear (trainers, walking boots, wellies). All children will need a packed lunch. They will carry this themselves throughout the day. To eliminate the use of single-use plastics, please could all children bring either their normal lunchbox or a small backpack to carry their food. Coats must be worn.

Sticki Rolls

Please can we request that Sticki Rolls are not brought into school. There have been several issues involving the misuse of these which causes upset to the children and impacts curriculum time whilst issues are resolved. Thank you in advance of

Open Morning/ Afternoon

On 26th November and 8th January we will be holding open day events at the times below:

Wednesday 26th November: 9:30am

Thursday 8th January: 4:00pm

These events are aimed at families who are looking to choose a school or nursery for their child in September 2026. They will provide families with an opportunity to see our school in action as well as learn about all that we have to offer here at St. Paul's.

OPEN MORNING & AFTERNOON

Join us for our upcoming Open Day events!

Discover what makes St. Paul's such a special place for learning, growth, and community.

DATES & TIMES:

- Wednesday 26th November – 9:30 AM
- Thursday 8th January – 4:00 PM

WHO IS IT FOR?

Families who are considering a school or nursery place for their child starting in September 2026.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Tour our school and see learning in action
- Meet our friendly staff and leadership team
- Learn about our values, curriculum, and community life

†+ Come and experience the warm, welcoming atmosphere of St. Paul's School – where every child is encouraged to shine.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Please see below for details about the clubs for the second half of the autumn term. If you wish to book a place then please do so via ParentPay.



Autumn Term 2nd Half Term 2025



Day	Year Groups	Time	Club	Staff	Cost
Monday	Y3/Y4	12:30 to 1pm	Young Voices Choir	Mrs Clews	Free to children attending Young Voices 2026
Monday	Rec/Y1/Y2	3:25 – 4:25pm	Commando Joe's	Miss Evans	£5 per week £25 for 5 weeks 10.11.2025 to 8.12.2025
Tuesday	Y3/Y4	12:30 to 1pm	Reading Club	Miss Woodgate	Free to attend
Tuesday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Target Games	External Coaches	£5 per week £25 for 6 weeks 4.11.2025 to 9.12.2025
Tuesday	R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Mindful Craft Club	Miss Ball	£5 per week £25 for 5 weeks 11.11.2025 to 9.12.2025
Thursday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Times tables Club	Mrs Richards	£5 per week £25 for 5 weeks 13.11.2025 to 11.12.2025



School Association News



Our School Association is eager to hear your thoughts and insights! We value your opinions and experiences so much, and that's why we've created a **short questionnaire** to gather your feedback. It's quick and simple to complete—just click on the link

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/7tB0giCqxk>

Your voice truly matters, and your responses will help to shape the future of our school activities, events, and support.

Christmas Fayre

On Friday 5th December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre here at St. Paul's First School. Everyone is welcome to join us for what promises to be a great start to the Christmas festivities for this year. For the first time ever, we will also be having a visit from some reindeer who will be accompanying another very special visitor!

Cuddly toy donation

We will be having a Teddy Bear Tombola again at the Christmas Fayre so if any families have any cuddly toys that they wish to donate then the School Association would be very grateful. Any donations can be sent into school as soon as possible. Thank you in advance of your support.

Uniform Swap Shop

There will be a uniform swap shop staff at the Christmas Fayre which will give parents to opportunity to pick up some previously donated uniform for a donation. This is a great way to save money and to help us to promote sustainability across the community.

* ST PAUL'S SCHOOL COVEN *

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

5TH DECEMBER
3:30PM

Santa's Grotto
+ special guests!

- Food Stalls
- Raffle
- Tombola
- Gift Stalls
- plus much more

All proceeds go to the School Association
to enhance our children's experiences.



School Association News Autumn 2025



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Exciting news for this year's Christmas Fayre - We are going to be trialling taking card payments - Using Sum Up! We ask for patience as we settle into this new option, as we are new to this, we would ask you also bring cash just in case to avoid disappointment.



Christmas Fayre Information

Tokens at the Christmas Fayre:

- £5 for 10 tokens
- £10 for 20 tokens
- £15 for 30 tokens



Tokens can be exchanged for items on School Association and School stalls, retailers will accept cash and card. Stalls that will be accepting **tokens only**:

- Bottle/sweet/cuddly toy tombola's
- Kids club games
- Nursery/reception
- Yr 1/yr 2
- Yr 3/yr4
- Refreshments



Please note token purchases are none refundable, token bundles will be available throughout the event.

Honesty box stalls (cash only):

- Books
- Cuddly Toy Exchange
- School Uniform Swap Shop





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Raffle

Our exciting St Pauls Coven Raffle is back! Tickets are £1 each, £5 for a book (of 5). Ticket books will be sent home with children in the coming week, please return to school with cash but will also be available for purchase on the day of the fayre, via cash & card at the token stall.

We have some great prizes this year including:

- 2 x Android 15 Tablets (1 per win)
- 2 x Coven Fish Bar Special Box Meals
- Lower Drayton Farm Play@ Tickets
- Family Ticket for free Day travel on Amerton Farm Railway
- 2 x Free Hair Cuts at BM Barber Shop in Brewood (1 per win)
- 3 x Rugby Tots Sessions
- Hamper from The Little Village Store (Premier)
- Gift voucher from Astons Butchers
- Plus lots more!



Santa & his reindeers!

Santa and his reindeer will be **cash and card** only, no tokens.

A visit to Santa this year includes his special friends kindly arranged by one of our governors Mrs Holloway. Children receive a small gift and a professional picture taken with both Santa and his real reindeer companions to capture the magic of Christmas. Photos will be printed and distributed by the school at a later date.

Visit to Santa, small gift, professional printed picture with Reindeer: £7
Prices are per child.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 15 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

Help young people value diversity by showing that what makes us different is also what makes us strong. Encourage them to learn about different cultures, identities, and abilities through books, films, and conversations. By appreciating uniqueness in themselves and others, children can grow into open-minded individuals who build inclusive and welcoming environments.

2 MODEL RESPECT

Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show patience in disagreements, and treat others with fairness – especially in front of children. By modelling inclusive behaviour and challenging unkindness, adults set a lasting example that respect should be part of every interaction, whether online, at school, or at home. Be the change you want to make.

3 SPOT THE SIGNS

Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs that someone may be experiencing bullying. This might include withdrawal from friends, hobbies or interests, changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or unusual injuries. Helping young people recognise these clues ensures that support can be offered sooner and problems do not go unnoticed.

4 VALIDATE FEELINGS

When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen carefully and validate how they feel. Respond with empathy – not judgement – and let them know it's okay to feel upset or confused. Offering reassurance and understanding helps young people feel safe about opening up, and builds the trust needed to talk again in future.

5 TEACH ALLYSHIP

Show children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like sitting next to someone who's been excluded, reporting hurtful behaviour, or speaking up when they witness bullying. By practising these responses together, you're helping children develop the courage to be kind and to take action when it really counts.

6 PROMOTE REPORTING

Ensure young people know how to report bullying and feel confident that they'll be taken seriously. Talk to them about who they can speak to and what to expect when they do, such as reporting school incidents to teachers, and out-of-school bullying to parents or teachers. Reassure them that reporting is a brave and helpful choice – not tattling – and that it plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe.

7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS

Everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating safer, happier spaces. Encourage children to look out for one another by being helpful, saying kind words, or including someone who feels left out. These small actions set a strong example that kindness matters, and that it can be a powerful response to bullying.

8 USE YOUR VOICE

Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others. Whether through storytelling, school campaigns, or peer-led projects, children can learn that their voice has power. Support them to express themselves confidently and safely, helping them understand that sharing experiences can challenge injustice and inspire real change in their communities.

9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build strong friendships, join clubs or teams, and connect with trusted adults who care. These networks offer comfort, encouragement, and protection – particularly during challenging times. Remind children that they don't have to face difficulties alone and that support is always within reach.

10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION

Bullying awareness shouldn't be limited to one week each year. Create regular opportunities to talk about kindness, respect, and inclusion. Use books, news stories, and personal experiences as conversation starters. Embed anti-bullying initiatives into the school, and make tackling bullying a shared, ongoing commitment.



EDUCATING KIDS OUTDOORS

Winter Holiday Club

at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TFT1 8LE

Saturday 20th to Tuesday 23rd December 2025

Sessions from 10:30am - 4:00pm - £38 / HAF FREE

Early Drop off 9:00am - 4:00pm - £44

If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art, the list is endless and there will always be something new to try.

The Winter Holiday Club forms part of the Holiday Activity & Food programme, (HAF). We are thrilled to be able to offer free places to children on free school meals with HAF eligibility from Shropshire, Staffordshire & Telford & Wrekin councils

Use these tabs to book a place

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**Shropshire
HAF**

**Staffordshire
HAF**

**Telford &
Wrekin HHAH**

For more information take a look at our website www.ekolearning.org.uk and if you have any questions or concerns email us at info@ekolearning.org.uk.



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DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2025	
Tuesday 18 th November	Flu Vaccine
Friday 21st November	Year 2 trip NB: Uniform should be worn as normal for Y2 children only Non –uniform day—donations of sweets or chocolate for the Christmas Fair
Friday 28 th November	Non-uniform day – donations of bottles for the Christmas Fair
DECEMBER 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Maths Parent Workshop 9:00am and repeated at 2:45pm This session is designed to give parents and carers an insight into how we teach maths at St. Paul's First School.
Thursday 4th December	EYFS Nativity Farm on Wheels visit to school
Friday 5 th December	Non-uniform day – donations of cakes for the Christmas Fair
Friday 5 th December	All children to visit church to decorate the tree – parent helpers needed to walk to church 9:15am for Nur/Y4, 10:15 for Rec/Y2 and 11:15 for Y1/3
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fair—3:30pm to 5pm
Tuesday 9th December	9:00am Irocks concert—parents and carers of children who take park in Irocks are invited into school for their termly concert.
Tuesday 9 th December	3:25 – 4:25pm: Christmas Craft Club for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 £5 per child
Wednesday 10 th December	Wear your Christmas Jumper
Wednesday 10 th December	Kids club Christmas Party 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 11 th December	3:25 – 4:25pm: Christmas Craft Club for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 £5 per child. Morning Nursery children are welcome to come back at 3:25 pm to join us.
Thursday 11 th December	9:30 am – Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 12 th December	9:30 am – Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play
Monday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity Morning in the hall at 9:15 am (Parents and Carers are invited. Limited to two per family)
Monday 15 th December	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Tuesday 16th December	Polar Express Day
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 17 th December	Y2/3/4 Party Day – children in Y2/3/4 to wear party clothes to school
Thursday 18 th December	Nur/Rec/Y1 Party Day – children in Nur/Rec/Y1 to wear party clothes to school
Sunday 14 th December	Nine Lessons Carol Service at Church 6pm Year 3 and Year 4 to sing
Friday 19 th December	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund School closes for Christmas
Mon 22 nd Dec to Friday 2 nd Jan	School closed – Christmas Holidays
Monday 24 th December	Crib Service at Church – everyone welcome – 5:00 pm - Families welcome to attend

JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day = school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	Spring WOW Day – Let’s Imagine – dress as a storybook character.
Tuesday 6 th January	Year 1 WOW day – let’s explore London (Children wear red, white and blue)
Tuesday 13 th January	Young Voices
Friday 30 th January	9:00am - Year 4 Parents Information Session on the statutory Multiplication Tables Check – all parents of children in Year 4 are encouraged to attend so that they can find out all about this statutory assessment.
FEBRUARY 2026	
Thursday 5 th February	School Discos - £5 for ticket, glow sticks and refreshments 3:25 - 4:30 pm for Years 2, 3 and 4
Friday 6 th February	School Discos - £5 for ticket, snap bands and refreshments 3:25 – 4:30 pm for Nursery, Reception and Y1
Friday 13 th February	Interim Reports to go home
Friday 13 th February	School closes – last day of half term
Mon 16th to Fri 20 th Feb	School closed- half term
Monday 23 rd February	School reopens for all children
Tuesday 24 th February	Parents’ Evening – 3:40 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday 26 th February	Parents’ Evening – 3:40 pm to 6:00 pm
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 4 th March	9:00am Year 1 Parents Information Session on the statutory Phonics Screen Check – all parents of children in Year 1 are encouraged to attend so that they can find out all about this statutory assessment.
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character
Wednesday 11 th March	Stay and Play EYFS (N - 10:30 to 11:30, R – 2:00 to 3:00)
Friday 13 th March	Mother’s Day Services in school - 9:15 am for Rec/Y1 10:15 am for Y2/3/4
Monday 16 th March	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Monday 23 rd March to	Y4 Residential
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Services - 9:15 am in school for Rec/Y1 11:00 am – Nursery Easter activities in class
Friday 27 th March	End of term
Monday 30 th March to Friday	School closed – Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School reopens to all pupils