



SCHOOL NEWS



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

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to pack and donate a shoebox for this year's Operation Christmas Child Appeal. We collected 37 boxes altogether! The boxes were packed and delivered to St James' Church, Fordhouses where they will be sent to the central warehouse before being shipped to children in need all over the world. If you've chosen to track your box, then please let us know where it ends up!

Thank you also to everyone who donated to Children in Need, together we raised £83 for this very worthwhile cause.

Following on from KS1 and 2 taking part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly a couple of weeks ago, EYFS have had their PANTS assembly this week. This uses NSPCC materials and advice based around the acronym PANTS. It is something we choose to do annually to teach children that their body belongs to them, how to identify parts of the body that are private, the importance of consent, and building confidence to speak out and get help. PANTS materials introduce the character Pantosaurus and his very catchy song! We have also bought the related book this year to share with the children and Mrs Walsh has added some posters around school too.

Finally today, Year 2 have been on their trip to Twycross Zoo which has enriched their learning in Science and other areas of the curriculum. Please do look out for any updates on Seesaw and on our website in the coming days.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Richards



Dear God,

Thank you for the symbols that remind us of your love and goodness.

Thank you for the cross that reminds us of Jesus, for the light that shows your presence, and for the rainbow that reminds us of your promises.



Help us to be people of peace, love and hope wherever we go.

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— Reggie for enthusiastic, joyous singing when practising our Christmas songs!

Reception - Delilah for great phonics work—reading and writing sounds!

Year 1 - Blake for asking excellent questions to deepen your understanding in History.

Year 2— Ivan for his super attitude to learning and always being ready to share his ideas.

Year 3 - Paige for her fantastic gymnastics both at school and at home!

Year 4 - Rohan for continued effort and good attitude to learning in all lessons over the past few weeks.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Reception— Evelyn for lovely sentence writing about Rama and Sita.

Year 1 - Olly for identifying a range of nouns, verbs and adjectives and using them in your writing.

Year 2 - George for his fabulous ideas for the problem in the class story.

Year 3 - Oliver for fantastic work on identifying fronted adverbials.

Year 4 - Renee for using what we have been learning about to generate good vocabulary for her writing plan.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Reception— Jamie for super 3D shape descriptions.

Year 1 - Bradley for trying really hard when completing subtraction

Year 2 - Isla for super contributions to all maths discussions and for applying her knowledge consistently.

Year 3 - Faye for exchanging both 10s and 1s in column addition and subtraction.

Year 4 - Armaan for showing fantastic problem-solving skills and persevering.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery—92% Reception — 93% Year 1 - 93% Year 2 - 94% Year 3 - 95% Year 4—94%



Well done to everyone who took part in this week's TTRockstars Competition to win the tournament for their house. The scores were:

Beech 462 Hazel 314 Oak 110 Willow 36

The pupils who were most noted by their performance are:

Most valuable players for Beech were: Roman, Annie and Olivia

Most valuable players for Hazel were: Eli, Paige and Imogen

Most valuable players for Oak were: Armaan, Henry and Elliott B

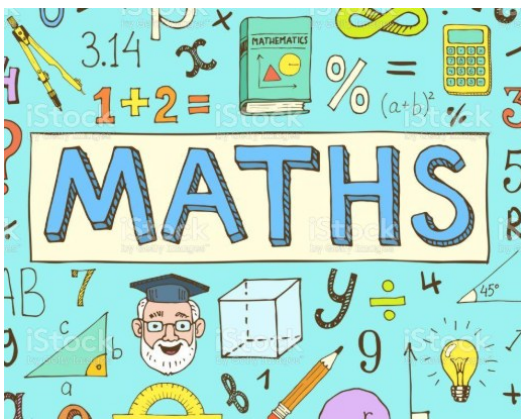
Most valuable players for Willow were: Ranjeet, Nancy and Poppy

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Maths Workshop

On Tuesday 2nd December we will be running a Maths Parent Workshop at 9:00am which is then 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 and how they can help at home too.



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



School Association Update

Thank you to everyone who read last week's update. If you missed it, please [refer back](#) to last week's edition for the full Christmas Fayre details, including token information, stall lists, raffle prizes, and Santa's Grotto arrangements.



A couple of updates on the Fayre:

If any kind parents, local businesses, or community partners would like to donate a raffle prize or host a stall at the Christmas Fayre, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the School Association at: schoolassociation@st-pauls-coven.staffs.sch.uk.



A reminder that **Friday 28th is a non-uniform day** in support of the Christmas Fayre. We kindly ask for **bottle donations** for [the Tombola](#). We are also collecting **cuddly toy donations** for the Cuddly Toy Exchange stall—any clean and [good-condition](#) soft toys will be gratefully received.

This week, we wanted to share how your amazing support has made a real, immediate difference. On Monday, the School Association received an urgent request when the Early Years fridge/freezer unexpectedly broke down. This appliance is essential for storing the ice packs used for first aid and, importantly, [the majority of](#) the milk provided to children each day.



Thanks to the funds raised through your generosity at previous events, the SA were able to approve and fund a replacement straight away. Even better, one of our fantastic members kindly sourced and delivered the new fridge/freezer to the school by Wednesday.



Your continued support ensures the school has what it needs, exactly when it's needed. Thank you for helping us make a difference for all children at St Paul's.



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>

Christmas Gift Sale

We will be holding our annual Christmas Gift Sale again this year which will be an opportunity for pupils to buy gifts for their families. Gifts will be priced at £5 each.

Sale dates are:

Monday 1st December—N, R and Year 1

Monday 8th December Years 2,3 and 4

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 the 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.



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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.

Safeguarding News

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-GENERATED VIDEOS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfake abuse, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can imitate real people, spread false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

DEEPIAKE ABUSE CONTENT

Shockingly, artificial intelligence is now being exploited to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These synthetic images and videos are a form of digital abuse, often generated by manipulating real children's photos, including ones shared innocently online. Worryingly, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has identified a sharp rise in this disturbing trend. Whether real or AI-generated, this content causes lasting trauma – and its creation or possession remains a criminal offence under UK law.

BLURRED REALITY

Regular exposure to fake content can erode a child's trust in real-world evidence. If everything can be faked, they may begin to question genuine videos – including actual abuse or injustice. This is known as the 'for's dividend', where real harm is dismissed as fake news. It can discourage victims from coming forward or speaking up.

USED FOR BULLYING

Deepfake technology is already being used by peers to create embarrassing or explicit clips of classmates. These videos can be edited to appear as though a child said or did something they never did. Once shared, they are almost impossible to delete completely. AI-generated bullying adds a new layer of harm that is deeply personal and difficult to prove.

EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION

AI-generated videos can be used to provoke strong emotions, including fear, anger or guilt. False footage of crying children, injured animals or burning buildings may be created purely for clicks, donations or political influence. Children may feel upset or powerless, unaware that what they are watching has been digitally invented to manipulate their reaction.

DISINFORMATION

AI-generated videos can spread fake news, making it harder for children to separate fact from fiction. False clips may include deepfake interviews, hoax disasters or fabricated health claims. AI is already being used to produce misleading or persuasive material that appears authentic. If they don't develop media literacy, children may accept false content as truth.

IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS

With just a few photos or voice clips, AI tools can imitate someone's appearance or speech. This makes it easier for scammers or bullies to create fake videos of children, teachers or celebrities. These impersonations can be used for fraud, harassment or humiliation – and can spread quickly through social media or group chats, due to the viral potential of video, in particular, on social media.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH HOW IT WORKS

Explain to children that videos can be faked – and show them how. Demonstrating side-by-side examples of real vs AI-generated clips helps to build awareness. Discuss how faces, voices and even movements can be copied by machines. Understanding the technology reduces fear and builds confidence in navigating digital content safely.

TALK ABOUT TRUST

Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something upsetting or unbelievable, they should feel safe discussing it without judgement. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for asking questions. This also helps you step in quickly if harmful content has been shared; trust is vital and needs to be nurtured.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

Help children question what they watch. Who made this? Why was it made? Is it trying to persuade me? These habits encourage digital thinking, especially when videos seem too shocking or convenient. Reinforce that not everything shared by friends or influencers is true, even if it looks convincing at first, and that the initial approach should always be one of speculation.

STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS

Advise children not to share voice notes, selfies or personal videos on public platforms. AI tools often scrape content from social media to create deepfakes. Use privacy controls to limit who can see their content and turn off facial recognition where possible. Fewer public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.



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

EKO

**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	
Friday 28 th November	Non-uniform day – donations of bottles for the Christmas Fair
DECEMBER 2025	
Monday 1st December	School Association Christmas Gift Safe for Nursery, Reception and Year 1
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
Monday 8th December	School Association Christmas Gift Safe for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 9th December	9:00am Irocks concert—parents and carers of children who take part 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 Nursery only - 10:30 to 11:30
Friday 13 th March	Mother’s Day Services in school - 9:15 am for Rec/Y1 10:15 am for Y2/3/4 11:15 am for Nur in the classroom
Monday 16 th March	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Monday 23 rd March to Wednesday 25 th March	Y4 Residential
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Services - 9:15 am in school for Rec/Y1 11:00 am – Nursery Easter activities in class 2:30 pm at church for Y2/3/4
Friday 27 th March	End of term
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	School closed – Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School reopens to all pupils