



SCHOOL NEWS



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

On Tuesday, we ran two parent information workshops to provide insight into how we teach maths at St. Paul's and guidance on how families can help their children at home too. The presentation used for this is now on our website for those parents and carers that couldn't make either of the sessions. One of the points raised during the sessions was how parents would value further information regarding what their children are currently learning so we have included a range of resources on the website that can help with current learning in KS1 and 2. EYFS will provide information regarding current learning via SeeSaw. In addition to this, planned learning across school is always included on the termly class newsletter too.

Also on Tuesday, members of our School Association came into school to decorate our wonderful Christmas tree which has been kindly donated from Standefords again this year. Special thanks to the SA members for organising this for us again and of course to Standefords for their generous donation of such a beautiful tree.

This week has been RE week and the children have been focussing on their key questions which predominantly link to Christmas and Advent. To enhance this learning, Year 2 visited the Church on Wednesday where they were treated to a tour of the church by Father Paul. The children had lots to share with me when I spent some time with them on Thursday so had clearly had a memorable time.

Father Paul has also visited us here at school this week. He had heard all about our RE weeks and was very keen to see one in action so did some learning walks with Mrs Pope. Both he and Mrs Pope were very impressed with the attitudes displayed to learning and the lovely work being completed.

On Thursday, EYFS had a visit from the *Farm on Wheels* for a nativity themed afternoon. We were all delighted to welcome a donkey, two sheep, a turkey, some chickens and a rat to school. This was a great experience for the children to meet the real life animals and link some to their learning about the Christmas Story. Mrs Walsh and Miss Ball will be sharing some photos of this event via Seesaw and they will also be available on our website too in the coming days.

Finally, today all of the children have been to St. Paul's Church to decorate the tree with their fabulous decorations. By the end of the morning the tree was full and we are sure all those who visit church in the run up to Christmas will agree that it looks wonderful!

Today, we are finishing another busy week with our annual Christmas Fayre which we hope will be a huge success. This year is particularly momentous with the arrival of the reindeer who we are all looking forward to welcoming. We hope to see lots of our families enjoying the event and would once again like to extend our sincere thanks to the SA members who have worked so hard to make it a success and to our families for all of their kind donations.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Richards



Dear God,

Help us to prepare our hearts for Jesus by being kind, loving and helpful.
Thank you for the promise of Jesus, our saviour.
May we share the joy of His coming with everyone we meet.



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— Maya for fantastic effort in learning to write her name.

Reception - Eddie for always listening carefully and trying his best.

Year 1 - Charlie for showing excellent listening skills this week during RE and answering a wide range of questions.

Year 2— Archie for being engaged and enthusiastic during RE week.

Year 3 - Rhyley for his enthusiasm for learning throughout RE week.

Year 4 - Elliott B for deep interest and effort in all of our RE Week lessons.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Reception— Adeline for lovely sentence writing about baby Jesus.

Year 1 - Caithan for writing a lovely retell of the Nativity Story.

Year 2—Ivan for a fantastic retell of the Bible story Luke.

Year 3 - Roman for a fantastic retelling of the Rama and Sita story.

Year 4 - Nancy for her fantastic poetry writing during RE week.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Reception— Evelyn for great work matching and finding coins.

Year 1 - Lilah for recognising different 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2 - Chester for applying knowledge to independent tasks fantastically.

Year 3 - Leo for persevering with column addition and subtraction.

Year 4 - Flori for persevering with solving increasingly difficult word problems.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery—94% Reception — 86% Year 1 - 98% Year 2 - 97% Year 3 - 92% Year 4—92%



This week's competition was Boys v Girls and our winning team was the Boys who won with 334 points. The girls scored 38 in total.

The most valuable players were:

Roman, Armaan and Rhyley

Paige, Nancy and Annie

The final competition of this term is a year group one so please encourage your child to logon and try to win for their class. It will finish on Wednesday 10th December at 7:30pm.

EVENTS AND NOTICES



Open Afternoon

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.

We also welcome visits at other times so please get in touch with the school office to arrange an appointment:

office@st-pauls-coven.staffs.sch.uk

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.



SERVICE OF
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER, 6pm
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COVEN



At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hodgkins who will be leaving us for new adventures. Mrs Hodgkins has worked at St. Paul's First school for 17 years so has helped shape the lives of many pupils over the years as well as being part of lots of changes here too. We will greatly miss seeing her around school but wish her well for the future and extend our heartfelt thanks for all that she has done during her time at St. Paul's.

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The Polar Express - Tuesday 16th December 2025

Get ready for a magical journey on the Polar Express. On Tuesday 16th December, we're thrilled to invite children from Nursery to Year 4 to join us on an exciting Polar Express Christmas Celebration.

The children are invited to come to school dressed in their cosy pyjamas, paired with suitable outdoor footwear, and immerse themselves in a day filled with Polar Express-themed activities and excitement.

To finish our festivities, the children will enjoy movie time with a hot chocolate and marshmallows - how deliciously festive! *(Please ensure we are aware of any allergies or if you do not want your child to have these Christmas treats).* A special golden ticket, paired with a precious silver bell will conclude our magical day.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

All aboard the Polar Express!

Mrs Pope





School Association News



School Association Update – Christmas Fayre Information

With the Christmas Fayre just around the corner, here are this week's key updates!



🎄 ****Christmas Fayre Tokens**** 🎄

This year we're using *tokens* for all School Association and school-run stalls. Retailers will take cash/card, but the following stalls will be *token-only*:

- Bottle, sweet & cuddly toy tombola's
- Kids club games
- Nursery/Reception
- Years 1–4 stalls

Token bundles:



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



Tokens are non-refundable and will be available throughout the Fayre.

🎅 ****Santa & His Reindeer – Card/Cash Only**** 🎅

Santa's Grotto, including his real reindeer friends, will not be accepting tokens. Payment is £7 per child (including visit, small gift and professional printed photo). Cash or card only.

🎁 ****Christmas Gift Sale – Monday 8th December**** 🎁

If any Nursery or Reception children missed the Early Years Gift Sale, they may join the older years sale on **Monday**. Gifts are £5 each, maximum of 2 per child.

Please send **** cash in an envelope **** labelled with your child's name, year group, and who the gift(s) are for so we can prepare and label them.



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Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are £1 each or £5 per book and will be sold at the Fayre and other Christmas events. Cash and card accepted. The draw will take place following the final Christmas performance on 12th December.

RAFFLE PRIZES!

**AUTUMM ECLIPSE
TATTOO STUDIO**

Brewood

**£50
VOUCHER**



**RUGBY
TOTS**



**3 FREE
SESSIONS**

**ANDROID
15 TABLET**



LOWER DRAYTON FARM



Play & Lower
Drayton
Family of 4
Tickets

COVEN FISH BAR

**2 x Special
Box Meals**



**AMERTON FARM
RAILWAY**

Family Day
Travel Ticket*
(2 adults,
3 children)



The Rainbow Inn



**Bottle
of
Prosecco**

**ASTONS
OF COVEN**

WATERBURY HOUSE
VILLAGE BITTENS

**GIFT
VOUCHER**

BM BARBER SHOP



FREE HAIRCUT

**PREMIER
Little Village
Store
HAMPER**



**LARGE
PICTURE
FRAME
COLLAGE**

Coven Cafe



**2
Free
Breakfasts**

**Karaoke
Machine**



**4 Weeks
Football
Coaching**



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **TRACKING DEVICES**

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.



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

DECEMBER 2025

Monday 8th December	School Association Christmas Gift Sale 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