



# SCHOOL NEWS



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

This week, a group of children from Year 3 and Year 4 attended the Young Voices concert at the BP Pulse Arena with Mrs Clews, Mrs Guest and Mrs Holloway. This is a wonderful event which gives children the opportunity to perform in one of the countries largest choirs alongside some professional musicians and in front of an audience of thousands. On Friday, the children performed in front of the rest of the school too which was a lovely start to our afternoon. Well done to everyone who attended!

Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children, helping ensure that they had the best time whilst also remaining safe. Thank you as well to all of those families who supported the children, we hope that you had a wonderful experience too.



Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Richards



**Dear God,**

Thank you that Jesus cares for everyone.  
Help us to be brave, to trust you, and to show kindness to others.



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— Rose for settling in to her new class so happily and confidently.

Reception - Aamaeyah for trying really hard in Phonics

Year 1 - George for showing excellent perseverance in all areas of his learning.

Year 2—Lottie for always having a focused and determined attitude to learning—she is a superstar!

Year 3 - Eli for fantastic independent work across all subjects this week.

Year 4 - Rohan for effort and focus during all lessons and persevering with his work.

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Nursery—Ted for being able to write his name.

Reception— Eddie for great letter sound writing in Phonics.

Year 1 - Finley for trying really hard in recognising and building a compound sentence.

Year 2— Teddy for having brilliant ideas to edit and improve simple sentences.

Year 3 - Jay for his fabulous work on times tables this week.

Year 4 - Harley for showing an excellent understanding of multiplying by 10 and 100.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Brody for a super understanding of the composition of numbers to 10.

Reception— Seren for great work comparing length and height.

Year 1 - Elsie for recognising different ways to make 20 and how many tens are in teen numbers.

Year 2 - Abbie for being amazing in Maths! She perseveres and always gives 100% effort.

Year 3 - Billy for writing some excellent sentence using 'while', 'as' and 'although'.

Year 4 - Henry for using rich and varied prepositional phrases within his writing.

## Nursery Passport Challenge

Well done to these Nursery children who have completed their Nursery Passport Challenge this week:

**Eddie   John-William   Oakley D   Reggie   Hattie   Brody**

## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Parking

Please can we remind parents and carers to park respectfully when picking up or dropping off their children. We have received complaints from our neighbours and from parents about parking issues during these times. We strongly encourage families to walk where possible and to use the Memorial Hall car park rather than attempting to park in Greenacres or other surrounding streets including on grass verges and pavements. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a new lunchtime supervisor. Please visit our website: [Lunchtime-Supervisor-Vacancy-January-2026.pdf](#) or call our school office for further details.

### EYFS Stay and Play

Advance notice that this term's Stay and Play has been cancelled due to its close proximity to the Mothers' Day services.

### WhatsApp and Social Media Parent Groups

A new page containing information about the use of WhatsApp and Social Media has been added to our website so please do visit it by following this link: [WhatsApp & Social Media Parent/Carer Groups - St Pauls Coven](#)



## School Association News



Please see this week's School Association newsletter which has been emailed out to parents.

## 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.

# DIARY DATES

Thursday 29th January	School Association Movie Night 3:30pm to 5:30pm (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	School Association Movie Night 3:30pm to 5:30pm (Year 3 and Year 4)
<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Interim Reports to go home
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes – last day of half term
Mon 16th to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed- half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School reopens for all children
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening – 3:40 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening – 3:40 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>MARCH 2026</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Thursday 19th March	School Discos - £5 for ticket, glow sticks and refreshments 3:25 - 4:30 pm for Years 2, 3 and 4 * <b>Change of date</b>
Friday 20th March	School Discos - £5 for ticket, snap bands and refreshments 3:25 – 4:30 pm for Nursery, Reception and Y1 * <b>Change of date</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March to Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Residential
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed – Easter Holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens to all pupils