



SCHOOL NEWS



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

This week has been our first Spring RE week, and our focus has been on exploring world faiths, with each year group engaging in thoughtful and immersive learning experiences that balance theology, human sciences, and philosophy.

Throughout the week, the children have demonstrated exceptional confidence when discussing their learning, readily referencing stories, beliefs, and practices from different faith traditions. The children have been involved in a wide range of creative and written activities that have helped embed their knowledge and understanding.

In each year group, pupils have explored different aspects of world religions. Our Reception pupils investigated what makes stories special, while Year 1 learnt about Jewish beliefs. Year 2 compared Islamic practices with Christianity, examining similarities and differences. Year 3 explored the importance of Mosques, and Year 4 delved into the significance of Synagogues.

During Mrs Pope's visits to classes this week, she was particularly impressed by the children's enthusiasm and engagement and their ability to discuss diverse beliefs with respect and curiosity.

To further embed the importance of celebrating differences, please find below some ways to support your child at home:

- **Celebrating Diversity:** Actively celebrating diversity in all its forms. This means exposing children to a wide range of cultures, traditions, and perspectives, and teaching them to value these differences.
- **Promoting Equality:** Promoting equality and challenging stereotypes. Parents should encourage their children to question unfair treatment and advocate for equal rights and opportunities for all.
- **Encouraging Open Dialogue:** Children should feel comfortable discussing topics related to diversity, such as race, gender, and identity, and parents should be prepared to answer their questions honestly and thoughtfully.
- **Modelling Inclusive Behaviour:** Children learn by example, so it's important for parents to model inclusive behaviour in their own lives. This includes showing respect for others, challenging stereotypes, and standing up against discrimination.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 23rd February 2026.

Mrs Richards

Dear God,

Thank you for making each one of us unique and special.

Help us to see the beauty in our differences..

Teach us to be kind, to listen, and to celebrate what makes each of us who we are.

May our school be a place where everyone feels welcome and loved.

Help us to stand together,
learn from one another,
and make our world a brighter,
happier place.

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— Esmee for becoming much happier at Nursery.

Reception - Aamaeyah for trying really hard with her reading and writing in Phonics.

Year 1 - Elliot for excellent recognition of his set 2 and 3 sounds in Phonics.

Year 2— Ivan for excellent engagement during RE Week—he has been amazing!

Year 3 - Penelope for her hard work and effort during RE Week.

Year 4 - Mya-Bella for an amazing amount of effort into her piece of narrative writing using prepositional phrases effectively.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Reggie for writing his full name independently.

Reception—Jamie for lovely letter sound writing in Phonics.

Year 1 - Tommy for trying really hard to apply his phonic knowledge in his writing.

Year 2— Charlie for a fantastic biography based on Christopher Columbus.

Year 3 - Evaline for a fantastic non-chronological report about Mount Etna.

Year 4 - Elliott B for showing a vivid imagination in his writing and using planning to organise his thoughts.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Eddie for a great understanding of more and fewer.

Reception— Seren for using 'first' and 'then' when describing a sequence of events.

Year 1 - Chase for recognising different fact families.

Year 2 - Alice for super recall of the 2 x, 5 X and 10X tables during Arithmetic lessons.

Year 3 - Millie for her great work adding and subtracting 100 in Arithmetic.

Year 4 - Olivia for showing a good understanding of perimeter and explaining her answers clearly.

Nursery Passport Challenge

Juan, John-William, Reggie, Star, Viv, Eddie, Leo

Reception Brain Challenge

Willow S Freddie Evelyn Eddie Covie Blake Jamie

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

N 1—100% N2—95.9% R— 97.7% Y1 - 89.8% Y2 - 100% Y3 - 91.3% Y4—93.3%

PUPIL AWARDS



Well Done to the Boys who won this week's TTRockstars Competition. This week's most valuable players were: Roman, Eli and Luca who received their certificates and prizes in assembly today.

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Phonics Workshop

Parents and carers are invited to a Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 4th March at 9am. This will be an interactive session where children, alongside their adult, will take part in a Phonics lesson and be part of a Phonics Screening Check practice too. We do hope that as many of our families can join us as possible for this session which will give a great insight into how early reading is taught here at St. Paul's and how parents and carers can support at home too.



Year 3 ART

Please can children in Year 3 bring in a cereal box after half term for their Art work.

Comic Relief Day—Friday 20th March 2026

Are you red-dy to put a new spin on non-uniform day? From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape (or just a classic Red Nose and Red Nose Day T-shirt combination), children are invited to come to school in as much red as possible in return for a donation.

The link for donations will be added to the newsletter and ParentPay when it is available.

NB* If your child is attending the disco then they can of course choose to come in their disco outfits rather than Comic Relief ones .



EVENTS AND NOTICES

BEE ACTIVE

Join us every week for fun games

Sessions will give your child the opportunity to try new team sports as well as improve fitness, skills and confidence.

Open to all children from Years 2, 3 & 4

ONLY £5 PER SESSION

Meet your coach Jamie

Invasion Games - Tuesdays
3:25-4:25pm

Book now at beeactive.co.uk

Places are limited and will be secured on a first come, first service basis

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Read our reviews ★★★★★
See what others say about Bee Active.

THIS IS MY PLACE
FREE FAMILY DAY

17TH FEB 2026

Join MPFT's local services for a fun day full of family activities!

For parents:

- Meet your local services including, Mental Health Support Teams, Family Hub Coaches, Libraries and More! Meet local PCSOs! Talk to people who can support with financial wellbeing.

For children:

- Play Minecraft on our Playstation!
- Try our relaxing VR headsets!
- Make some fun arts and crafts!
- Try some wellbeing activities to help you relax!

10AM - 2:30PM

PIZZA SERVED AT LUNCHTIME!

For more information, please email participation@mpft.nhs.uk

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE FAMILY HUB
Holly Lane, Great Wyrley, WS66AQ

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see below for details about next half term's clubs. Payment for these can be made through ParentPay with the exception of the BeeActive one which further details can be found earlier on in the newsletter.

Please note that if numbers booking on are below 5 then the club will not run and parents will be offered either a place at a different club or a refund.



Spring Term 2nd Half Term 2026



Day	Year Groups	Time	Club	Staff	Cost
Monday	Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:24pm	Computer Coding	Mr Anderson	£5 per week £25 for 5 weeks 23.2.2026 to 23.3.2026
Tuesday	Y3/Y4	12:30 to 1pm	Reading Club	Miss Woodgate	Free to attend
Tuesday	Y1	12:30 to 1pm	Phonics Club	Miss Evans	Free to attend
Tuesday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Invasion Games See flyer and book online	External Coaches	£5 per week £20 for 5 weeks 24.2.2026 to 24.3.2026
Tuesday	R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Film Club – bring your pyjamas to change into before enjoying a film with a drink and snack.	Mrs Walsh	£5 per week £20 for 4 weeks 3.3.2026 to 24.3.2026
Thursday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Times Tables Club	Mrs Richards	£5 per week £20 for 4 weeks 26.2.2026 to 19.3.2026
Friday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4pm	World Change Makers	Mrs Pope	£4 per week £20 for 5 weeks 27.2.2026 to 27.3.2026

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Dear Children and Parents of St Paul's,

We are writing to you to discuss the issue of Responsible Consumption and Production (the 12th Global Goal). This is based on 'reduce, reuse, recycle'.



The Global Goal aims to reduce the generation of waste through the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

R's	Examples
Reduce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using a reusable water bottle- Buying products with less packaging- Walking or biking instead of driving for short trips
Reuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using a cloth shopping bag instead of plastic bags- Repurposing old jars as storage containers- Handing down clothes or toys to younger siblings or friends
Recycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Putting empty glass, plastic, and paper in recycling bins- Recycling old newspapers and magazines- Turning aluminum cans into new aluminum products

To help support this very important topic, my World Change Makers club have decided to run a **recycled craft competition**. The competition will be all children in Nursery up to Year 4. Suggested recyclable materials are as follows:

- cereal boxes
- egg boxes
- bottles
- lids
- jars
- cans
- old clothes or materials



If you would like to enter, please bring your entries to school by **Friday 13th March**.

Please include your name and class on your wonderful craft creation!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs Pope and the World Change Makers Club;

Lydia, Eli, Rhyley, Amelie, Faye, Paige and Evaline

EVENTS AND NOTICES



Baby and Toddler Group ★

Coven Memorial Hall

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Tuesday Mornings
9:15am - 11am

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£4 per adult and up to
2 pre-school age children

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For more information, please
speak to Brenda or
Jo, 07564 013668

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Registered Charity Number: 249942

MEET THE EASTER BUNNY

OVER BREAKFAST



**On Wednesday 1st April 2026 at
Coven Memorial Hall, 9:30am**

Ring Jo Knight on 07564 013668
to book your space

Breakfast includes cereal, toast,
croissants, orange juice, hot drinks

All children to make an Easter craft
and receive an Easter egg to take home

£5 per admission

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Cuppa & Cake Event

**Saturday 7th March 2026
2pm-4pm at St. Paul's Church, Coven**

Raising money to support
The Haven, Wolverhampton and other Mothers'
Union charities



Covens Mothers' Union

ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2026

Friday 13 th February	Interim Reports to go home
Friday 13 th February	School closes – last day of half term
Mon 16 th 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 (6:30pm R, Y1 and Y3)
Thursday 26 th February	Parents' Evening – 3:40 pm to 6:00 pm(6:30pm R, Y1 and Y3)

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
Thursday 5 th March and Friday 6 th March	Mother's Day Gift Sale
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
Thursday 19 th March	School Discos - £5 for ticket, glow sticks and refreshments 3:25 - 4:30 pm for Years 2, 3 and 4 * Change of date
Friday 20 th March	School Discos - £5 for ticket, snap bands and refreshments 3:25 – 4:30 pm for Nursery, Reception and Y1 * Change of date
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief Day—All children are invited to come to school dressed in as much red as they can for a donation to Comic Relief.
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 and Break the School Rules Day (Details to follow)
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	School closed – Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School reopens to all pupils
Thursday 23 rd April	SA Movie Night
Friday 24 th April	SA Movie Night

DIARY DATES

May 2026	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Thursday 14 th May	School Discos - £5 for ticket, glow sticks and refreshments 3:25 – 4:30 pm for Nursery, Reception and Y1
Friday 15 th May	School Discos - £5 for ticket, glow sticks and refreshments 3:25 – 4:30 pm for Year 2, 3 and 4
Friday 22 nd May	School closes– last day of half term
Mon 25 th May to Fri 29 th May	School closed – half term
JUNE 2026	
Monday 1 st June	School reopens for pupils
Monday 1 st June to Friday 12 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check in school We kindly ask Y4 parents not to book any holidays during this period.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th June	Year 1 children to complete their Phonics Screening Check. We kindly ask Y1 parents not to book any holidays during this week.
Wednesday 10 th June	Stay and Play EYFS Nursery only - 10:30 to 11:30
Thursday 11 th June and	Fathers Day Gift Sale
Wednesday 17 th June	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 19 th June	Non-uniform - Donations of bottles for Summer Fayre
Friday 26 th June	Non-uniform day—donation of sweets/chocolate for the Summer Fair please
Tuesday 30 th June	Sports Day
JULY 2026	
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day – children will spend the day in their new class
Wednesday 1 st July	4pm Meet the teacher – Parents and carers are invited in to meet their child’s new teacher. There will be a short talk in the hall and then an opportunity to visit the new classroom and meet the teacher.
Friday 3 rd July	Non-uniform
Friday 3 rd July	3:30 – 5:00 pm – Summer Fayre at school
Monday 6 th July	Homework passports to be brought into school for showcasing
Tuesday 7 th July	BeeActive Theme Day
Friday 10 th July	Reports Go out
Friday 10 th July	9:15 am – Y4 Leavers’ Show in school 12:00 pm – Y4 Leavers’ Lunch in school – Y4 parents welcome to join us in school
Tuesday 14 th July	Drop-in Parents’ Evening – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm – no appointments needed
Monday 13 th July	2:30 pm – Y4 Leavers’ Service at church
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery Graduation 9:15am
Wednesday 15 th July	Reception Graduation 9:15am
Thursday 16 th July	4.30pm – 6:00pm – Y4 Leavers’ Party in school
Friday 17 th July	Non-uniform Day - £1 donation for school fund Last Day of term School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day
SEPTEMBER 2026	
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day – school closed for pupils