



# SCHOOL NEWS



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

On Wednesday 4th February, a group of Year 3 and Year 4 children went to Aldersley Stadium for the Sports Hall Athletic event. Miss Evans reports that the children had a great time taking part in a range of activities that focussed on jumping, throwing and agility. Our children demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout and consistently tried their best.

Children across school are continuing to really enjoy their lessons with our sports coaches and both are very impressed with the behaviour of our pupils and the skills that they are developing. The whole morning or afternoon sessions are giving the children opportunity to really practise each taught skill and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm each week.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, an annual event that teaches children how to look after their minds and manage their emotions. As a school, this is something we are very passionate about. On Thursday, the children had a special worship where Miss Woodgate talked about this year's theme - "This Is My Place". Children considered what the word "belonging" means to them and different places they feel they belong. They also heard a story about a bird named Sunny who didn't have anyone to play with until Mira, a friendly squirrel, invites him to join her game. The children realised that there have been situations where they have been both Sunny and Mira and they discussed what they should do. We finished the worship with a roaring rendition of "This Is Me" from the film "The Greatest Showman". This song is brilliant for remembering we are perfect as we are!

Alongside Children's Mental Health Week next week, we will also be thinking about how to stay safe on the Internet. On Monday, the children will learn about some of the dangers and how to deal with them during our whole school assembly and then in the afternoon we are having a visit from DC Neil Howells. DC Howells has kindly agreed to come into school to speak with parents and carers about cyber security and the ever changing dangers associated with use of the Internet. See further down in the newsletter for additional information about this event which we hope as many of our families can attend as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richards

Dear God,

Thank you for making us all different and special.  
Please guide us to treat others with love.

When someone is new or different from us, help us to make sure that everyone feels they truly belong.



## 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— Amelie for always wanting to join in with discussions and share her thoughts.

Reception - Jace for trying really hard with his letter formation in Phonics.

Year 1 - Bella for pushing herself in every lesson and always being an excellent role model.

Year 2— Teddy for being focussed, engaged and enthusiastic in all lessons this week—an absolute superstar!

Year 3 - Archie for his excellent Geography work labelling the countries on the Ring of Fire.

Year 4 - Leo for being a thoughtful friend and helping people in class when they need it.

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Hattie for writing a sentence.

Reception— Guinevere for a great sentence to describe her drawing of a pig.

Year 1 - Teddy for sharing a range of adjectives to use in his character description.

Year 2— Harper for including current and previous GPS features in writing.

Year 3 - Eli for working so hard on his handwriting and letter formation.

Year 4 - Imogen for a well written character using good cohesion and all of the skills we have learnt.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Lilly R for matching amounts of objects to numerals.

Reception— Jace for using his flashy fingers to combine two groups.

Year 1 - Blake for demonstrating excellent subtraction using number bonds.

Year 2 - Lottie for persevering in lessons and always trying her hardest. m

Year 3 - Remie for showing an excellent understanding of how to convert between m, cm and mm.

Year 4 - Rohan for excelling in our perimeter work and solving problems with independ-

## Nursery Passport Challenge

John-William, Martin-Francis, Hattie, Ted, Reggie, Lilly, Maya, Oakley D, Star, Jasper, Leo, Brody, Eddie, Juan, Ruben and Viv

## Reception Brain Challenge

Evelyn    Eddie    Parker

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

N1—98%   N2—98.2%   R— 97.7%   Y1 - 93.7%   Y2 - 95.1%   Y3 - 94.9%   Y4—93.1%

## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Cyber Security and Online Safety

On Monday 9th February at 3:30pm, DC Neil Howells, ROCU Protect Officer from the West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit will be coming into school to deliver an information session on Cyber Security. This will give parents and carers an valuable opportunity to:



- Take part in an interactive session where you understand the criminal world of cyber crime, fraud and get answers how they do it...
- Preventative measures to avoid being a victim
- A live dark web demonstration of where that money goes and see the end result...

For those families who are unable to get child care but wish to attend, their children can remain with their teachers at the end of the day and will be supervised by school staff before being collected at the Key Stage 2 door when the session has finished.

Please complete the form to confirm attendance by following this link: [Cyber Security Parent Information Session – Fill in form](#)

### 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.



## EVENTS AND NOTICES



**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

**Boys Vs Girls**

FROM: 08:30 - 6th FEBRUARY  
UNTIL: 19:00 - 12th FEBRUARY



Please encourage your child to have a go to see if they can score as many points as possible for their group. Certificates will be given out next Friday to those children who have the greatest impact for their group.



**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

Meet your coach  
Jamie

**ONLY £5 PER SESSION**

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

Book now at [beeactive.co.uk](http://beeactive.co.uk)

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

Search: 'Bee Active'

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

## 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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <b>23.2.2026 to 23.3.2026</b>
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 <b>24.2.2026 to 24.3.2026</b>
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 <b>3.3.2026 to 24.3.2026</b>
Thursday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4:25pm	Times Tables Club	Mrs Richards	£5 per week £20 for 4 weeks <b>26.2.2026 to 19.3.2026</b>
Friday	Y2/Y3/Y4	3:25 – 4pm	World Change Makers	Mrs Pope	£4 per week £20 for 5 weeks <b>27.2.2026 to 27.3.2026</b>

## 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

A photograph of a white cup of coffee on a saucer, surrounded by coffee beans. Next to it is a slice of chocolate cake on a white plate, also surrounded by coffee beans.

**Covens Mothers' Union**



## School Association News



### ♥ Valentine's Kindness Tokens

This week we are continuing our **Kindness Tokens** fundraiser, running throughout **Valentine's week**.

Kindness Tokens are a simple but meaningful way for children to share positive messages with friends, family members, teachers, or anyone who might need a smile. Each token carries a kind message such as "You are so kind" or "That was so nice", helping to spread positivity across the school.

Tokens cost **£3 for a bundle of 6** and will be distributed to children via their class. **Tokens will be available to purchase until Friday 13th February**, and children can **start giving them out from Monday**, continuing throughout the week.

We encourage parents and carers to have a chat with their children about **who they might like to give their tokens to and why** – helping children think about kindness, gratitude, and recognising others is a big part of what makes this initiative so special.

👉 Tokens are available to purchase via our PTA Events page:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulscovenschoolassociation>



All proceeds go directly towards supporting the work of the **School Association** and our ongoing fundraising goals.

Thank you for helping us spread kindness across the school ♥

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### 📣 School Association WhatsApp Updates



## School Association News



You can read this update on the PTA Events site too:

<https://tinyurl.com/N7769>

To help improve and streamline how we share information about School Association events and updates, we have introduced two new communication tools:

### School Association WhatsApp Business Account

We now have a dedicated **School Association WhatsApp Business** account.

This account is **only accessed by specific members of the School Association** (the Chair and Comms Lead) and is **not managed or accessed by the school**.

You may have noticed this account being added to year group chats — this is purely to help us share clear, consistent information about events and updates in one place, and reduce messages being missed.

### School Association WhatsApp Channel

Alongside this, we have launched a **School Association WhatsApp Channel**.

This is a great option if:

- ✓ you are not in year group chats, or
- ✓ you'd like a single, central place to see all School Association updates.

You can follow the channel here:

[👉 https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbBu0QBHwXbKZK3HDK14](https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbBu0QBHwXbKZK3HDK14)

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

## MARCH 2026

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
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March and Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Gift Sale
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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 20 <sup>th</sup> 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>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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 and Break the School Rules Day (Details to follow)
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
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	SA Movie Night
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	SA Movie Night

# DIARY DATES

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