



"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him"

Colossians 2:7

Weekly Newsletter - Autumn Term – Friday 11th October 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon everyone.

What another busy week at St Pauls.

This week all of our pupil Leaders have been presented with their badges. I know they are very proud to wear them and they do need to be looked after. Please make sure the badges are kept safe and they wear them every day on their uniform with Pride. I am very much looking forward to seeing the children grow in their new roles over the year.

On Tuesday we had our Harvest Service – the rain didn't stop us and even though we were extremely disappointed we couldn't go to Church and share the service with you all, the children certainly made you all proud and shone in the hall. It was a lovely service led by Lottie and the children. Photographs are on our website.

On Thursday we supported 'Young Minds' with #HelloYellow. Thankyou for your support. The children looked fabulous – and most importantly all children had an assembly and completed some work about emotions, feelings and staying healthy.

We are working really hard at the moment to showcase as much of school life as possible – and we encourage you to look at our website each week as more gets added. I have spoken with the children this week to show them what's on there and they really enjoyed looking through all of the photographs. See below for a quick 'Where to find...' guide.

Today your child has come home with a booklet and information leaflet about Attendance – Here Every day Ready On time (HERO) This is something in which we are working with the Local Authority on an initiative to support parents to attend school every day. All of the information shared will be on our website also.

New diary dates have gone on to the list – our Autumn Term Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 5th November and Wednesday 6th November.

As always if you do have any questions please call or pop into the office. Continue to check messages and emails as we aim to give as much information as possible about what's happening at St Pauls.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Gaskell and the St Pauls Team.

Class	%
Reception – Mrs Fletcher	92.9%
Year ½ - Miss Goddard	96.6%
Year ¾ - Mr Connolly	98.6%
Year 5 – Mrs Gull	93.3%
Year 6 – Miss Wetton	95.8%

Whole School Weekly Attendance

96.55%

OUR WEEKLY WINNERS!

Y3/4

Being in school every day is so important to ensure children have the best chance possible of achieving well and reaching their potential.



This term our target as a school is 96%. To help children to achieve this we will be inviting parents into school to speak with Miss Gaskell to look at ways in which we can support to raise the attendance of your child. We will be launching attendance awards and leading assemblies with the children so that they understand the importance of being in school every day and on time.



A reminder that our school equipment should not be used in the mornings before school. The children are not supervised at this time.



Especially with the change in weather, the equipment is now wet and will also turn slippy during the colder months.

Bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please walk the bike or scooter across the playground.

- A reminder the gates close at 8:45am – this is so that we are open for our statutory time of 32.5 hours. Please be on time as the morning session until 9:00am is target learning time for all children.
- All children in KS2 should be wearing ties
- School shoes should be black
- Reading books brought into school every day

Diary Dates

October half term

Monday 28th October – Monday 4th November

Monday 4th school closed for Staff Inset

School Reopens Tuesday 5th November

Parents evening

Tuesday 5th November 3:20pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday 6th November 3:20pm – 5:30pm

New Reception Class 2025 Open Day

Tuesday 12th November 9:30am and 1:30pm





Class	Winner!
Reception	Rose
Year 1	Jaydon
Year 2	Francesca
Year 3	Sam
Year 4	Tayla
Year 5	Logan
Year 6	Asia



Values Award

Congratulations

For being a shining rainbow in our learning community, showing the value

Respect

Excellence of _____

Perseverance

Belief and Courage

Equality

Honest

Friendship and Love



Swords of Success Award

Congratulations

Their excellence in building their knowledge and skills in



Class	Winner!
Reception	Robyn
Year 1	Eleanor
Year 2	Eddie
Year 3	Beth
Year 4	Aaron
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Sienna





LOOK what we're LEARNING!

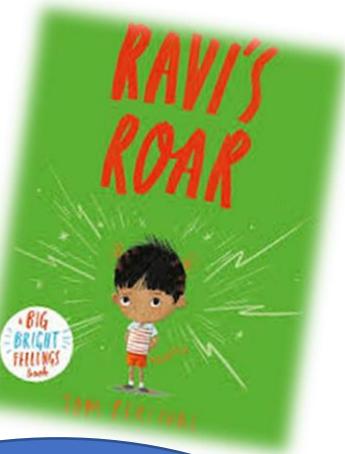
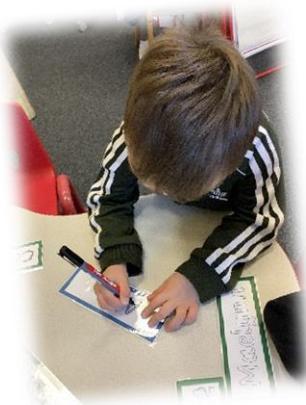


Reception



This week reception class have been continuing with their final GPCs of the half term before assessment next week. They have been working so hard to say the sounds and also write them in their adult led groups. This week though, lots of children have gone into provision and have chosen to continue practising their writing which we are so proud of!

Our end of the day story session this week has been all about Ravi, a little boy who sometime got angry. We have discussed emotions and feeling with the children and this also fit in perfectly with our hello Yellow day on Thursday,



We have been writing our names, learning maths with rice (which got everywhere!), making fire engine ladders in the construction area and for a Friday surprise, Mr Pickford had built our new reading arch so we could sit together and read.





Year 1 and 2



This week in Year 1 and 2, we have begun looking at our new text in English 'A Walk in London'. The children have enjoyed learning about the different landmarks in London and watching a 360-degree tour of St Paul's Cathedral! In Maths, the children have been consolidating their learning on number bonds to and within 10 in Year 1 and adding by making 10 in Year 2.

We continued our Science topic on Materials and this week the children investigated what material would be best to protect Humpty Dumpty from falling, the children explored the different properties of each material and decided that bubble wrap or fabric would be the best to protect Humpty Dumpty.

We have been learning all about Harvest this week in school. In class worship, the children looked at pictures of farms and harvest from the 1950s. We explained to the children how different harvest was in the past as they didn't have all the same equipment we do now. Also, how important it was to get a good harvest as that food would need to last the winter months. The children understood this well! In addition to this, the children got creative and created sweetcorn paintings using bubble wrap printing techniques!

In Art the children were introduced to watercolours. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed using this new method to create shells and spirals. The children were really proud of the work they produced in this lesson! In Computing, we developed our knowledge on Technology and this week we learnt about how to use a keyboard on the iPad and the class practised adding text to pictures.



Year 3 and Year 4



This week has been incredibly successful for Year 3 and 4! In our English lessons, we've been preparing for our narrative fantasy stories and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring a mysterious magical book.

In history, we continued our journey into the past by studying the lives of our ancestors during the Neolithic Stone Age, focusing on how tools evolved from the Mesolithic to Neolithic periods.

In geography, we learned about compass points and practiced using cardinal directions to navigate maps.

In our RE lesson, we explored the significance of the Creation Story in Christian beliefs. We discussed how this narrative shapes the understanding of the world and humanity's place in it, emphasizing themes of wonder, responsibility, and the relationship between God and creation.



On Thursday, we celebrated Hello Yellow Day, raising awareness for mental health while wearing vibrant yellow attire. Although we were disappointed to miss the harvest celebration at the church, we had a fantastic time performing poems and songs in the school hall.



In art, we delved into the world of printmaking in the style of William Morris. The students created beautiful patterns inspired by nature, experimenting with colour and design to produce their own unique prints, which reflected Morris's love for intricate, organic forms.



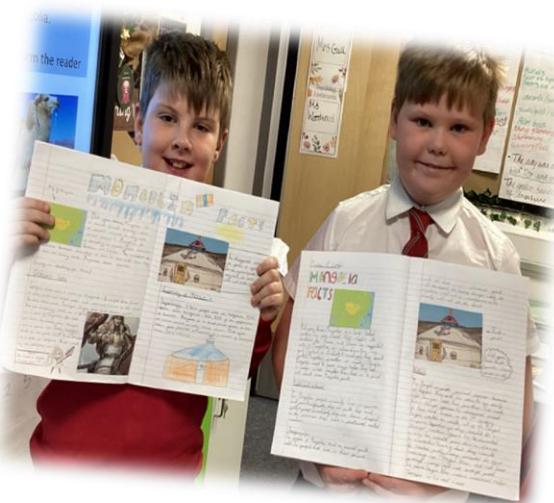
What a wonderful week of learning and fun!



Year 5 and Year 6



In English lessons children have been identifying and learning about all the different features of non-chronological reports. They have been reading a book called *The Unforgotten Coat* which was about a child from Mongolia. They wrote their own non-chronological reports based on Mongolia. All children have written and designed some great reports and they were very proud of their hard work!



This week our Scientists in Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about conductors and insulators. They have had a variety of different materials to test. They created a circuit with a light bulb and tested the different materials by attaching them to their circuit. Children made predictions based on their experiences and wrote conclusions for their findings.

This week, year 6 have created some beautiful reports about Queen Victoria in their history lesson. They have also been reading about the Industrial Revolution in Liverpool and connecting this to their history as well as practising their writing skills in their non-chronological reports about Mongolia!



What's on in the Autumn Term?

Extra-curricular enrichment clubs

Monday

Multi-skills/Netball

Y3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday

PALS Dance Club

Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday

Football

Y1, 2 & 3

Thursday

Lunchtime Choir

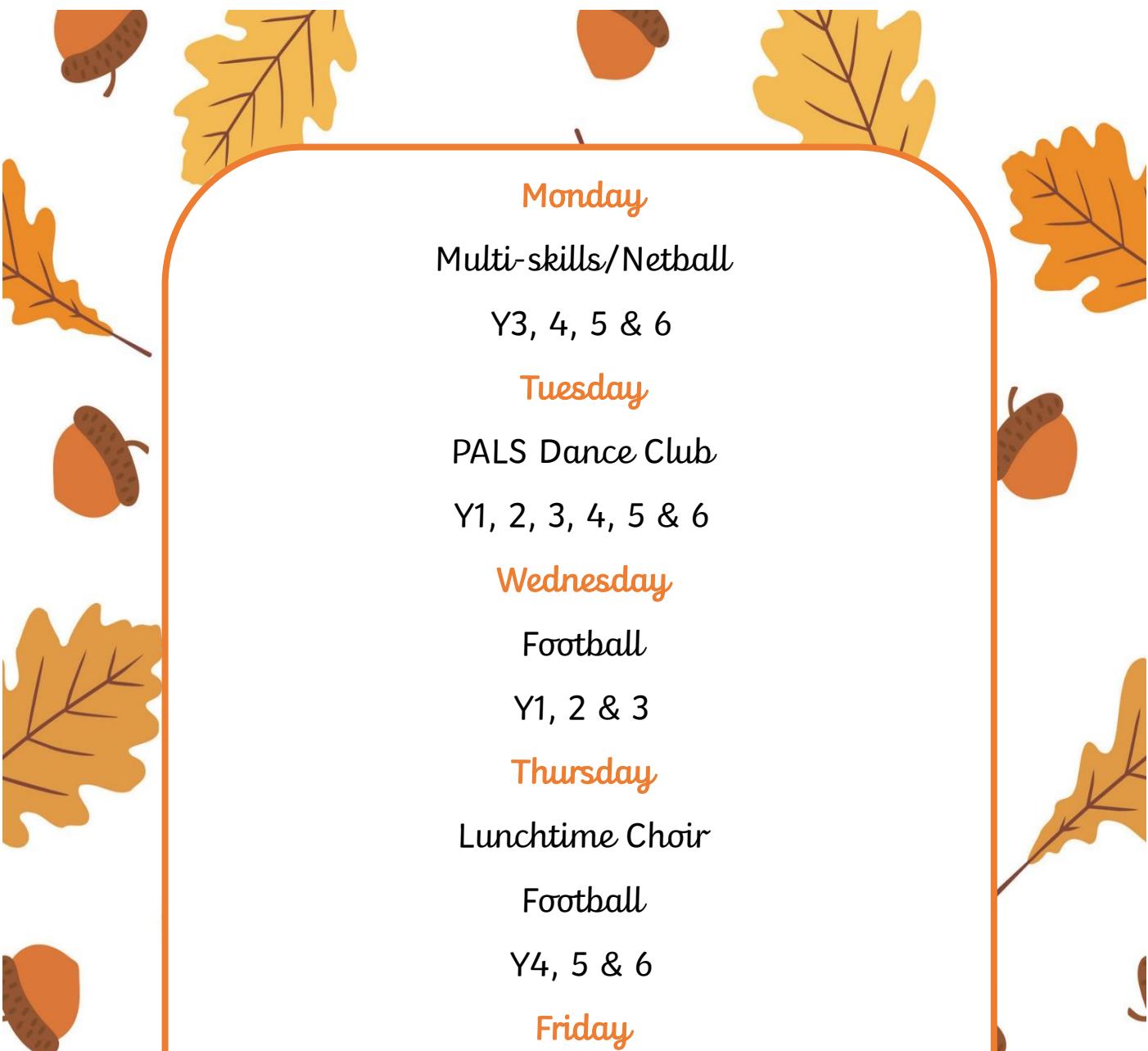
Football

Y4, 5 & 6

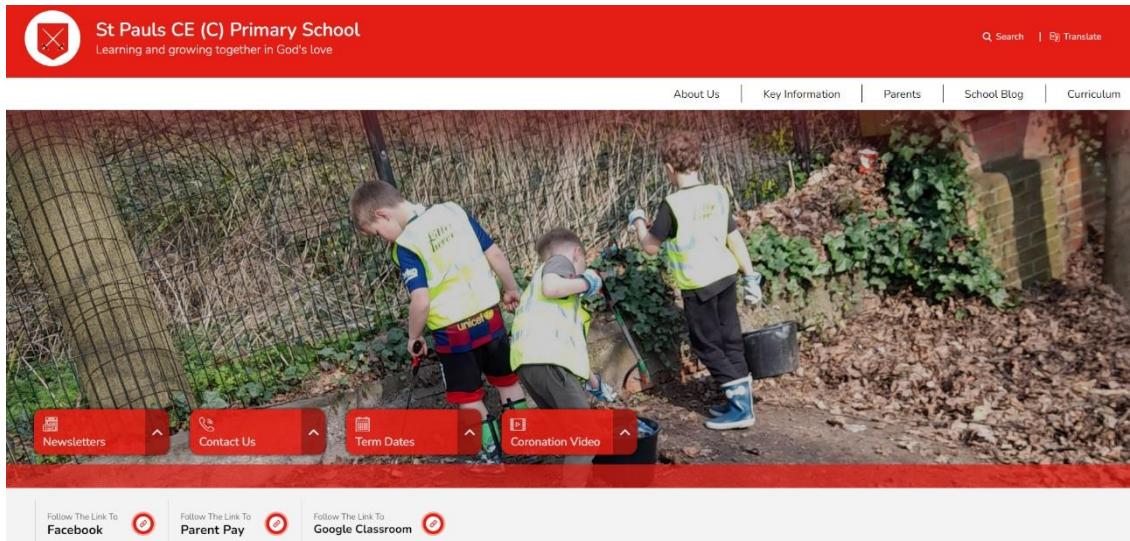
Friday

Forest School

Y3, 4, 5 & 6



Our School Website



Navigating your way around...

In the Parents section you will find lots of information about the day-to-day school – when we open, school uniform etc.

You will also find the newsletter here each week – so if you need to check something or want to share your child's achievements with a family member or friend you can direct them here.

In the new School Blog section – this is currently a place for you to see all of our events that take place – lots of information and photographs and over the term we will be adding updates.

In here you will find lots of information about what your child is learning in class, forest school opportunities they will have over the year and also any clubs as part of our extra-curricular offer.

We will be offering a phonics workshop after half-term to help you to understand our phonics teaching so that you feel confident to support at home.



We would be so grateful if you could download the Asda Rewards App and join our Cashpot for St Pauls.

We already have **£131.45** in the pot which is amazing, and this money will come straight back into school!

Please ask at the office if you need any help in how to support us.



Please click on the links below to watch a video about the Flu Vaccination – sent through from our local NHS Team.

Student information: <https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDlI>

Parent information: <https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>



Thankyou so much to everyone who supported our #HelloYellow day on Thursday. The children looked brilliant and the effort was very much appreciated.

We raised an incredible amount of money which will be sent off to support such an important cause for both children and adults.





Phone Safety Tips (from UK Safer Internet Centre). Further information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNs

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact
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Children Board**

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



SEND Questions

If you have any questions about your child regarding Special Educational Needs, please contact
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