



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

Colossians 2:7

Weekly Newsletter - Autumn Term – Friday 4th October 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon everyone.

What another busy week at St Pauls.

This week our Worship Theme has been Respect, and our bible story we have chosen at St Pauls to help to teach the children is The Ten Commandments. This story teaches how we can respect God and each other as well as being honest linking to our Christina Rainbow Values. The children have had some really good discussion about this story and have done some lovely work in their class worship floorbook.

On Monday we had our Coffee Morning, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. A huge thankyou to everyone who came, for those who donated cakes and all of the donations you sent in with your children. We raised an amazing £129.00 which I know will make such a difference to the work that the charity does for those affected by Cancer.

On Tuesday we had our Maths learning walk in school where leaders had the chance to see all of the amazing work that our teachers and children are doing in the classroom. Our new iPads are being utilised to support learning and the children are making us proud in the way in which they are respecting the equipment. We cannot wait to invite you in to school after half term to see them in action!

Next Thursday, the 10th October is world Mental Health Day. This matter is really important for all of us – both children and adults and is something in which we cover in our PSHE curriculum. Please could we ask that children, if they can, wear something yellow – it can be a jumper, t-shirt, a headband or socks – but the showing of yellow will unite everyone in showing that we are thinking of this important topic. Any donations on the day would be gratefully received – however big or small.

A reminder that is the Harvest Service at church on Tuesday 8th October at 10:00am. We would kindly like to ask for donations in which the children will carry their offering to the church. A text and dojo reminder will be sent on Monday.

You will have noticed – that this newsletter has gone out on paper! This will just be for a few weeks until half term to get everyone talking about St Pauls and what brilliant things are coming up over the term. The digital copy will still have all of the lovely photographs and class blogs from your children's teachers – we have just decided not to send these out on paper.

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	98.6%
Year ½ - Miss Goddard	95.2%
Year ¾ - Mr Connolly	97.9%
Year 5 – Mrs Gull	88%
Year 6 – Miss Wetton	98.4%

Whole School Weekly Attendance

96.6%

OUR WEEKLY WINNERS!

Reception



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

Tuesday 8th October 10:00am

Harvest Church Service – all welcome

Thursday 10th October

Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

Children to wear something yellow



Class	Winner!
Reception	Primrose
Year 1	Nevaeh
Year 2	Anthony
Year 3	Celine
Year 4	Jasnoor
Year 5	Max
Year 6	Jethro



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

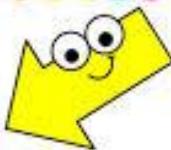
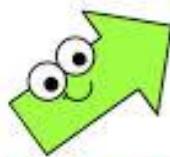


Class	Winner!
Reception	Carter
Year 1	Daniel
Year 2	Clemmie
Year 3	Oliver
Year 4	Harley
Year 5	Kayson
Year 6	George





LOOK what we're LEARNING!



Reception



It has been another busy week in Reception! In PE we have been learning all about different ways of travelling and different ways to jump. We thought carefully about how to move along the equipment and made sure that we bent our knees when we landed. We have also used our Gymnastics skills in our Outdoor area when balancing on the wooden planks.



In maths this week we have been enjoying finding out about size and capacity. We tested heavy and light items to see if they would float or sink and also prepared a big and small picnic for the big and small teddies!



Year 1 and 2



This week in Year 1 and 2, children have continued developing their skills in Maths and English. In English, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases and how we can use these in our writing. In Maths, Year 1s have been looking at number lines and part-whole models. While Year 2s have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Children have enjoyed using practical equipment to explore and consolidate these concepts.



In Science this week, we undertook an investigation where we helped the Three Little Pigs decide which material would be the best for them to build a house from. We chose 3 materials and tested if they were strong enough, waterproof and windproof. Children made some excellent predictions and did well at recording the results of the experiment as well!



We have continued to use the iPads in our Technology topic in Computing, this week children created some brilliant digital paintings. Alongside digital art skills, children have also been deepening their observational drawing skills this week in Art. The children chose a shell to sketch, and focused on the detail, texture and shape of the shell. The concentration levels in the lesson were outstanding and this was reflected in their sketches. I can't wait to see how they develop these creations using watercolours next week!

Another fantastically, busy week. Well done Year 1 and 2!



Year 3 and Year 4



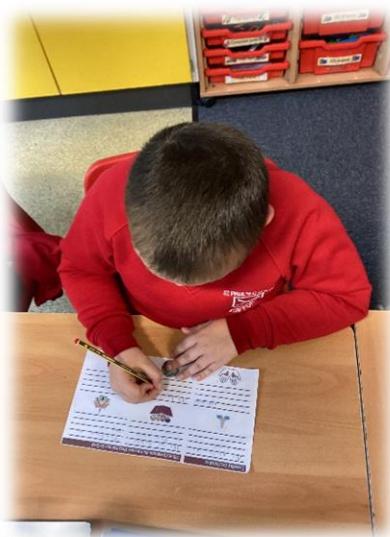
What a fantastic week we've had Year 3/4. I'm thrilled to see the tremendous progress you're all making across the board. We're getting into our routines more efficiently and producing even more high-quality work. A special shout-out to those of you who have been seeking extra work during lunchtimes—your dedication is inspiring!

This week, we explored the Neolithic Stone Age and discussed how the domestication of plants and animals transformed the lives of our ancestors.



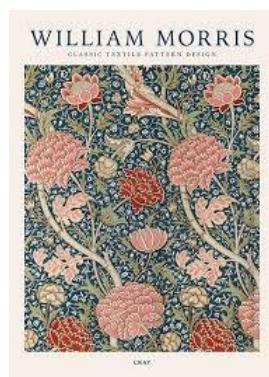
In Geography, we delved into topography, learning how to interpret geographical features on maps.

PE was all about transitions, movement, shape, and refining our skills in jumping and landing.



In Science, we conducted hands-on experiments to understand conductors and insulators. And in Art, we examined how William Morris used repeated prints to craft his iconic designs.

Well done, everyone! Keep up the excellent work





Year 5 and Year 6

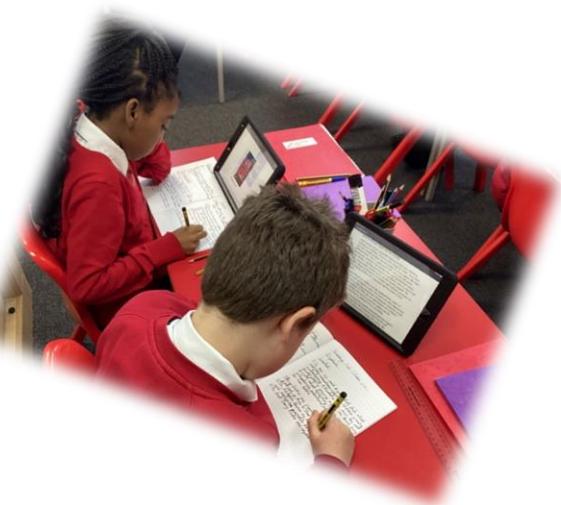


Children had an amazing History afternoon this week! They are really enjoying our topic on the Victorians. This week they learnt all about Queen Victoria. They produced some informative and creative fact files to showcase all the knowledge through the lesson.

This week in Maths children have enjoyed comparing and ordering numbers. They have been using lots of challenging vocabulary such as descending, ascending, greater than, less than and the same as; when given numbers to order and compare.



Year 6 have worked so hard practising their three-mark answers in reading! They have made sure to use the point, evidence and explain method to support their explanations of a biography about Jacqueline Wilson.



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

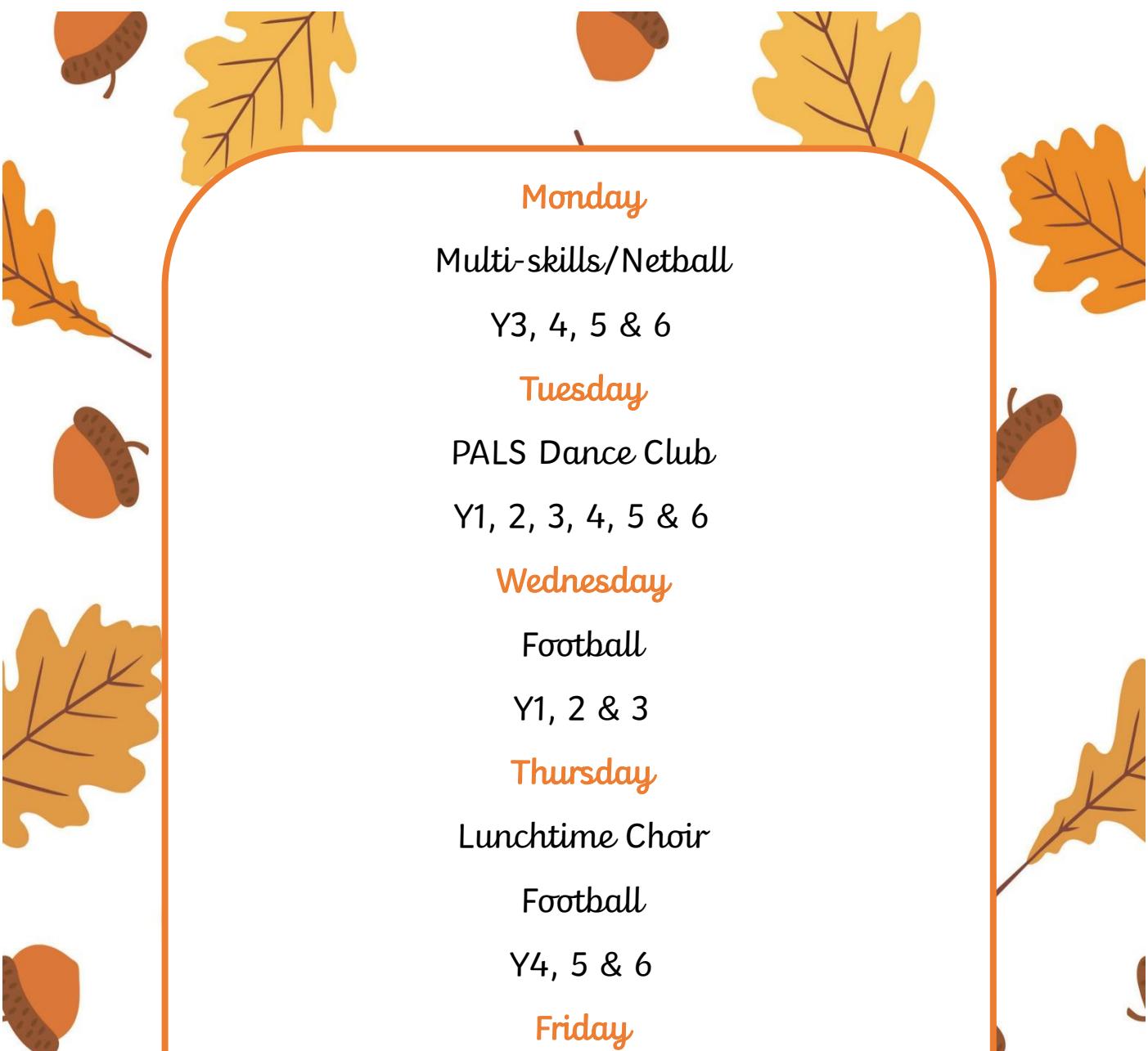
Football

Y4, 5 & 6

Friday

Forest School

Y3, 4, 5 & 6





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

We already have **£122.06** 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>



**Wear it loud.
Wear it proud.**





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

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



**Talk with your child
about responsible use
of their games console**

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the games console 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 Miss Gaskell (DSL) 01785 337436 Or Staffordshire Safeguarding Board 0300 1118007



Staffordshire Safeguarding 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 Mrs Nevins-Stanford (SENDCo) 01785 337436