



# St Paul's Primary School



*'There is one body, and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you.'*

**Ephesians 4: 4-5**

**Autumn Term Newsletter: Week Ending Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



## Message from

**the Headteacher**

Good afternoon,

And just like that...Autumn Term 2025 is done – and Christmas is just around the corner.

We have had a lovely Autumn Term – lots of events and trips and learning opportunities galore!

We have celebrated Harvest, Advent and Christmas as well as welcoming visitors into school for workshops which the children have loved.

I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for all your support, helping at home with homework and supporting events, trips and with raising money. It really is so appreciated.

Our Christmas Fair raised just over an INCREDIBLE £1000! This will be going towards some new geography and science equipment (which our Pupil Leadership Teams will be helping to choose) and a new Doll's House and Fire Station for Reception and Year 1 – to name just a few things. As soon as everything is delivered, we will let you know – and more importantly show pictures of your children enjoying them.

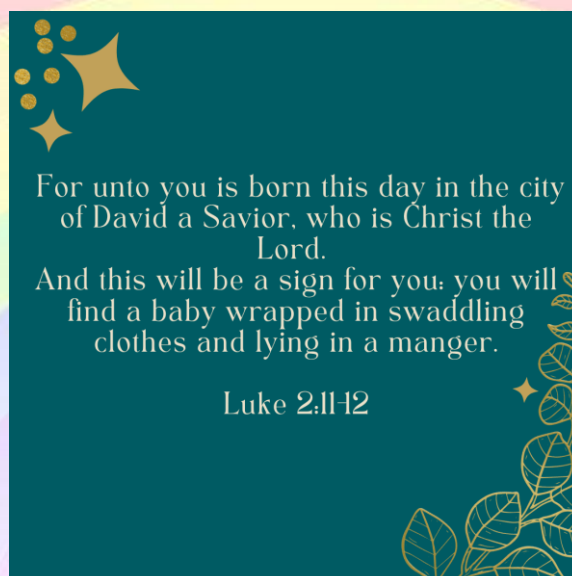
We hope you all have a wonderful holiday, spending time with friends and family and making lots of memories.

From our home to yours...

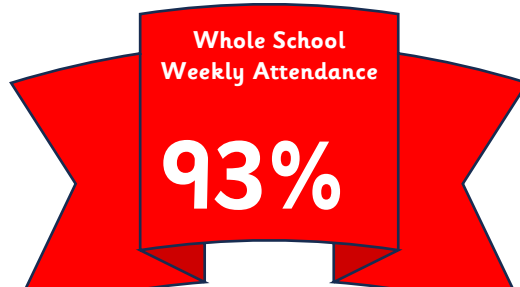
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**A reminder that school re-opens on TUESDAY January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Miss Gaskell and the St Paul's Team



Class	%
Reception/Year 1	87.3%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3/4	98%
Year 5/6	88.8%



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.

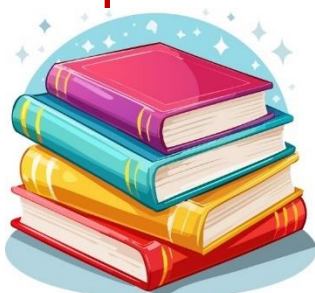


At school, we are passionate about fostering a love of reading in every child. Reading every day—even for just a short time—can make a huge difference to a child's vocabulary, imagination, and confidence. It opens doors to new worlds, ideas, and possibilities, and supports learning across all subjects.

We're thrilled to see so many families engaging with our online reading library on Big Cat Collins, which is proving to be a fantastic resource. Thank you for encouraging your children to explore the wide range of books available.

Next week, we'll be appointing our Year 5/6 librarians, who will help run our school library and support book borrowing across the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older pupils to take on responsibility and share their enthusiasm for reading with others.

Let's keep turning those pages—every book read is a step forward in your child's learning journey!





# Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



The children had a wonderful time at Amerton Farm. They met Santa and told him their wishes for Christmas, as well as saying hello to the baby Reindeer too! They loved the tractor ride around the farm and spotting all of the different animals. They then got to the opportunity to look and pet some of the animals more closely. They were so respectful and calm, showing our Rainbow Values throughout the trip. The children also had lots of time to explore and play in Billy's Barn. Well done on a fantastic trip Reception, Y1 and Y2!! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, and we cannot wait to hear all about it in January.

Miss Goodard, Miss Boulter and Miss Tierney





## Year 3 and Year 4

### *What a wonderful week we've had!*

On Monday, our children enjoyed an exciting trip to High House and the Soup Kitchen, where they stepped back in time to discover how Christmas celebrations have changed from Tudor times to today. They learned about the foods people once enjoyed at their festive tables, the decorations used in homes, and when Christmas crackers and cards first appeared. The children were amazed to hear that Christmas was once cancelled—and thrilled to find out how it was reinstated!



Afterwards, we shared a lovely meal at the Soup Kitchen, and for dessert, the children beautifully decorated their own cakes. To their great delight, Father Christmas paid a surprise visit and brought gifts for everyone!

Later in the week, we visited the church, where the children spoke about what they had learned in their RE lessons about Christingle and read a Christingle poem aloud. Finally, on the last day of term, we have been treated to a cozy Christmas movie with hot chocolate, popcorn, and biscuits. We wish all our families a joyful Christmas and thank you for your support this term. See you in the New Year!

**Miss Campbell and Mr Farmer**





## Year 5 and Year 6

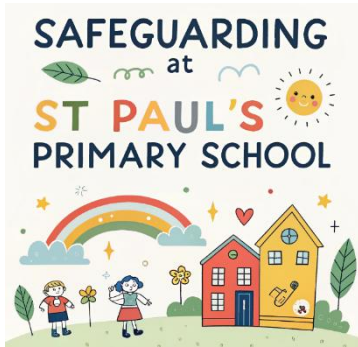


We had a brilliant final week before Christmas, full of memorable experiences. The children thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Gatehouse Theatre to watch *Sleeping Beauty*, which was a real highlight. We also visited church, where we learned about and discussed the Bible story together. To end the term on a high, we finished with a well-earned Golden Time on Friday, with football outside and quizzes inside — a lovely way to celebrate a fantastic term of hard work. Have a lovely Christmas, Miss Wetton and Mrs Dryden 🎄





**IMPORTANT**



**SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS**  
If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact  
**Miss Gaskell (DSL)**  
**01785 337436**  
Or  
**Staffordshire Safeguarding Board 0300 1118007**



For any information regarding children with Additional Needs for parents and carers, Staffordshire Connects is a website giving lots of different resources, web links and information regarding what our local area can offer.

This information is always on our school website but click below for the link to take you to the home page. From there you will find the Local Offer for parents and carers.



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