



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

Ephesians 4: 4-5

Spring Term Newsletter: Week Ending Friday 5th June 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

It may have been the first week back and only 4 days, but we have got straight back into learning as fast-paced as ever!

We began the week with Whole School Worship led by Lottie – focussed around Trinity Sunday, a unique celebration day in the Christian Calendar on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This week has been Child Safety Week – and we launched our 'Summer of Safety'. More information is found on class dojo, in this newsletter and on Facebook. Learning to keep ourselves safe is so important all year round but as we approach the long summer holidays, we wanted to make sure our children were ready for the different challenges they may face, and be confident that that they can keep themselves and others safe. We began by introducing Captain Caution – reminding children how to stay safe on the roads.

Our younger half of the school have absolutely loved that Forest School has started and have had a wonderful time exploring our Forest School area – having fun as well as importantly learning the Forest School safety rules. Don't forget to like and follow our Forest School providers on Facebook – Wilderness Wanderers.

This week, the children have also started their new art topics. Each class will be studying an artist and producing a piece of art inspired by that particular style. On Wednesday 8th July, during our drop-ins, the artwork will be displayed. We cannot wait to celebrate our art exhibition.

Finally, please note a change of date to our end of year Church Service. Unfortunately, this has had to move to the week before – Tuesday 7th July. This is a chance for use to celebrate the year we've had and say goodbye to our Y6 leavers. We would be delighted to welcome as many of you as possible for this final worship of our school year.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Gaskell and the St Pauls Team

If you know anyone who has children who are turning 3 – they are able to join our pre-school. All children welcome.

15-hour and 30-hour places available.

Please enquire at the office.



Please see our Facebook post
And like and share our flyer!
Share with family and friends.

St Paul's
Primary School

A great start for a bright future

NEW
PRE-SCHOOL
OPENING
at
St Paul's Primary School
OPENING THIS SEPTEMBER!

Play
Learn
Grow
Together

- For children aged 3 and 4 years
- 15 and 30 hour places available
- Safe, welcoming and nurturing environment
- Play-based learning to inspire young minds

ENQUIRE TODAY!
Enquire at our office for more information.

Ring us on **01785 337436**
Email StPaulsOffice@stbartsmat.co.uk
Enquire at our office for more information.

Rooted in faith, growing together, reaching for the stars



Useful Information

St Bartholomew's CE
Multi Academy Trust



A reminder please that all absences need to be logged with the school office – not through dojo.

Please ring school to log an absence – leave a message if the office is not open at that time, or email in StPaulsOffice@stbartsmat.co.uk

It is really important that you log this absence by 9:30am. If we have not heard from you follow up calls will be made to yourself and other contacts on our list. Every day of absence must have a phone call until the children return to school.

Please ensure that all children are wearing black smart school shoes. We have allowed black smart trainers – as long as they are completely plain black with no logos. Full a full list of school uniform please click the link to our website.

<https://www.st-pauls-stafford.staffs.sch.uk/school-uniform/>



BLACK SCHOOL SHOES



During the colder months, our outdoor PE kit needs to be worn to ensure that children are warm and able to participate.

A reminder of our 'Winter' kit:

School PE coloured house T-Shirt

Plain black hoody – no logo or branding

Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings – no logo or branding

Black trainers and pumps – not shoes or boots

We would like to request that parents are not using mobile phones on the school playground – this is for safeguarding reasons.

Can we also please ask that parents whilst dropping off and picking up are not on phones to allow for staff to communicate if necessary but also to allow you the time to talk with your children. Drop-off and pick-up are such an important part of their day.





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PE Kit



All children should be wearing black hoodies and joggers in the colder weather – plain black please with suitable PE footwear.

[School Uniform | St Pauls CE \(C\) Primary School](#)

Thursday – Year 3/4/5/6 come to school in PE Kit

Friday – Reception and Y1 and Y2 come to school in PE kit (with wellies for Forest School)



The school gate opens at **8:40am**. Gates close at **8:45am** – this is so that we are open for our statutory time of 32.5 hours.

Children have focussed learning time between 8:45 and 9:00 so it is really important that they are ready to learn.

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.

St Paul's
C E Primary School

ATTENDANCE Matters!

Whole School Attendance to date **97.2%**

A huge well done to our pupils for their amazing attendance!

The following class attendance shows **WEEKLY** attendance

Class	% (Weekly Attendance)
Reception/Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	92.2%
Year 3/4	96.1%
Year 5/6	100%

Well done to **Year 5/6** for achieving **100%**!

Class attendance is based on weekly figures.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach for excellence!

St Paul's
C E Primary School



It has been a fantastic first week back and a super start to our final term!

In English, the children have been completing some mini writes this week on familiar settings from books we have read. To start the week, the children listened to different setting descriptions and matched them to the correct book. They then moved on to writing their own setting descriptions. Within these descriptions, there were lots of amazing adjectives used to describe each part of the setting in lots of detail for the



reader. In Reception, the children have been writing captions to begin re-telling the story of Superworm, they have been orally rehearsing their sentence before writing it and the checking to make sure a capital letter, finger space and full stop have all been used.



In Maths this week, Year 1 have been very busy doing some shopping! We have introduced our Money unit this week and being able recognise coins and notes. The children quickly got the hang of the value of each coin and note and they then used their money to buy items from the Year 1 shop. They worked in pairs, with one being the shopper and the other being the shopkeeper to ensure they had given the correct amount of money. The children have loved their learning this week! In Reception, the children have been exploring patterns. We have

looked at how patterns can be made with physical objects but can also be created with body percussion and actions too! The children were able to copy and complete repeating patterns and also create their own patterns as well.



In the wider curriculum this week, the Year 1 children began a new art project. This term they will be learning all about Vincent Van Gogh and they had a go at recreating the famous painting of 'Starry Night'. In Science, the children went outside to explore living and not-living things. They had to



decide if things outside were living, not-lived or have never-lived. They decided that a tree was living, a leaf on the floor was not-living and a pair of wellies had never lived. In History, the children looked at the significant figure Boudica. They started to learn about her story and how she impacted the world.

In Reception, we have started learning about our new theme of 'Minibeasts'. The children have loved being in the Investigation Station and exploring different Minibeasts. They have started learning about the different type of Minibeasts and how they are the same and different. The children started learning about Kandinsky in Art, they learnt that he was an artist that used music to help him create. The children had a go at this themselves. They listened to two pieces of music and had to draw lines to match the music, we listened to a strong, heavy song and a calm, slow song.



The children have come back fantastically this week, I am so proud of their attitude, focus and work, well done! I hope you all have restful weekend! *Miss Goddard*



Welcome back, Year 2! Well done to all of the children for returning so settled, positive and ready to learn after the half-term break.

This week in English, the children have really enjoyed starting our new Branches journey based on Cinderella. We have been focusing on writing character descriptions, using our descriptive skills to create a clear picture for the reader. The children thought carefully about Cinderella's appearance and personality, and we even listened to the Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo song, which was a definite favourite!



In spelling, the children have been practising irregular spelling patterns. These can be tricky, but it is important that we continue to revisit and practise them to build confidence and accuracy. In grammar, our focus has been on making words plural. The children explored when to add -s and when words need -es, and they worked hard to apply this knowledge in their writing.



In maths, we began our new topic on statistics, which has been very enjoyable. The children have shown secure knowledge of tally marks and can both write and count tallies

accurately. We have been interpreting tally charts and block diagrams and are looking forward to creating our own data collection based on Year 2's favourite ice cream flavours! In arithmetic, we have continued to focus on times tables. The children are becoming increasingly fluent in recalling multiplication facts and are working hard to improve both their accuracy and speed.



In history, we learned about Boudicca and the children were inspired by how brave and determined she was. To help us understand the conflict between the Romans and the Celts, we completed an army training challenge. It ended in an impressive tie!



never been alive. This was a very popular activity and sparked some fantastic discussions.

In science, we began our new topic on living things and their habitats. The children enjoyed a team hunt outside, identifying things that are living, dead and things that have



never been alive. This was a very popular activity and sparked some fantastic discussions.

In art, we began exploring the work of Vincent van Gogh. The children looked at how he used colour to express different emotions and experimented with colour choices of their own. This learning will help us create our final piece inspired by The Starry Night later in the term.

Well done, Year 2, on a fantastic first week back. We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning as we continue our Summer 2 journey.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss Boulter.



Reception – Rose
 Year 1 – Primrose
 Year 2 – Jaydon
 Year 3 – Mila
 Year 4 – Oliver
 Year 5 – Tayla
 Year 6 – Tyler



Reception – Bobby
 Year 1 – Albie
 Year 2 – Emilie
 Year 3 – Ewan
 Year 4 – Sama
 Year 5 – Elliott
 Year 6 – April





It has been a short but very busy and productive week in Class 3-4.

In Maths, Year 3 have begun an exciting new unit on time. The children have been learning about Roman numerals and are developing their skills in telling the time accurately to the minute. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been consolidating their understanding of decimals, revisiting key concepts and building confidence in skills such as rounding numbers to the nearest whole and applying these in different contexts.

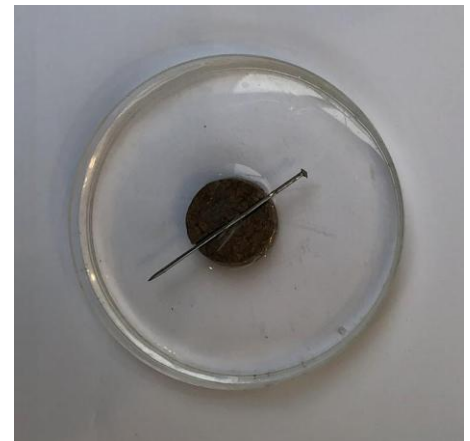
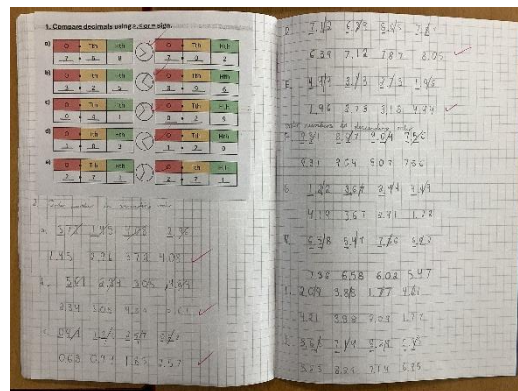
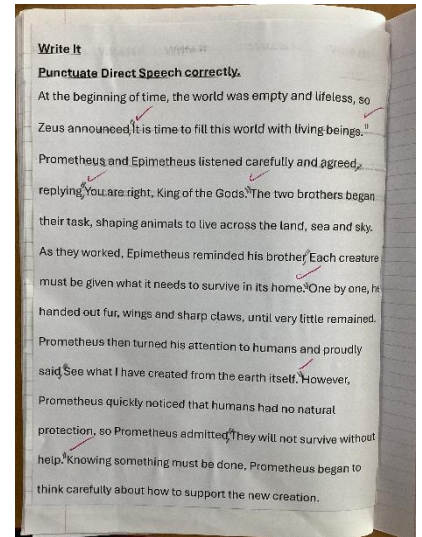
In English, we have started a new writing journey focusing on a narrative retelling of the Ancient Greek myth *Pandora's Box*. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have begun exploring the characters, themes and key events of the story in preparation for their own writing.

In Science, we have continued our learning on



forces and magnets. The children have been preparing for a practical investigation where they will create their own magnetic compass using simple materials such as a cork, bar magnet, bowl of water and a pin. We are looking forward to putting this into practice next week.

In Geography, we have been revisiting our learning about river journeys and have started to explore our local rivers in Staffordshire, including the River Sow and the River Penk. The children have enjoyed making links between their



learning and the local area.

In Art, we have begun a new unit on Monet. The children have learned about his life and have started to explore the techniques that make his beautiful water paintings so distinctive, including his use of colour and light.

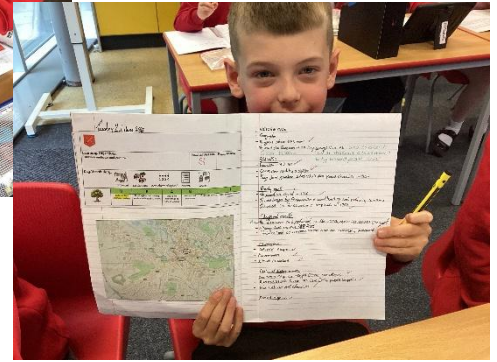
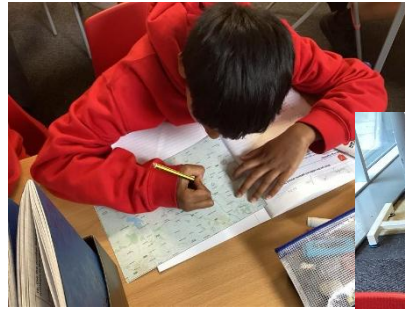
In PE, the children have continued preparing for Sports Day. We have made the most of the ever-changing weather to practise our skills and build confidence ahead of the event.

In History, the class have continued learning about Ancient Greece, focusing particularly on the differences in daily life between the city-states of Sparta and Athens. The children have been developing a good understanding of how these societies compared.

I hope you all have a restful — and hopefully sunny — weekend.

Miss Campbell





We were so pleased to welcome everyone back for the first week of

Summer 2. Both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have come back settled, calm and happy, and it's been lovely to see them get straight back into their learning with such positive attitudes.



In Writing, pupils have started working on their reports all about Stafford. They've been using what they've learnt in History and Geography to help

them, and it's been great to see them beginning to organise their ideas and include lots of important facts and subject-specific vocabulary.



In Reading, we marked World Environment Day by exploring a text called *The Plastic Tide*. This sparked some really thoughtful discussions about plastic pollution and its impact on our oceans. Pupils showed great maturity when sharing their ideas and thinking about how we can all help protect the environment.

In Maths, pupils have wrapped up their decimals unit by learning how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000. They've worked really hard on understanding how the digits move and are becoming much more confident when solving these types of problems.



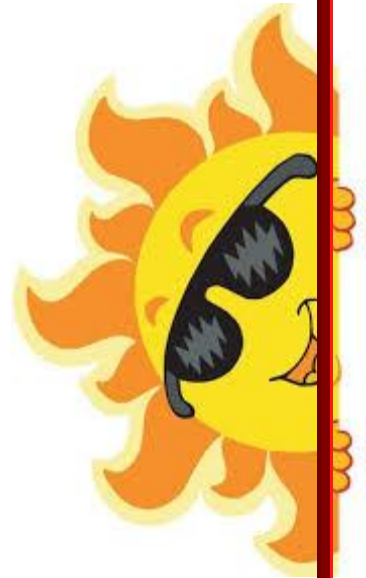
In Geography, pupils had the chance to design their own village in Staffordshire. They carefully chose locations and explained their reasons using human and physical geography vocabulary. There were some fantastic ideas and very thoughtful explanations!

In History, we looked at why Stafford was originally built as a burh. Pupils enjoyed learning about its defensive purpose and thinking about why this location would have been so important in Anglo-Saxon times.

In Art, pupils have started a new unit on self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo. They've begun exploring her style and thinking about how they can express themselves through their own artwork – we're really excited to see how these develop.

It's been a brilliant start to the half-term, and we're really proud of the effort, enthusiasm and positive attitudes shown by everyone. We're looking forward to another great few weeks ahead!

Summer Term



Year 4 Multiplication Check

From Tuesday 2nd June

Year 1 Phonics Screening

From Monday 8th June

Father's Day afternoon

Friday 19th June (time slots to be confirmed)

Year 5/6 Residential

Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th June

Sports Day

Thursday 2nd July

10:30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

12:00pm – 1:00pm Whole School picnic lunch

(All parents invited)

1:00pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Reports due out

Friday 3rd July

End of Year Church Service

Tuesday 7th July 10:00am

Report drop-in/end of year teacher catch up and Art Exhibition

Wednesday 8th July from 3:15pm

Summer Fair

Friday 10th July 2:00pm

Reception Graduation & Yr R-6 Awards Ceremony

(winners to be emailed individually)

Wednesday 15th July 2:00pm

Year 6 Disco

Thursday 16th July 6:00pm -7.30pm

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Friday 17th July 2:00pm





St Paul's SUMMER FAIR

Friday 10th July – 2:00pm

Preparations are well underway for this year's Summer Fair! The inflatables have been booked, and stalls are beginning to be organised.

As always, your help and support are very much appreciated!

WE WILL BE HOLDING TWO NON-UNIFORM DAYS, where we kindly ask for donations in return:

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Please can children bring a new, unopened, filled bottle of any kind.

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

Please can children bring chocolate or sweets.

These contributions will go towards our **BOTTLE TOMBOLA** and **CHOCOLATE/SWEET TOMBOLA**.



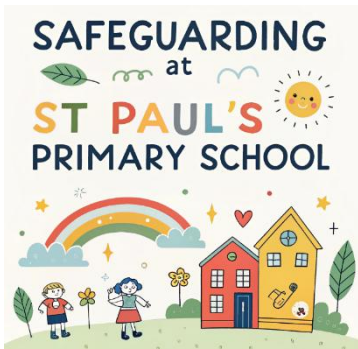
WE WOULD ALSO LOVE TO HAVE A **CUDDLY TOY TOMBOLA!**

If you have any cuddly toys that still have lots of life left in them and could find a new home, we would be very grateful for donations to support our school fund.

Any questions please just ask.
Thank you for your continued support!



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
Miss Gaskell
01785 337436

Local Offer for parents and carers





This week we have launched our Summer of Safety.

For the next 7 weeks, we will be teaching our children about the importance of keeping themselves safe in different situations that they may find themselves in – some on a daily basis, and others more so in the holidays.

7 weeks, 7 colours of our rainbow, 7 Superheroes to help us!

This week we launched with Road Safety – and who better to lead the way than '**Captain Caution**'

Each week our Superhero will set a Home Learning Challenge to allow children and parents the opportunity to learn together as well as having some fun keeping themselves safe. Look out on dojo for this week's secret challenge!

