# 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 2nd October 2026

### Message from the Headteacher

Another week of incredible teaching and learning has passed at St Pauls!

What a mix of weather we had this week – but thankfully the rain stopped in time to allow us lots of outdoor time, clubs outside and no wet playtimes! We will take that as a win.

We started the week with Lottie coming into school to deliver whole school worship – this week on the theme of showing Respect to others. Using a visual representation using food, it showed that if we treat others with kindness and love they can become kinder and sweeter – a lovely message to start our week.

Thank you so much in your support for our Census Day School Dinner – the children absolutely loved it. The food looked delicious, we had some Golden Ticket Winners and most importantly we served the most school dinners we have ever served this year!

This week we have launched our school leader's campaign! Adverts were sent out to the children for each of our leadership roles this year – Curriculum Council, Digital Leaders, Eco Warriors and Sports Squad. This year we have less roles but more responsibility, led by Miss Parry our Curriculum Leader. The votes have been counted, and we are very much looking forward to announcing our winners on Monday, when the children will find out our new Pupil Leaders in a special Celebration Worship.

Last week we added the calendar dates to the weekly email. We will add to these and let you know if there are any new updates over the coming term.

As always should have any questions about anything, please do pop in and see us at the office or catch your class teacher on the playground.

Have a great weekend

Miss Gaskell and the St Pauls Team

# IMPORTANT




At St Pauls we love sharing the wonderful learning, achievements and special moments that happen in school. Moving forwards, we'll be introducing a slightly different approach to how we capture and share these moments. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and online safety, we'll be working towards using more photographs that focus on the experience rather than the child's identity.

You'll begin to see this approach reflected across our Facebook page and website. This is something we'll be developing over time, and there will still be occasions where photographs of children are appropriate, and parental/carer permissions are in place. Our aim is simply to be increasingly thoughtful about what we share publicly, while still giving families a lovely window into school life.






What another wonderful and busy week we have had in Preschool and Reception!

This week we became Autumn explorers, learning about the changes we can see as the seasons change. We talked about the cooler weather, changing leaves and how animals prepare for winter, before heading outside to spot some of the signs of Autumn for ourselves.

We have also been very busy with our Maths learning. Preschool have been exploring shapes, looking at their differences and thinking about how different shapes can be used when building. Reception have started exploring measure, using lots of new mathematical vocabulary including big, small, tall, short, heavy and light. We have compared objects, become human balance scales, investigated capacity and even looked for different patterns around us!

Road safety has been a big focus for us too. We have learnt how to cross a road safely and talked about zebra crossings, pelican crossings and lollipop people. We have also learnt what traffic lights mean for cars – red means stop, amber means get ready and green means go – and enjoyed putting our learning into practice through role play.

Reception have continued working hard on their Little Wandle phonics and reading, while Preschool have been developing their pre-writing skills. We have also continued enjoying A Little Bit Brave, learning some fantastic new vocabulary and becoming increasingly confident at talking about what new words mean.

Our feeling of the week has been anger. We have talked about what anger feels like in our bodies, what might make us feel angry and how we can recognise this feeling in ourselves and others. We also opened our Treasured Text Voting Station this week! The children learnt that their ideas and choices are important and each had the opportunity to cast a vote to help choose our Wednesday story.

There has been plenty of creativity and movement too! We experimented with mixing primary colours to make new colours, continued our jungle-themed PE by learning to prowl like tigers, and enjoyed lots of opportunities to develop our fine-motor skills through threading, tweezers, playdough and mark making.

As always, so much learning has also taken place through our provision. From Autumn leaf printing and den building to initial-sound hunts, small-world play, pouring, threading and road-safety role play, the children have had another fantastic week learning through exploration and play.

We are incredibly proud of how much the children are learning and how their confidence and independence continue to grow. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gibson, Miss Tierney and Miss Evie













The Hedgehogs have been working so hard this week! In English, we began our new book, The Little Acorn. It fits perfectly with our science learning about different types of seeds and is also very fitting for this time of year. We have had some fantastic discussions surrounding the book, particularly about how the seasons change.



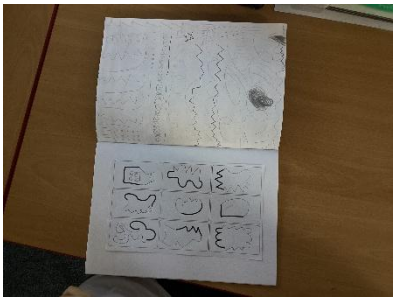
Year 1 have been using dictation to develop their understanding of how we form a sentence, focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Year 2 have been exploring how to use the past tense by adding the -ed suffix, as well as learning about prefixes and using the conjunction and.



In Maths, the children have been really focused and have applied themselves brilliantly across all areas. Both year groups have been ordering numbers from smallest to largest, using number lines and symbols to represent their understanding. We have also been making sure we use key mathematical vocabulary such as greater than, less than and equal to.



In Science, we had a brilliant lesson planting our cress seeds! We are keeping a close eye on them in our classroom and are excited to see how they grow. We discussed what plants need to grow and identified the four main parts of a plant that we should be able to see once they have grown.



In History, we had a rather scary experience as we travelled back in time to 1903! The children completed a full shift at the Lotus Shoe Factory, taking on the roles of clickers, inspectors, packagers and stitchers. It was a fantastic way to bring our history learning to life and help us understand what working life was like at the time.

In Art, we had a lovely lesson exploring different types of lines within shapes. The children used their imaginations to think creatively about how they could transform a simple shape into something imaginative and unique.

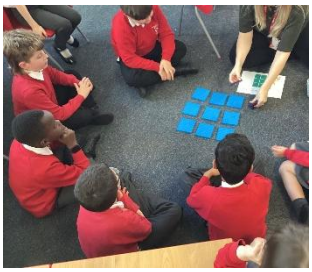
Well done, Hedgehogs, on another fantastic week! You have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of yourselves. Have a relaxing weekend, and we will see you all on Monday! Miss Boulter.




We've had another wonderful week of learning, and the children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work across the curriculum.

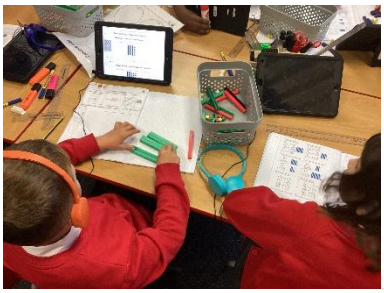


We kicked off the week with an exciting start to our new writing journey! The children arrived to discover a mysterious Viking village that had been destroyed by an angry dragon, with dragon eggs hidden amongst the wreckage. This immersive experience launched our new unit based on *How to Train Your Dragon*, and the children have loved beginning to plan and write their own retell of the story. Their imagination and excitement have certainly been on display!



In Maths, Year 3 have completed their place value unit and have been working hard to develop their fluency and confidence with the skills they have learned. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, showing increasing accuracy and confidence as they tackle more challenging questions.

In Reading, we have been developing our retrieval skills using a chapter from our class text. The children have been working hard to locate evidence, answer questions accurately, and justify their responses using clues from the text.



In History, we explored how climate change affected our Stone Age ancestors and compared life during the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic eras. The children enjoyed discussing how people adapted their lifestyles as the environment around them changed.

In Geography, we learned about the nine regions of the United Kingdom and began identifying some of the counties found within them. The children are developing an impressive understanding of the geography of our country.

In Art, we continued practising our shading techniques, carefully observing how light and dark tones can bring drawings to life. It has been fantastic to see the progress the children are making in their artistic skills.

In Science, we investigated different materials to discover whether they were conductors or insulators. The children enjoyed making predictions, carrying out tests, and discussing why some materials allow electricity to pass through while others do not.

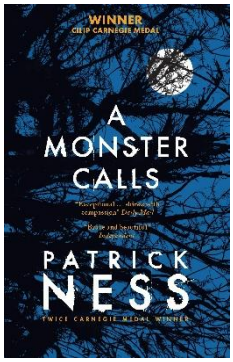
It has been another fantastic week full of curiosity, perseverance, and creativity. We are incredibly proud of all that the children are achieving and look forward to another exciting week ahead!








What a busy and exciting week we have had in class! The children have worked hard, shown great enthusiasm and continued to impress us with their positive attitudes to learning.




**English – *A Monster Calls***

We have started to introduce our next text, *A Monster Calls*. The children have been exploring **atmosphere** and thinking about how writers create an exciting and interesting setting. We have been looking at how words and descriptions can make a reader feel different emotions. There has been lots of excitement and engagement in the classroom as we begin to discover what our new text has in store for us!

**Maths – Addition and Subtraction**

In Maths, we have moved on to looking at We have introduced a new structure to help us solve efficient methods for addition and subtraction. calculations carefully and clearly. I have also been really impressed by the high standards of presentation in their books. Fantastic work!

**Leadership Roles**

There is lots of excitement building around our upcoming leadership roles! I am looking forward to hearing the children's speeches on Friday afternoon. It has been wonderful to see so many children showing confidence, enthusiasm and a willingness to take on responsibility. We can't wait to hear what they have to say!




**Geography – Farm to Fork**

We enjoyed a different type of Geography lesson this week with a 'Farm to Fork' live lesson. We explored where our food comes from and thought about the journey food makes before it reaches our plates. It was a great opportunity to learn about food in a fun and interesting way!

**Computing – Networks**

In Computing, we have been learning about computer networks and how information travels from one place to another. We looked at how information can be broken into small packets and sent across a network before being put back together at its destination. The children enjoyed finding out what happens behind the scenes when we send information online.

Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning. Keep up the brilliant work! Miss Parry

# Autumn Term Dates

## Caterpillars and Butterflies
(Pre-school and Reception)

- 19th October Library Trip
- 17th December Amerton Farm

## Hedgehogs
(Year 1 and Year 2)

- 9th November Library Trip
- 14th October History Trip
- 14th December Ancient High House and Soup Kitchen Lunch with a VIP

## Badgers
(Year 3 and Year 4)

- 12th November Library Trip
- 16th December Pantomime

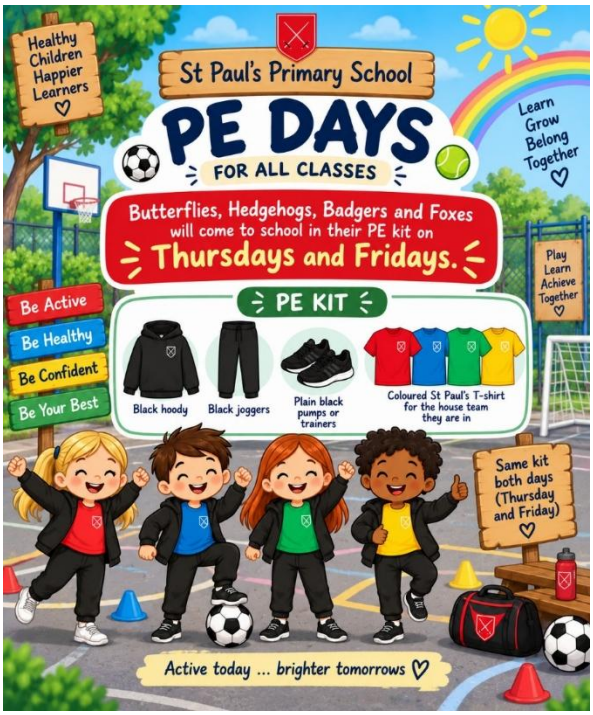
## Foxes
(Year 5 and Year 6)

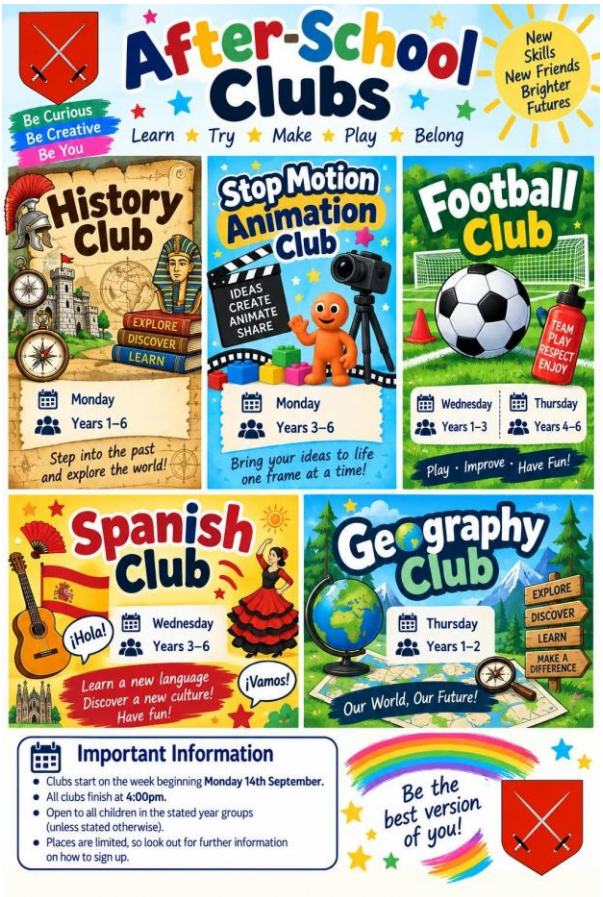
- 9th October Cannock Chase Trip
- 23rd November Library Trip
- 16th December Pantomime

## Whole School Events

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| 13th October | Harvest Church Service 10:00am |
| 3rd November | School Photographs (individual and siblings) |
| 4th and 5th November | Parent's Evening |
| 10th November | Remembrance Church Service |
| 11th November | Flu Vaccinations |
| 11th December | Christmas Fair 2:00pm |
| 15th December | Christmas Church Service |

Everyone Belongs ♡



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