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 9th October 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Autumn is most certainly here! What a mix of weather we have had this week – but we've made the most of the weather today with all of our outdoor adventures!

Today we have had a rainy forest school for Butterflies and Hedgehogs and our Foxes Class have had an incredible day at Cannock Chase – albeit slightly wet!

This week we have been continuing out practice for the Harvest Festival which is next week. Everyone is invited to our service on Tuesday 13th October at 10:00am where our new Vicar will also be introduced to us all. We are also kindly asking for non-perishable food donations – cans, tins, packets etc. to be donated to help support those less fortunate in our local area. If the children can bring in their donations on Monday or Tuesday – and they will carry it to church.

School will be providing Flu Vaccinations through the NHS School's Team on November 11th. Mo has sent relevant information and we will remind on dojo.

We have had our delivery of items for sale in aid of The Poppy Appeal – supporting the annual fundraising campaign of the Royal British Legion. These will be in sale for the next 2 weeks at Breaktimes if the children would like to donate money. A text message will also be sent out.

Thankyou so much to everyone who has signed up to Parent's Evening after the half-term. I think we nearly have the whole school. Please do contact Mo in the office if you still need an appointment.

Please do make sure to look at the events/dates page on the newsletter and keep for future reference.

Any questions as always, please do just ask

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.





This week we reached another lovely milestone in Maths as both Preschool and Reception completed their current units of learning!

Reception have completed their Talk About Measure and Patterns unit. Throughout this unit, we have been developing our understanding of size, length, weight and capacity, using mathematical vocabulary to compare different objects. This week, we focused on recognising, copying, continuing and creating repeated patterns using Autumn objects, colours, shapes, sounds and movements.

Preschool have completed their Explore and Build with Shapes and Objects unit. The children have enjoyed investigating different shapes and objects, exploring how they fit together, building structures and developing their understanding of shape and space through practical play. We are incredibly proud of the children's growing mathematical confidence and enthusiasm!

We have also taken our road-safety learning out into the community this week. We enjoyed a walk to practise crossing roads safely, following instructions and staying together as a group. This was particularly important as we prepare for our exciting library visit. The children did a wonderful job of putting their road-safety knowledge into practice.

With Harvest Festival approaching, we have started learning our song, Big Red Combine Harvester! We have talked about what harvest means, how farmers grow and collect crops, and why we celebrate and give thanks for the food we have. We are looking forward to sharing our singing at church.

Our creativity has been flourishing too! We have started making our Autumn wreaths using fruit stamping and leaf printing. The children have been experimenting with mixing primary colours to create beautiful Autumn shades, including orange, green and purple. We have also been incorporating our maths learning by spotting and creating repeated patterns in our artwork. We cannot wait to see our finished wreaths!

In PSED, we have been talking about responsibility and what it means to look after our classroom. The children have been working in small classroom care teams, helping to organise and tidy different areas of our learning environment. We have discussed why it is important to care for our resources and how everybody can help to make our classroom a lovely place to learn and play.

Reception have continued working hard in their Little Wandle phonics, reading and handwriting sessions, while Preschool have been developing their early phonics, mark-making and pre-writing skills. We have also enjoyed sharing stories, learning new vocabulary and practising our speaking and listening skills.

We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children bring to school each day. Keep up the amazing hard work, Preschool and Reception – you are all doing brilliantly!

Mrs Gibson, Miss Tierney and Miss Evie











Another busy week for the Hedgehogs! The children are getting very excited for both our trip to the History Centre and our Harvest celebration next week.



In English this week, we continued exploring The Little Acorn. We have had some fantastic discussions around the book and the changes we can see as the seasons change. The children have been using the word because to explain their answers in full sentences, as well as identifying adjectives and nouns. Year 2 have used this learning to write their own expanded noun phrases, working hard to use a comma to separate two adjectives.

In Maths, Year 2 began learning to count in 3s. This was new learning for the children, and they worked hard to complete number tracks, counting forwards and backwards. They have also begun their addition and subtraction unit, looking at fact families within 20 and revisiting our number bonds. Year 1 have been working really hard on using a part-whole model. The words part and whole were introduced at the beginning of the week, and we have been working hard to understand what these words mean and how they can be represented using a part-whole model.





In Science, we reflected on our learning from last week and drew an observation of our cress. We looked at how it had changed from Day 1, when it was a seed, to Day 4, when it had grown into a small plant with leaves and a stem. The children were brilliant at using our key vocabulary and explaining what the cress needed in order to grow.

In History, we focused on past and present. We compared the Lotus Shoe Factory in the past with shoe factories today, noticing how modern factories have a much heavier focus on the use of machinery.

In art we had a lovely lesson, the children were focused and calm, as we began to recreate in the style of The Castle Garden by Paul Klee. Have a lovely weekend full of autumn fun! Miss Boulter.

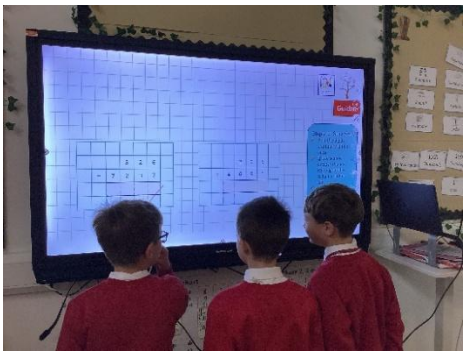


We've had another fantastic week of learning in class, and the children continue to impress us with their hard work, enthusiasm, and growing confidence across all subjects.

In Reading, we have been practising our VIPERS skills using a non-fiction text about Martin Luther King Jr. The children have worked hard to retrieve information, make inferences, explain their understanding, and answer a range of questions using evidence from the text.



In Writing, we have continued to develop our retell of *How to Train Your Dragon.* This week, we focused on describing the dramatic dragon attack on Hiccup's Viking village whilst practising important grammar skills, including conjunctions, noun phrases, and prepositions. The children's creativity and descriptive language have helped bring the exciting scenes to life.

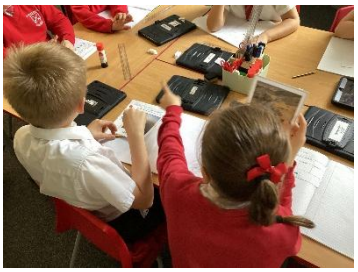


In Maths, we have begun our new unit on addition and subtraction. Year 3 pupils have been practising adding ones, tens, and hundreds mentally, developing their fluency and confidence with number. Year 4 pupils have been learning how to use the column method with exchanging and have shown great determination when tackling more challenging calculations.

In Geography, we explored the 48 ceremonial counties of England and created our own Top Trumps cards based on their key features. The children enjoyed researching counties and comparing facts such as population, size, and notable landmarks.



In History, we discussed one of the biggest changes in human history: why Stone Age people moved away from hunting and gathering and began farming. The children thought carefully about how this change transformed people's lives and led to the development of settlements.



In Science, we continued our work on electricity by building more circuits and using paper clips as switches. The children loved investigating how opening and closing a circuit can control whether a bulb lights up.

In Art, we continued to practise our shading skills using natural objects. The children are becoming increasingly skilled at observing light and shadow, and their artwork is showing fantastic progress.





We were so excited to finally build our Class Fox this week, thanks to our Golden Ticket winners! The children worked brilliantly together, showing great teamwork, patience and creativity as our fox slowly came to life brick by brick. It was fantastic to see everyone so engaged, and we are very proud of the finished result. Well done to all of our Golden Ticket winners for helping to make it happen!





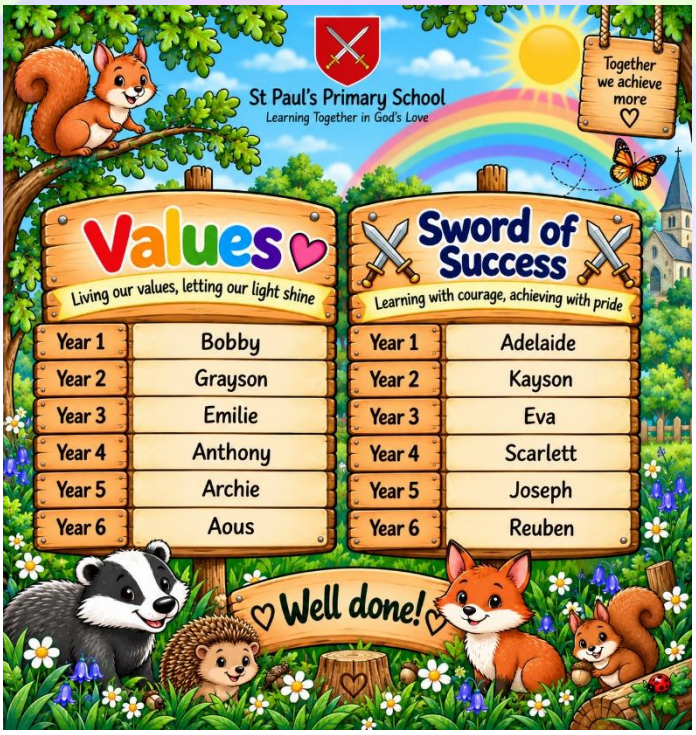
In Art, we have been busy planning our own art installations inspired by different natural environments. The children explored a range of settings, thinking carefully about how their artwork could complement and interact with the space around it. We discussed colours, textures, shapes and materials found in nature and used these ideas to create thoughtful designs. There were some wonderfully imaginative ideas, and we can't wait to begin bringing them to life over the coming weeks.

Our Computing lesson was certainly one of the quietest sessions we have had all year! We have been learning about different ways to communicate using our iPads without using our voices at all. The children experimented with sending messages and sharing information digitally, discovering how technology can help us communicate effectively in different situations. It was great fun watching everyone work together in complete silence, and the children did an excellent job adapting to this unusual challenge!



As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead. Miss Parry

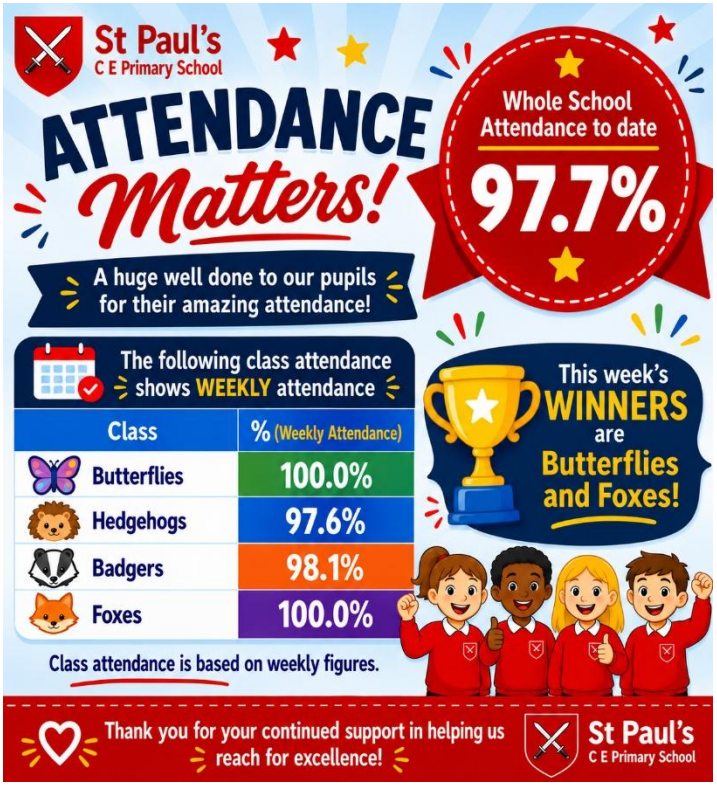
This week's winners



	Values	Sword of Success
Year 1	Bobby	Adelaide
Year 2	Grayson	Kayson
Year 3	Emilie	Eva
Year 4	Anthony	Scarlett
Year 5	Archie	Joseph
Year 6	Aous	Reuben











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

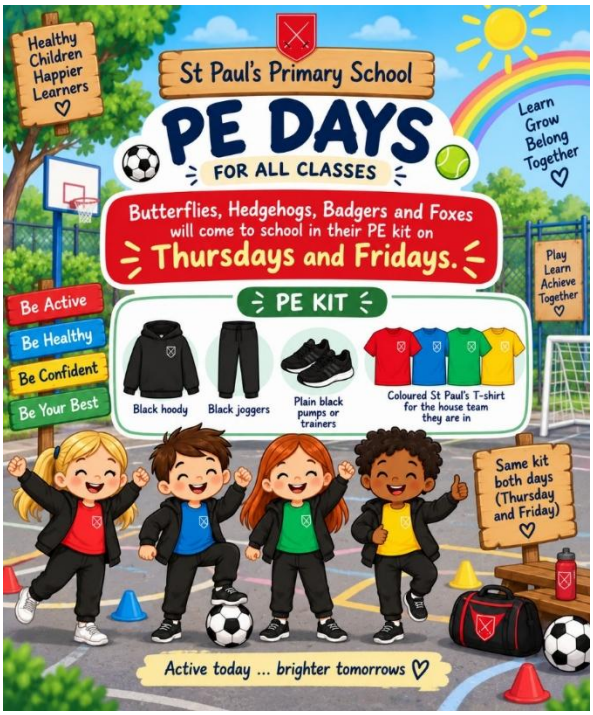
Foxes
(Year 5 and Year 6)

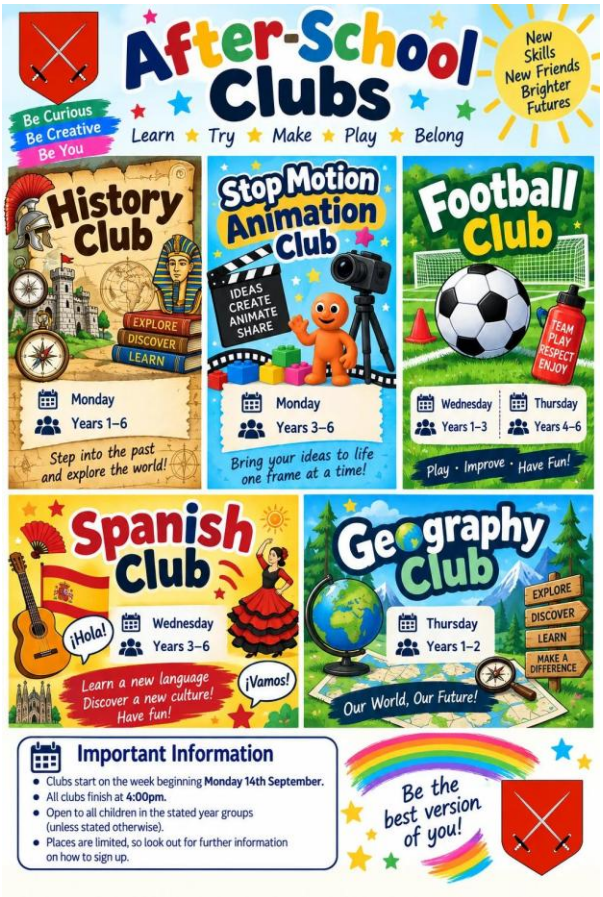
- 9th October Cannock Chase Trip
- 23rd November Library Trip
- 16th December Pantomime

Whole School Events

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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