ST PAUL'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter Friday 9th January 2026

Attendance:

Well done Reception! You are our attendance winners this week!

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98.6%%	91.9%	87.8%	97.8%	93.2%	87.6%	93.3%

Number of times pupils were late:

Well done Year 3! You are our punctuality winners for this week.

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
2	6	2	0	10	7	1

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you enjoyed a lovely break with family and friends. Despite the disruption of snow and icy weather this week, it has been a great start back as we begin the spring term

Spring Term Clubs

Our new after-school clubs for the Spring term started this week, with a wide range of activities on offer for children across the school. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about our clubs or would like to join them from next week.

Reception Parent Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite our Reception parents and carers to our next Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 20th January at 3.15pm in the Reception classroom. The focus of the workshop is learning to read, ditty and red books. Mrs. Hargreaves will be providing further information about how to support your child's reading journey, using the resources we send home and home reading. We do hope you can make this is your child is in Reception class.

SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) PSHE Workshops

All our classes on Thursday and Friday took part in workshops linked to our PSHE curriculum from Nursery-Year 6. The themes of the workshops covered a wide range including 'All About Me', 'Decisions,' 'Meet the Brain' and 'My Wonderful Body.'

St. Paul's CE School Community Parkrun

After the success of our first parkrun in December we are starting 2026 with our next school community one on Sunday 25th January at 9am. Our first one we had 6 children so hopefully we can build on those numbers this time.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Friday 16th January in the Community Room at 3.15pm. We welcome any parents/carers who would like to come along and find out more about how you can support our school and raise funds, volunteer your time at events etc.

Wild Wood

The next class in the Wild Wood is **Y4 on Friday 23rd January**. Please ensure you child comes into school dressed in warm clothing, with a pair of wellies too. We have waterproof clothing in school for children to wear.

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A reminder that in line with the DfE guidance, we do not authorise any holidays taken during term time.

Roadworks on Blackburn Road

From Monday 12th January there will be significant roadworks on Blackburn Rd for the next 6 weeks. We advise all families who drive their child to school to set off much earlier to ensure that all students arrive at school on time.

Dates for the diary

Friday 16th January 3.15pm – PTA meeting in the community room
Tuesday 20th January 3.15pm – Reception Phonics Parent Workshop
Thursday 22nd / Thursday 29th January – Year 6 – The 5 Star Future Programme
Friday 23rd January – Year 4 in The Wild Wood

Stars of the Week

A huge well done to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Aisha **Reception** – Ali-M **Year 1 –** Hudhayfah **Year 2 –** Amena **Year 3 –** Finley
Year 4 – Ayat **Year 5 –** Ruby **Year 6 –** Dharaneesh **The Nook** – Esa Y

Whole School Learning Overview week ending Friday 9th January 2026

Little Saints

This week we have been learning about:

- Topic – Dear Zoo – Printing animal footprints
- Maths – Categorising by shape and colour
- Writing journey – Making snips using one handed tools

Nursery

This week we have been learning about:

- Topic – Features of a dinosaur
- Maths – Making patterns and categorising by shape
- Writing Journey – cutting using one handed tools

Reception

This week we have been learning about:

- Topic – Introduction to space
- Talk through stories – Aliens love underpants
- PSHE – Different jobs in our school

Year 1

This week we have been learning about:

- English – Using 'and' to join words and phrases
- Maths – Subtract from a mixed number
- RE – Who is Jewish? And how do they live?

Year 2

This week we have been learning about:

- English – Using the past tense
- Maths – Finding the difference
- Science – The importance of exercise

The Nook

This week we have been learning about:

- My healthy eating – Making fruit smoothies
- Maths – Position and direction
- Topic – How do we get night and day?

Year 3

This week we have been learning about:

- English – Using adverbs to express time, place and cause
- Maths – 8 times tables
- Art – Exploration of surface prints using rollers

Year 4

This week we have been learning about:

- English – Exploring the setting of a historical narrative
- Maths – Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100
- History – What was life like for the Vikings?

Year 5

This week we have been learning about:

- English – Using relative clauses
- Maths – Subtract from a mixed number
- History – Where was the centre of the Early Islamic civilisation? Why did it spread so quickly?

Year 6

This week we have been learning about:

- English – Writing a fact file
- Maths – Ratio and proportion
- History – Where is the Caribbean and what is its history?

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