



# St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

SEPTEMBER 2023



## Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely summer. It has been fantastic seeing all the children back in school and enjoying their learning. So far, we have had a visit from the fire brigade in Year 1; skateboarding started for our Year 3 children and the start of our library visits.

Please make sure your children are reading daily at home as we know what a huge difference it makes to them in all areas of the curriculum.

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# Attendance

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It has been great to see sixteen classes with their attendance above 95% this term. We are aware of sickness bugs and colds which have prevented children coming into school over the last few weeks.

Overall school attendance is 95.4% which is inline with the national average of 95.4% to date. Please remember that in the event of your child being absent from school, it is your responsibility to let the front office know the reason for this through ringing in using option 1 or leaving a message via the school gateway.

**A big well done to all 16 classes that have an attendance above 95% this term!**

## Attendance this term

RLB	95.8%	2JB	96.5%	4AB	97.5%
RBCKC	97.6%	2LG	90.5%	5SW	93%
RKS	95.6%	3LW	95.8%	5ER	95.9%
1CD	95.9%	3AY	96.4%	5EL	95.5%
1HI	95.3%	3JS	96.7%	6CW	93.4%
1RMLB	97.5%	4VLTS	96.9%	6KG	94.3%
2HONH	96.6%	4JM	93.6%	6GH	97.1%

# New Reception cohort



A day at the office!



Den Building



Finding minibeasts

Exploring puzzles



Exploring secret paths in Forest School



Parachute Games



Daly Mile

All of our new Foundation Stage children have now started full-time and are doing amazingly well learning the new routines and expectations. They have been incredible at coming into class, exploring their new environment and starting to make friends. We are so proud of their independence and eagerness! Thank you to all of our Foundation Stage parents who have prepared their children so well for this big step into school. They are a credit to you and our St Paul's family!

# Year 2

## Maths



Year 2 have begun learning how to represent numbers and talking to each other about the place value of the number using the language of tens and ones. For example, the number **23** has **2 tens** and **3 ones**. We have used Dienes to learn about exchanging between our tens and ones.

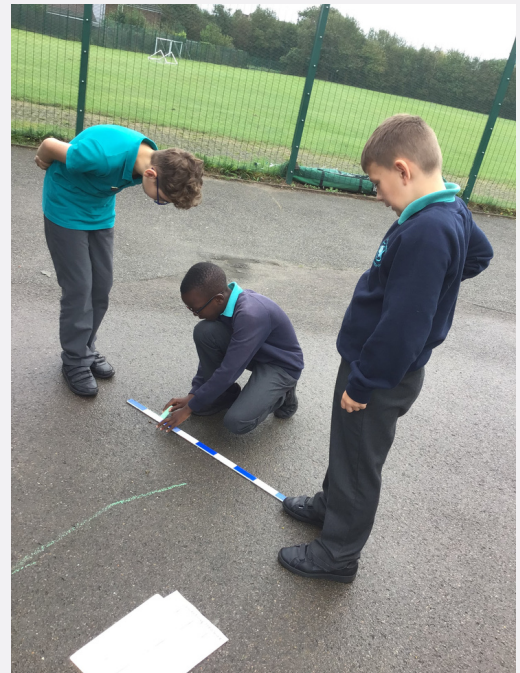
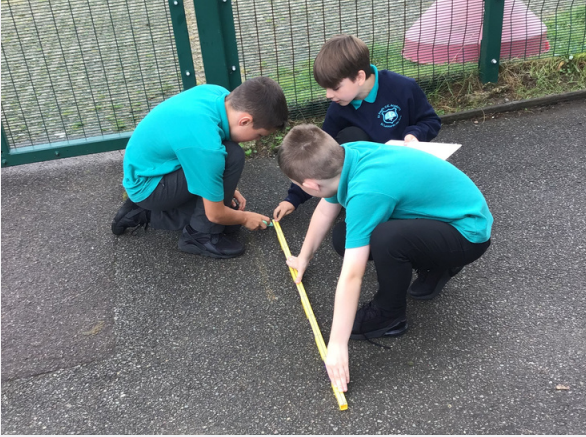
## RE and the Environment

Year 2 have explored 'Who Christians say made the world'. They have explored the creation story and looked at some of the wonderful creations we have in and around our school.

They have been on a nature walk around the school observing different parts of our environment.

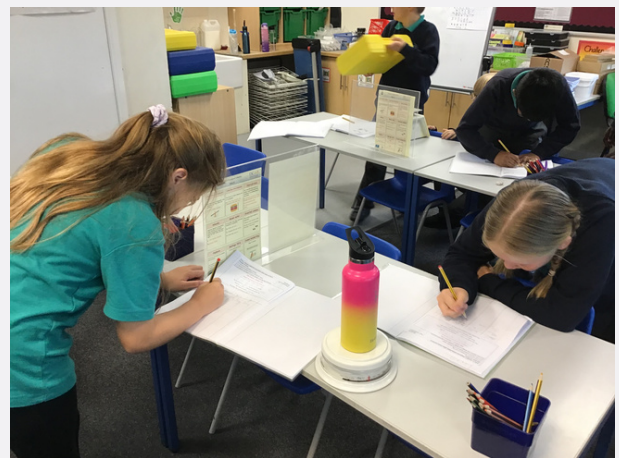
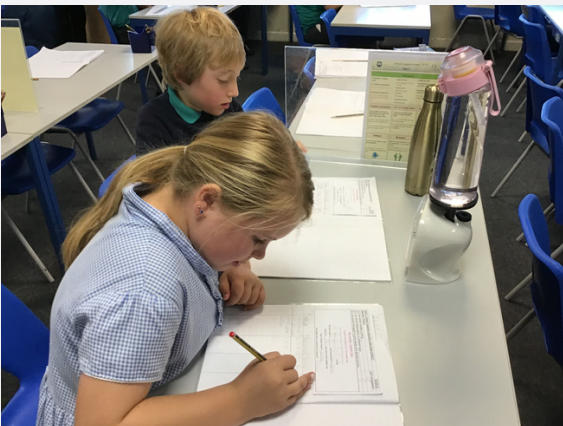


# Year 5 Maths



Year 5 have been learning about how to measure objects and how to convert measurements. They used meter sticks and tape measures to draw lines in the playground and convert these measurements into metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Year 5 have also been learning about the mass of different objects and how to convert these into kg and grams. They used scales to weigh different objects in the classroom to find objects that weighed more than 100g.



# Reading

## Reading for Pleasure

At St Paul's we are keen to continue to promote a love of reading amongst our pupils. We are delighted to have been selected to work towards the Reading for Pleasure Award which is a National Scheme which acknowledges schools that work with their community to promote a love of reading. We are really looking forward to sharing new initiatives and ideas with you over the year.

## Tales from the Tipi

Pupils from Year 2 and Year 3 have enjoyed weekly sessions with a storyteller. The initiative, called Tales from the Tipi, is funded by the Education Futures Trust. The children listen to stories being told by a storyteller and participate in a range of craft activities. All the children are enjoying these sessions.



## Sponsored Read

We will be holding a sponsored read in conjunction with Usborne Books at the end of this term. More details will be sent out about this event. We are hoping to purchase many new non-fiction books for every class with the money raised. Our Reading Champions have told us children at the school would like more of these books.

## Book Trust Books

All pupils in Year 4 have been given a copy of Marcus Rashford's book 'The Ghoul in School.'

The children are enjoying listening to the story in their classes.

These books were donated to the school by the Book Trust.



# Clubs at St Paul's



**Year 1 Ballet Baby**

In Baby Ballet, the children learnt steps including running on toes, skipping, galloping and good and naughty toes as well as stretching and strengthening exercises and keeping in time with the music.

First netball league games and WOW, what a group we have.  
They won all 3 of our games.  
3-0 v Robsack  
7-0 v West St Leonards  
5-0 v Little Ridge  
Mr MCGowan

**Year 5 & 6 Netball**



The first of three Sandown football tournaments saw the Year 3 & 4s take on 9 other schools in super competitive matches. The group managed to win 5, drawing 1 and losing 3, showing great team work throughout sharing different positions so everyone had a chance to try something different.

Mr McGowan



**Year 2 BMX**



**Dance Club**



**FOOTBALL**

# St Paul's against racism competition



**Competition Name:** "Create an Anti-Racism Banner"

**Theme:** "St Paul's against racism"

**Submission Guidelines:** Pupils are invited to design a banner with anti-racist messages and imagery and hand in to class teachers.

**Submission Deadline:** Friday 13th October

**Awards:** Winning entries will be made into banners to be displayed outside the school.







"I enjoyed looking at the books,  
especially the fiction books".  
Year 6

"It's very clean and modern-  
I will go again! My mum has  
applied for a library card".  
Year 6

We are delighted that our year group visits to Hastings library have begun, starting with Year 6. Over the coming weeks, you will be receiving an email to inform you of when your child's library visit will be.

The library has 25,000 new items of stock and now incorporates a fantastic new children's library which replaces the previous one which used to be in a cramped building nearby.

This floor proudly displays a unique 12 foot long frieze designed by world-renowned illustrator, author and resident of the town **Sir Quentin Blake**, depicting the historic Stade area of town, with young readers suspended in mid-air enjoying their books.

Talking about his artwork, Sir Quentin said: ***"I am deeply convinced of the importance of young people reading: they can be guided to valuable books but it is also a way of their pursuing their own explanations and creating their own education. We can say metaphysically that books allow them to fly, which is why I drew them actually flying on their books - and happily that could be over Hastings fishing beach so we know where they are."***

If your child doesn't have a library card, you are able to join the library by using the QR code

**Join your library**

beautiful books and reading nooks

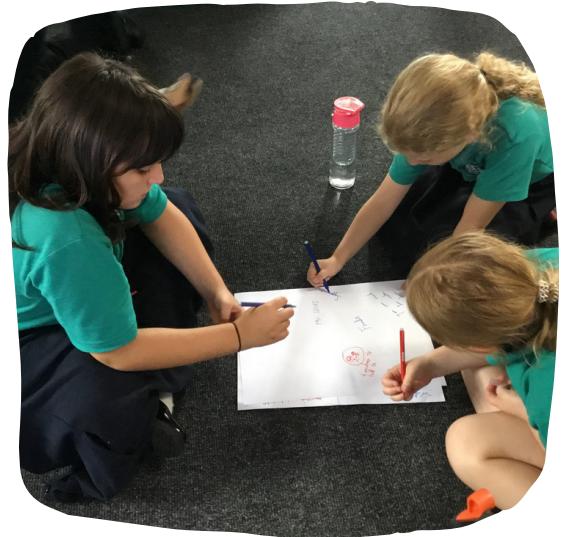


**This  
is your  
library**

# Wellbeing and Mental Health

## Wellbeing Ambassadors

We are delighted to have trained 30 Wellbeing Ambassadors from Year 5 and Year 6 to support the pupils at St Paul's with their wellbeing and mental health. They enjoy spending a session every week in a partner class where they are a safe person for children to talk to about any worries and concerns. We are very proud of the Wellbeing Ambassadors and their dedication to promoting positive mental health in our school community.



## Winnie

Winnie remains a favourite at the school and is enjoying lots of walks and attention from many children and staff at St Paul's

## Senior Mental Health Lead

If you have any concerns around your child's mental health, please contact Miss Watson  
(Assistant Headteacher)  
[lwatson@stpaulsceacademy.org](mailto:lwatson@stpaulsceacademy.org)

# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

St Leonards on Sea



## FAMILIES TOGETHER at St Matthews

**A new monthly service for children under 12  
and their families.**



**Autumn Term 2023**

**4pm on Sundays**

**8 October**

**12 November**

**The service will last around an hour and will include  
crafts, games, songs and food as well as a bible  
story finding out about Jesus.**

**St Matthews**

helping local people follow Jesus Christ

**at St Matthew's Church Centre  
London Road, TN37 6PD**

Next month, Miss Godden and Mr Morton will be heading to Sierra Leone to visit our link school REC Kossuh Town. While there, they will be working within the classrooms alongside the teachers as well as sharing teaching ideas.

**The immediate needs from the school are the following:**

**pencils (writing and coloured)**

**biros**

**sanitary towels**

**reading glasses**

If you would like to donate any of the above, we will have a collection trolley outside of the Pier from **Monday 2nd - Friday 13th October.**

They will be taking skipping ropes as part of their 'Jump for Joy' initiative. If anyone would like to sponsor a skipping rope, we will be collecting £1 donations up until 10th October.

Please bring your donation in a named envelope to either Miss Godden in 2LG or Mr Morton in 4JM.



# SIERRA LEONE MUFTI DAY.

Friday 6th October.

£1 for mufti.

Wear green, blue or  
white to represent the  
Sierra Leone flag.

Please bring your £1 coins into

# Key Dates

**Monday 9th October** INSET Day

**Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th October**- Year 5 library trips

**Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th October**- Year 6 PGL

**Saturday 14th October to Friday 20th October** - sponsored read

**Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th October**- Year 4 library trips

**Friday 20th October** - End of Term 1

**Term 2 Parents Evening** -3.30pm- 6.00pm TBC

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