



St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

DECEMBER 2023

It's behind you...



Happy Christmas

We have been so pleased to see the children enjoying being part of all of the Christmas performances that have taken place over the festive period. We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas with friends and family. We will see you on the first day back which is Thursday 4th January.

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Attendance

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3 classes had their attendance at or above 95% this month.

Overall school attendance is **93.9%** which is **below** with the national average of **94.6%** 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 Arbor.

A big well done to 1HI, 4VLTS and 5ER who have all had attendance above 95% this term.

Attendance this term

RLB	94.1%	2JB	91.3%	4AB	93.3
RBCKC	91.9%	2LG	92.3%	5SW	88.6%
RKS	91.2%	3LW	91.6%	5ER	95.4%
1CD	94.0%	3AY	89.8%	5EL	94.2%
1HI	96.5%	3JS	91.9%	6CW	94.2%
1RMLB	93.5%	4VLTS	95.8%	6KG	94.3%
2HONH	91.6%	4JM	94.0%	6GH	93.7%

Well done
1HI 96.5%

Year 1- Careers in Science

Year 1 Doctor Visit

We told Doctor Janine about our own experiences of visiting a doctor. She spoke lots about germs and reminded us to keep our hands clean.

We then asked Janine some of our questions about what being a doctor involves. She had brought a doctor's uniform for us to try on, and we had fun trying out the stethoscope. She taught us how to find our pulse and then some of us had a go at looking in her ear using an otoscope. Finally, she showed us X-ray pictures of lungs and a rib cage. She showed us pictures of someone who had swallowed a coin and a small car, then reminded us not to put things in our mouths. We really enjoyed Janine's visit and it taught us lots about her job as a doctor. [Miss Blackman]

If you have a career in Science and would be interested in coming in to inspire our children, please email Miss Blackman:
lblackman@stpaulsceacademy.org



Winter Warmer



"Guess the Name of the Christmas Panda" Winner- Ivy [2LG]

Well done and thank you to the 'new' St Paul's PTA team who did a great job at planning and organising the Winter Warmer. It was a great success and raised £1114.32 for the children. Thank you to the Choir and Dance Club who delivered fantastic performances at the event.



Dance Club



Sally Anne Hart



On Friday 8th December 8th , Sally- Anne Hart, the MP for Hasting and Rye, and Jane Howard - Smith, her Office Manager, came to meet with the School Council.

The children where impeccably polite and had many questions to ask her. Sally- Anne said the children she spoke to were a credit to the school and that they had values which would set them up in the future.

What do you do in Parliament?

Why did you become an MP?

Question Time

What are you doing about the potholes?

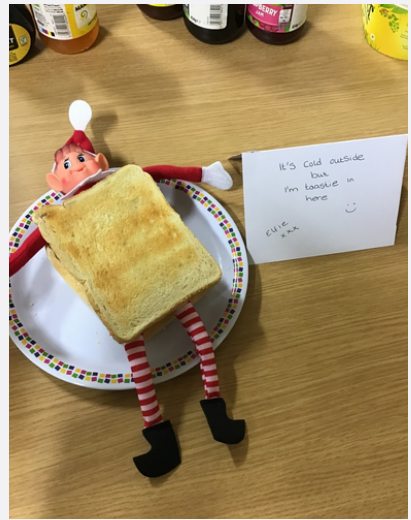
What job did you do before?

How old do you have to be to be an MP?

Are you giving more money to help schools?

Elf on the shelf visiting SPLASH

Elf on the shelf has been creating mischief in Breakfast Club and SPLASH over the last two weeks. Here's a few things he's been up to.



Nursery

Capture the Magic....
Below are some of the Christmas activities that the Nursery children enjoyed doing with their parents.



Reading

Christmas Story Time

We really enjoyed welcoming so many of our parents to the EYFS and KS1 classes for an end of term Christmas story time. Thank you for joining us.

Hastings Library

Hastings library is open during the Christmas holidays. It is offering story sessions, festive colouring sessions and festive treasure hunts. On the 16th December, they are running a festive craft session from 11am-12pm. The library offers an enjoyable, welcoming space for you and your children to share books together.



Supporting Readers at Home



Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

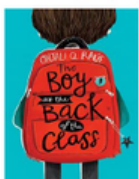
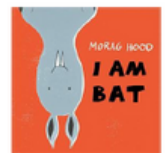
Read Aloud

Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Family Reading Time

Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

Book Chat

Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



For more ideas see the OU website:
www.ourfp.org

Reading

Christmas Reading Challenge 4 in a row

Read a Christmassy book with someone	Read a poem	Read a book that makes you laugh	Snuggle up and read in bed
Read next to your Christmas tree	Read your favourite book to someone	Draw or write your own Christmas story	Read the lyrics to your favourite Christmas song
Learn about something new in a non-fiction book	Read a non-fiction book	Read with a hot chocolate	Read a book about kindness
Read a book that has a snowman in it	Read a book about the meaning of Christmas	Read and make a recipe	Read whilst wearing your Christmas jumper

@MisterBodd

Can you complete 4 challenges in a row over the holidays? Why not try to finish them all?

Maths

Key Stage 1 challenge



As Father Christmas flies through the sky, he plays a game. Each star he passes is worth 10 points.

1. What is the total number of points that Father Christmas could score if he passes each star?
2. He only managed to pass the white stars. How many points did he score?
3. How many more white stars would he need to pass to earn 50 points?

Key Stage 2 challenge

There are 36 children competing in the class Winter Olympics. They need to be in equally sized teams.

How many children could be in each team?



How many possibilities can you find?



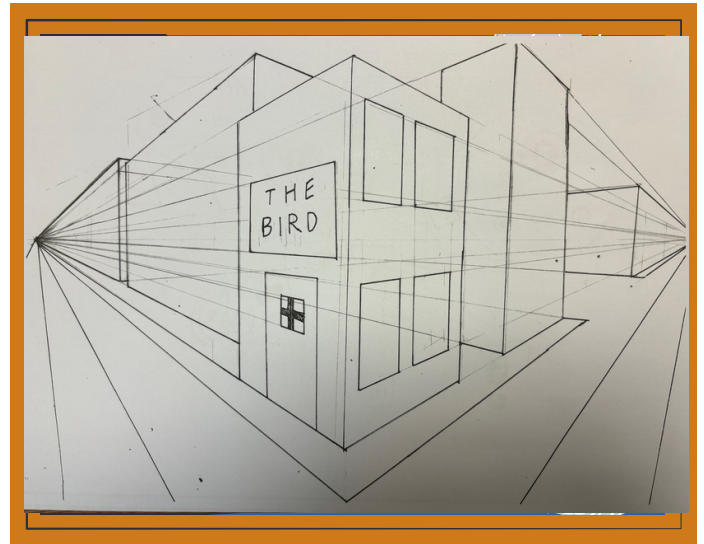
Useful websites

- White Rose 1-minute maths (available as an app or on desktop version) to support mental maths
- Timestable Rockstars - KS2 children have logins
- BBC Bitesize to support all areas of Maths
- Hit the Button to support number bonds, halves, doubles and times tables
- MyMaths - KS2 children have logins

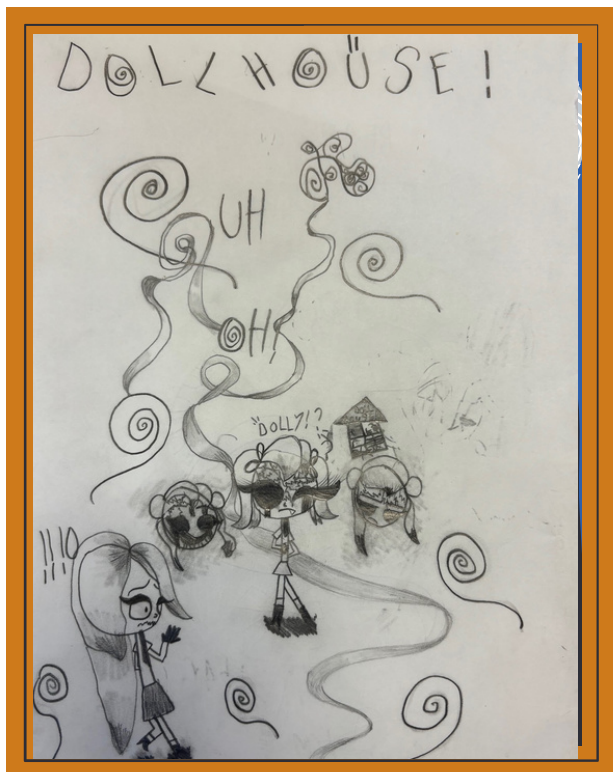
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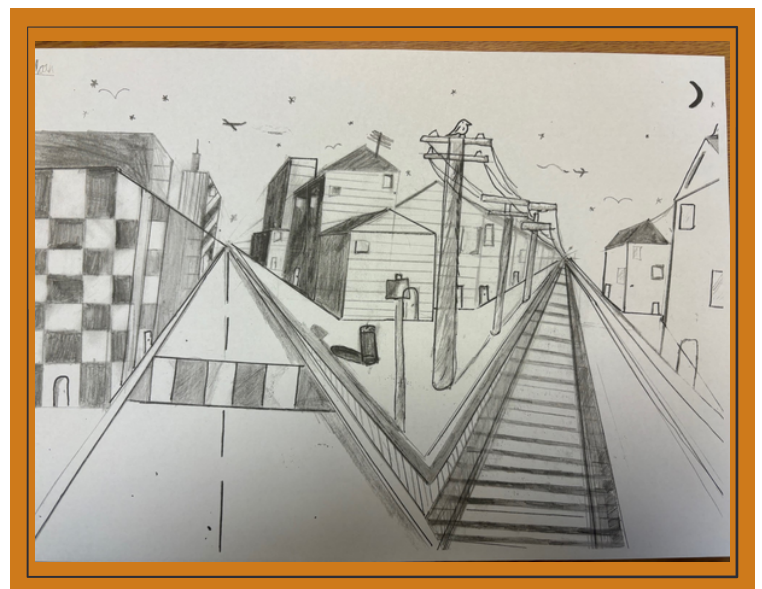
BIANCA (RECEPTION)



WINSTON (YEAR 6)



SOPHIA (YEAR 3)



NOAH (YEAR 6)

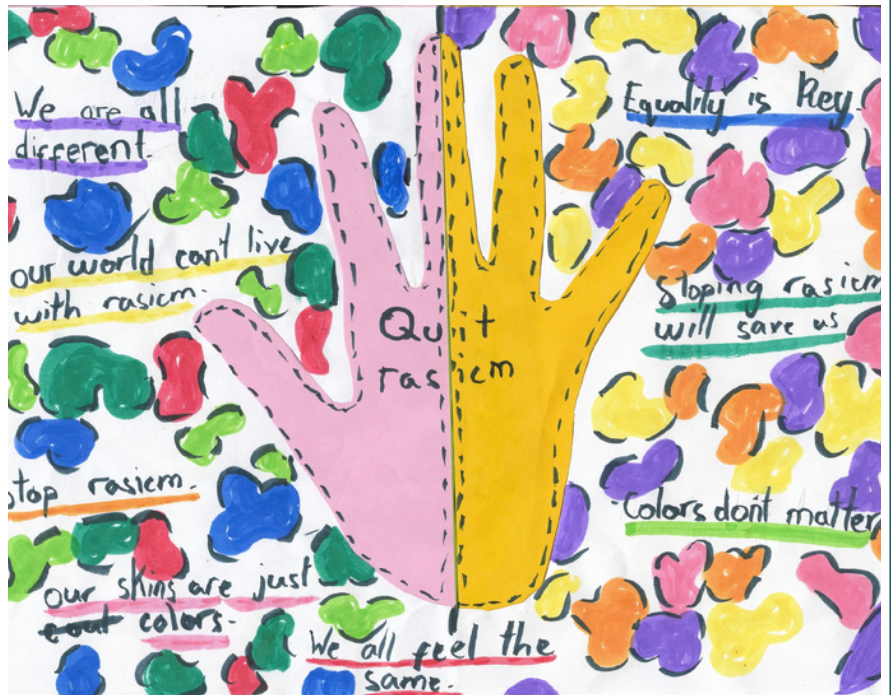
Anti-Racism Poster Competition

In September 2023, the "Create an Anti-Racism Banner" competition, was launched, its aim was to raise awareness and promote unity in our community. We received a number of great posters. We felt it was only fair to ask people from the community to judge the competition. Becky Beasley, award winning artist and active ally within our local community; Claudine Eccleston, from 'Playing the Race Card' and Rosanna Leal, from The Refuge Buddy Project', happily accepted our offer to judge the competition.

Congratulations to the winners, their posters will be made into banners. All the other posters will be made into a collage which will be displayed around the school.



FRED [YEAR 5]



RAYHANAH [YEAR 6]



MAUDE & JOSEPHINE [YEAR 5]

Well-being

St Paul's Church of England Academy

'Understanding Anxiety & Worry'

What it is and how to support your child

Free 2-hour session with 'Me & My Mind' for any parent or carer interested in knowing more about supporting their child's emotional well-being. The session will include understanding anxiety and worry and practical things to help support our child at home.

Thursday 18th January

1-3pm

St Paul's C.E. Academy

For more information speak to the School Office or Miss L Watson



A helping hand with your mental health

me & my mind

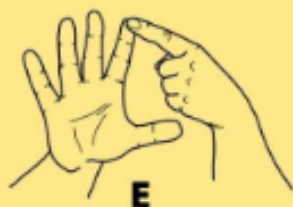
East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

*PLEASE BOOK A PLACE TO THIS SESSION VIA
THE BOOKING FORM ON ARBOR*

Training



MAKATON LEVEL 1



**Fridays 9:30am - 12:30pm
January 19th - February 9th 2024**

**Free for Parents/Grandparents and Caregivers
@The Firs, Elphinstone Rd, Hastings, TN34 2AX
To book call 01424 722241 or email
office@educationfuturestrust.org**

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Training

COME AND CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN AN INCLUSIVE, SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR AUTISTIC, ADHD AND SEN CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 6 - 11 AND THEIR SIBLINGS.

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 5-6PM

MINI PLAYHOUSE BY SPUN GLASS THEATRE, 26 WHITE ROCK, HASTINGS, TN34 1JY
£5 PER ADULT, CHILDREN GO FREE



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 17 December

11am - All Age Carols

at St Matthew's Church or Centre (location TBC)

Christmas Eve

10am and 11:15pm - Communion Service

at St Ethelburga's Church

4:30pm - Christingle Service

at St Matthew's Church

Christmas Day

11am - All Age Celebration

at St Matthew's Church

followed by optional communion

HOLY JESUS,

*BY BEING BORN ONE OF US,
AND LYING HUMBLY IN A MANGER,
YOU SHOW HOW MUCH GOD LOVES THE WORLD.
LET THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE ALWAYS SHINE IN OUR HEARTS,
UNTIL WE REACH OUR HOME IN HEAVEN,
AND SEE YOU ON YOUR THRONE OF GLORY.*

AMEN.

Key Dates Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - INSET Day
Thursday 4th January - Start of Term 3

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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