



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

NOVEMBER 2024

Our Christian Values

- To **persevere** with everything, we do.
- To show **respect** for each other and the world around us.
- To **forgive** others when they hurt us.
- To always be **honest** and tell the truth.
- To **serve** others.
- Give **thanks** to God for all he does for us.

It has been lovely to see so many children 'letting their light shine' both in class and at home. There has been lots going on this month and it was great to see so many parents and carers at all the parent evenings.

The Choir sang with Tenors Unlimited to a packed audience at the White Rock Theater- incredible singing as always.

The Santa Fun Run was a great success which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to St Paul's Together for planning and organising the event. We are all looking forward to the festive period and seeing the children in Nativities, Christingles and the Christmas Carol Service at St Matthew's.

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Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

8 classes had their attendance above 95% this month.

Overall school attendance this term is **94.6%** which is below the national average of **95.2%** 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 all 8 classes that have an attendance above 95% so far this term!

Attendance this term

RLB	94%	2JS	95.7%	4AB	93.8%
RBCKC	94%	2LG	97.3%	5JM	93.8%
RKS	93%	3EL	95.2%	5ER	96%
1CD	94.5%	3AY	94.6%	5GH	96.3%
1RM	92%	3JB	93.3%	6CW	94.9%
1MCLB	93.3%	4VLTS	96%	6KG	93.7%
2HONH	95.3%	4HM	94.4%	6ECM	95%

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97.3%

Nursery

Book sharing

Nursery have enjoyed having the Year 6 Reading Champions to read with them. The older children have been so kind and caring towards our Nursery children, letting their lights shine!



Autumn walks and activities

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed using the wider spaces in the academy for autumn walks.



Baking flapjacks

The children had lots of fun baking their flapjacks and taking them home to enjoy!



The Lighthouse

In the lighthouse, we are lucky enough to have the company of some very cuddly guinea pigs. Children who work in or visit the Lighthouse can enjoy caring for and cuddling the guinea pigs. We have six in total who, when not at school live with Mrs Jordan



Their names are, Hilda, Pebbles, Nugget, Potato, Houdini and Baily.



The children who attend the lighthouse have been having fun finding out all about autumn in our sensory play areas.



Reception

Gingerbread Madness!!!

We came back from our daily run and found gingerbread crumbs scattered all over our classrooms! We wondered what could have happened and checked the CCTV to find gingerbread men loose in the school. We have spotted them in the most unlikely places!

The children have enjoyed immersing themselves in the story, baking and tasting gingerbread men, investigating what happens when the gingerbread man falls in the water, as well as innovating the story to create a brand new gingerbread character.



Remembrance Day

We celebrated Remembrance Day, creating poppy art using pebbles and loose parts as well as being respectful with our 2 minutes silence.



Year 1

Remembrance Day- 1MCLB

Monday 11th November 2024

To commemorate Remembrance Day, we painted poppies using the computer software, Paint.



Year 1 Mallydams



I liked looking at photos of the different animals.

Leana IMC/LB



I liked learning about nocturnal animals.

Wynona IRM



We did so many fun things at Mallydams.

Alfie IMC/LB

Year 1

Year 1 visited Mallydams Wood to explore the beauty of Autumn in the great outdoors.

They discovered the risks and benefits in the life of a minibeast, built animal shelters, created woodland potions, searched high and low for woodland animals and found out about nocturnal animals and their habitats.

A great day was had by all.

I liked making my woodland potion. I called it Berry Cherry.

Olivia ED



I liked it when we lost some minibeasts and kept some.

Olivia IRM



I liked the minibeast hunt and making homes for animals.

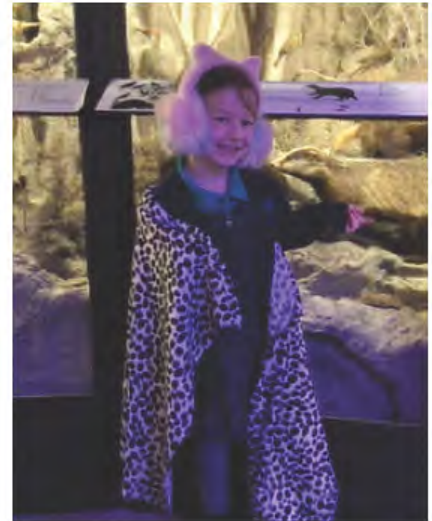
Ada ED



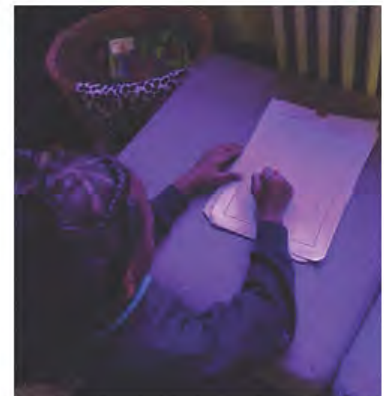
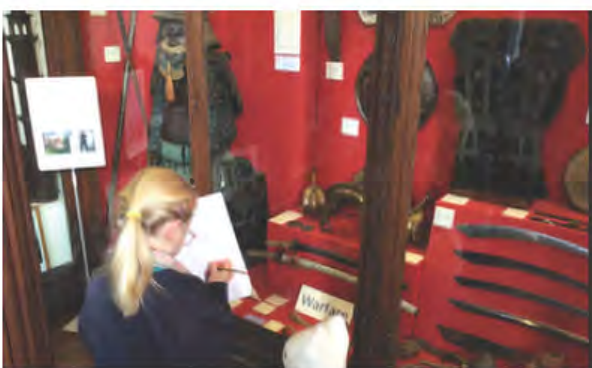
Year 2



All Year 2 classes visited Hastings Museum and Art Gallery. The children were all well behaved and enjoyed exploring.



A VERY CREATIVE LUNCHTIME FOR YEAR 2!



Year 3



Year 3 are learning about the Stone Age. They have found it rather fascinating learning about prehistory without any written evidence.

Hastings Museum kindly lent a box of Stone Age artefacts that the children got to look through. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring all of the different things from thousands of years ago.



Year 4

ENGLAND ROCKS... AND SO DID YEAR 4!



Time tables is a huge focus for Year 4 and the children are particularly enjoying using Times Tables Rock stars. This term, TTRS has held a competition named 'England Rocks', in which 30,000 classes competed to answer as many times table questions as possible.

We are so proud of the hard work and dedication the children put into this competition.

They have enjoyed watching themselves move up the Rock star ladder with some friendly year group rivalry added in also.

Year 4 Team



The children have enjoyed watching themselves move up the Rock star ladder with some friendly year group rivalry added in.

'England Rocks helped me to become a Rock Legend! It inspired me to get higher scores'- Roxy

'I liked England Rocks because we worked as a team'- Kian



Year 5- Maths Play



Over the past week, the children in Year 5 have been developing a Maths game. We looked at an original concept that was based on adding three 3 digits numbers together and added our own ideas. These included making our own dice or spinner, inserting a joker and creating own scorecards.



On the final afternoon, we invited our parents in to teach them the rules and play our games with them.

I enjoyed playing my game with my Mum.

When we got home, I was able to play the game with my Mum.

Year 6

It has been a busy term for Year 6. We began the term by learning to play different tunes on strange tube-like instruments called boom whackers. Each colour creates a different note. The children started to play simple songs to start with, such as old Mc Donald and then as their confidence and ability increased, they went on to more complex tunes such as Star Wars. They thought it was great fun and really enjoyed whacking them on the floor to create the notes. It was tricky as hitting them at exactly the same time took a lot of practice.



Our topic this term has been Ancient Greece. The children have learnt about different types of government, listened to Greek myths and seen how pottery in Ancient Greece portrays real life as well as heroic moments and sport. They practiced drawing the different iconic patterns and creating their own design.



There has been Children in Need and Times Table Rock Star day. Crazy costumes and lots of Maths challenges. Now the whole year group is continually aiming to reach the next level. Lots of fun had by all.

Maths

We had a fantastic re-launch for Times Table Rockstars this term. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers for their support. All of the children looked brilliant!



Reading

Reading Champions

Our new Reading Champions are busy promoting Reading for Pleasure in their classrooms. Each KS2 class has a Reading Champion who is responsible for leading initiatives in their class about reading. Some of them make book recommendations whilst others lead small reading groups each week. We are very lucky to have a group of dedicated and enthusiastic children who enjoy sharing their passion for reading with their peers.



Teacher Reading Group

A number of teachers at St Paul's are participating in a Teacher Reading Group. They are participating in regular training and developing exciting projects in their classes and year groups to promote Reading for Pleasure. In the Early Years, children are creating 'Reading Rivers'. Families are creating fantastic Reading Rivers with their children. These help us to better understand children's interests and exposure to text at home. We can provide texts which appeal to our children to suit their needs.



Worship



At the beginning of the term, the Year 4 children were invited to apply to become an IPC member. The IPC (**International Pupil Council**) is a group of children that meet from various schools in Hastings to talk about our links with Sierra Leone.

There is an overall theme to the meetings which is about ways to improve our environment.

At the recent meeting, our reps Sophie and Eva were talking about ways that we can practically help in our school. These include:

Recycling used white board pens so they don't go into landfill.

Ensuring we use both sides of paper for drawing and doodling.

Making sure lights and white boards are off if we leave a classroom.

The girls were able to share these ideas with the school in a special IPC worship session.

If you have any ideas moving forward please let Sophie or Eva know so they can take them to the next meeting.



Enrichment @ St Paul's



SKILLS WE WILL LEARN

DRIBBLING	PASSING	CONTROL	SHOOTING	GAMES & TEAMWORK
This is a good skill to learn that means you control the ball close to you while moving.	Accuracy is important to learn when passing the ball to stop the other team gaining control of the ball.	Ball control is important if you are stopped or on the move to stop the other team getting the ball.	When shooting you can use two parts of the foot. Using the laces gives you power while using the side of the foot gives you accuracy.	It's important that everyone playing the game knows and understands their position and responsibilities. It's important to work as a team.
Josh 3AY	Seb 3EL	Jaxon 3JB	Lucia 4VL/TS	Reggie 5GH



Music



The Choir performed live on stage with professional singers Tenors Unlimited at the **White Rock Theatre** on **Thursday 21st November**. After coming second in the Junior Choir Competition in June, the choir's prize was to rehearse several songs to sing in collaboration with the tenors during the Hastings show of their national tour.

The Choir performed amazingly well and received lots of compliments from the audience at the show for both their singing and their behaviour.

Well done St Paul's Academy Choir!

Wellbeing

Wellbeing dog - Winnie

Winnie continues to support the wellbeing of many members of our school community - both pupils and adults. She enjoys walking with a number of children and receiving many strokes and hugs on the days she is in school.



Anti-Bullying Week

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week was '**Choose Respect**'. All children took part in lessons around this theme during the week. As a school, we talk about the importance of being respectful to others very regularly as it is one of our core values. It was also great to see many children wearing Odd Socks to raise awareness of the importance of No Bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance have written an information pack for parents which can be found [here](#).



Senior Mental Health Lead

If you have concerns or worries about your child's mental health, contact Miss Watson (Assistant Headteacher) lwatson@stpaulsceacademy.org

Extended Schools

Extended Schools Update

We are delighted to share some exciting updates about our recent activities and improvements at Splash!

Healthy and Nutritious Light Tea Menu

Our refreshed light tea menu has been a big hit with the children, offering a wider variety of healthy and delicious options.

We're thrilled to see the children embracing new foods and enjoying these nutritious meals.

Here's what the children have to say:

Grace: "I've never tried savoury rice before, but at Splash, I gave it a try. I would have it again!"

Belle: "I love the new menu - so many more choices!"

Daniel: "I like that we have more hot meals."



Themed Weeks and Creative Fun

Our weekly themes continue to inspire creativity and learning. During Art Week, the children explored a variety of artistic techniques, producing wonderful masterpieces. In Transport Week, they built imaginative models using construction toys, showcasing their innovative skills.

We've also enhanced our sensory play activities, including:

Dino Dough Dig - uncovering hidden treasures in dinosaur-themed dough.

Ice Play - exploring textures and temperatures in a fun, hands-on way.

Scented Playdough - stimulating senses while sparking creativity.

Cultural Celebrations and Events

This month, we've embraced the spirit of celebration by marking special occasions such as:

Diwali - creating vibrant crafts and learning about this festival of lights.

Guy Fawkes Night - enjoying themed activities around the historic event.

Remembrance Day - taking a moment to reflect and honour those who served.

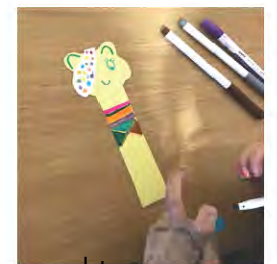
Children in Need - engaging in fun-filled activities for a good cause.



Exciting December Plans

As we head into December, the festive season is in full swing! The children can look forward to a calendar packed with exciting activities, crafts, and surprises. Rumour has it that a mischievous little elf might be making an appearance—stay tuned!

We're so proud of how much the children have enjoyed these experiences, and we can't wait to see what the next month brings!





WhatsApp

A Guide for Parents & Carers

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

Privacy



Show your child how to **adjust their privacy settings**, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:

My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only
Nobody: not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

Messaging



Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- You don't have to join in!

Contacts



Make your child understands that they should **only connect with friends, family, or trusted individuals**.

Teach them not to accept messages from **unknown contacts**.

Go over with your child how to **add, block and report** contacts.

Group Chats



If a child is added into a **Group Chat**, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to **Settings -> Privacy -> Groups**. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they **know and trust**.

Location



WhatsApp allows users to share their **location** with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others **track** your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about keeping this feature **disabled**.

Check



Check in with your child regularly to **review their phone settings**.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and **how often** they are using the messaging app.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are **staying safe and happy** online.



Encourage your child to come to you if **ANYTHING** online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

Parental Support



FAMILY HUB
EAST SUSSEX

What's on?

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE webinars & groups
to support
Parents & carers of children aged 0-19 years

JANUARY TO MARCH 2025



Early Help 0-19
Respect | Partnership | Empower



NHS
East Sussex Healthcare
Trust



East Sussex
County Council



Activities and courses
Free parenting courses and activities for children
and teenagers in East Sussex.

 eastsussex.gov.uk

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



Christmas Services this December

Please do come and join us to celebrate Christmas.

Sunday 8 December

11am Carols with Sussex Brass

We are delighted to welcome back Sussex Brass Band to lead us in a traditional service of readings and carols.

Sunday 22 December

11am Family Carol Service

An all age service with the opportunity for children to dress up as characters from the Christmas Story.

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Christingle Service

A carol service for all the family with an opportunity to hear the Christmas story and a chance for all the children to make a Christingle.

Christmas Day

11am All Age Family Celebration

A special service for all the family to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



St Paul's Together- PTA

The PTA and Our Aims

St Paul's Together (PTA) is putting on events such as the Summer Fest not only to bring families, teachers and the community together, but also to raise funds for projects we would like to see happen in the school.

These pictures give an idea of the ambitious plan we are fundraising towards.

Multi-functional Space

Whether it's physical play, creative exploration, socialising, an outside classroom, or the venue for an event, our design will work as a versatile and multi-use space.

A box seating area doubles as a climbing structure, a stage, or a classroom, with planting to bring shade, height, and nature into the playground.

A Unique and Dynamic Play Area

Our vision is to make something really different for our school – to think outside the box for what a play area can be. We hope to make the design an eye-catching and inspiring space which promotes non-descriptive play and where children can be active and inspired by their environment.

Transient Space

The middle playground is a busy area with many people moving through it in all directions.

We would like to use arches and patterned floor paint to direct and control this movement while making it a fun place for children to explore.

Colour and Materials

We are researching recycled plastics and other hard-wearing materials which we can use in our playground to create these exciting structures. We want to move away from a traditional “children’s” colour palette, but still one that is bright and fun.

A Place for Everyone

Not only will this area be enjoyed by the children, but it will also act as a great meeting place for parents to gather and socialise at the end of the day in the quieter, calmer corners where they can meet and chat.

St Paul's Together- PTA



Multi-functional Space



A Place for Everyone



Colour and Materials



A Unique and Dynamic Play Area

A QR code for the St Paul's Together PTA WhatsApp group. The QR code is on a white background with a green border. Above the QR code is the PTA logo and the text "St Paul's Together PTA WhatsApp group". Below the QR code is the text "Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group".

Key Dates

Friday 6th December- 8am-MacMillan Big Breakfast

Monday 9th December at 2pm & Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am-
Reception Nativity

Tuesday 10th December at 2pm & Thursday 12th December at 9.30am- Year 1 & 2
Nativity

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm - Year 3 Christingle

Thursday 12th December at 2pm- Year 4 Christingle

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

Friday 20th December at 10am- Years 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service @ St Matthew's

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