



# St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

JULY 2024



## July update

This year has flown by and we are really proud of the progress the children have made throughout the year. This term has been a busy one with lots going on with the grand finale being the White Rock Show. We're sure you'll agree, the children were brilliant and we look forward to doing it all again in two year's time!

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# Attendance

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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

Overall school attendance this year is **93.6%** which is **below** the national average of **94.2%**. 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 1CD, 1HI and 3AY who have all had attendance above 95% this term.**

## Attendance this term

RLB	92.1%	2JB	93.2%	4AB	93%
RBCKC	93.9%	2LG	94.5%	5SW	92.1%
RKS	93.2%	3LW	93.8%	5ER	93%
1CD	95.1%	3AY	96.3%	5EL	92.4%
1HI	95.3%	3JS	91.2%	6CW	92.1%
1RMLB	92.8%	4VLTS	94.3%	6KG	89.4%
2HONH	87.4%	4JM	93.1%	6GH	91.8%

**1HI with  
95.3%**

# Reception Summer Concert



It really has been a pleasure; the support from the staff is amazing and the children have fully embraced singing and signing.  
Corin Pennington

We love singing and signing  
Reception



# Year 2-Alexandra Park

## Observational Drawings in the Peace Garden

Last week, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Alexandra Park where we did some observational drawings in the Peace and Rose Gardens and played some games altogether as a farewell to Key Stage 1. We were blessed with sunshine all day and a fantastic time was had by the children and adults alike.



'I enjoyed it because we did lots of fun activities.' - Mason

'I was happy because I got an ice lolly.' - Finley

'I was happy because we rolled down the hill and I got covered in grass!' - Ivy

'I was really happy because I got to play on the big field with all of my friends.' - Callie



# Year 5- Ukulele Concert

We were all treated to an amazing performance from our Year 5 children who have been learning ukulele throughout the year with the guidance of Miss Watson. It is no mean feat for 90 children to perform in unison and full credit must go to the children and Miss Watson for all they have achieved. Well done all!



# Town Sports



Well done to all the children who took part in Town Sports. St Paul's won the Platinum League; this is a huge achievement for the school. We would like to express our thanks to Mr McGowan for working tirelessly with the children. The children were over-the-moon with their performance, both individually, and as a team. After the disappointment of the weekend's football, we're really pleased that St Paul's **'brought it home'** at Town Sports!

# *DCAT Enrich*



As usual, these amazing children were impeccable. The choreographer and musical director, Billy and Gemma, were so impressed with them. They couldn't stop complimenting them.

Mrs Lawson

# Richard White Cup



A super day for the Richard White cup at St Leonards Primary. A massive thank you to Mrs Hughes for helping to sort out last minute replacements due to sick bugs. also to Mr Brown and Mrs Barnet who helped encourage the children.

We were runners up again, but we did manage to win Year 4 overall which is a massive positive for the day as we haven't done that before.

Back at our school, next year ,where we won't have to run on the path that our group struggled to get to grips with.

Mr McGowan



# White Rock Show

Friday 12th July 2024



Last Friday, 12th July, St Paul's children in Years 4, 5 and 6 performed at The White Rock Theatre in our biannual St Paul's presents show.

This year our theme was '100 Years of Television' and staff put together a show that showcased the children's Gymnastics, Drumming, Dance, Singing and Acting skills.

The children were absolutely brilliant and wowed the audience.

We are all extremely proud of them.

# Summer Fest

## Message from St Paul's Together [PTA]

Ducks were hooked, rats were splatted, and teachers were hooped. And we crowned our very first St Paul's no-hands doughnut-eating champion!

Summer Fest proved to be a super-fun afternoon, featuring favourite activities such as the teddy tombola and our Six Love on our BMX track. We also had some entertaining new ones, including the human fruit machine (never before has five-a-day seemed so exciting)! We welcomed the Old Town's legendary Maggie's fish and chips to our field, and enjoyed live entertainment from Canton Martial Arts club and Kay Williams with her astonishing circus skills. Live music was brought to us by ukulele band The Whukes and folk singer Jo Kelly. It was a wonderful atmosphere and a real celebration of our school and community. And - drumroll please - we're delighted to announce that we raised a huge £3,586.88!

This gets us even closer to our plan to transform the middle playground and create an exciting, colourful and multi-use space for our children. We hope to see these plans come together soon.

St Paul's Together, our PTA, would like to thank everyone who supported Summer Fest, whether you were able to make it on the day, or bought or sold raffle tickets in the run-up.

We had a huge amount of support from local businesses who donated prizes, for which we're very grateful. And we couldn't run it without all our incredible volunteers, and support from the teachers and school staff.

Thank you for your support throughout the year at all our events, including our Easter holiday activities, uniform sales, and Freezy Fridays. All the funds raised go towards improving the outdoor areas of our school.

We'd love you to get involved in future events! Please email [stpaulstogether@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstogether@gmail.com) for more information. Until then, we wish you a fun and happy Summer holiday!





# Reading

## Reading for Pleasure Platinum Quality Mark

We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded a Platinum Quality Mark to celebrate the Reading for Pleasure work we do as a school. The panel who moderated our school were from the United Kingdom Literacy Association (UKLA). This is a prestigious award and one which very few schools have been awarded. We are delighted. Reading is a huge priority for us and we are pleased the children at our school enjoy so many exciting opportunities to read. The assessors stated, 'Our work has a track record of sustaining RfP which impacts on all children as readers.'



# Summer Reading Challenge

<https://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org/kids-teens/reading-programs>

2024's Summer Reading Challenge is HERE!



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Many fun events are planned including the Feller Express Dinosaur Encounter, Adventures with Reptiles, retro video games, a scavenger hunt and more.

All reading challenges are tracked through our [online portal](#) hosted by Beanstack.

Here everyone can track reading, activities completed and enter prize drawings. Parents, you can manage all readers' logs in one place and log family reading time in one entry.

Teens and other adults can create and manage accounts too!

## The process is simple:

1. [Register](#) you and/or your children on [Beanstack](#) ([see video help below](#)).

1. If you created a Beanstack account for for an earlier reading program you still need to sign in and enroll in the Summer Reading program.

2. Log Reading & Activities online or with the companion app ([see video help below](#)).

3. Earn badges and rewards, plus enter for prize drawings.



# Online Safety

## Apps

Apps can be a positive place for young people to socialise with peers. Many enable instant messaging, social networking and image sharing.

Some, like YouTube, can also be a great creative outlet. But consider:

- Privacy settings and age relevance
- Talking to them about the content they share
- Discussing the consequences of sharing messages and images

UKSIC:

[saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides](https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides)

SWGfL:

[swgfl.org.uk/online-safety-resources](https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety-resources)

Internet Matters:

[internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide](https://internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide)



## Gaming

Gaming is fun but be aware that it can be all consuming. Some things to consider:

- Use the gaming consoles' safety settings
- Agree with your child how much time they can spend playing online
- Pay attention to the PEGI (age) ratings and what they mean
- Remember that some online games have inbuilt chat functions
- Be aware that your child might use servers or 3rd party applications to access interactive online communities.

UK Safer Internet Centre guides:  
[saferinternet.org.uk/gaming](https://saferinternet.org.uk/gaming)

PEGI:  
[pegi.info](https://pegi.info)

Common Sense Media:  
[commonsensemedia.org/reviews](https://commonsensemedia.org/reviews)

Ask About Games:  
[askaboutgames.com](https://askaboutgames.com)



## Instant Messaging

Instant Messaging is a great way to socialise and keep up to date with what's going on right now. However there is a risk of unsolicited contact. If your child is using messenger services you should:

- Look at the privacy settings
- Ensure they understand that they may be talking to people they don't know and the risks this brings
- Talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to send.

CEOP

[ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

Connect Safely:

[connectsafely.org/guides-3/](https://connectsafely.org/guides-3/)



Online spaces, games and media form a large part of life for young people growing up today. They offer platforms to connect with others and to learn.

### Risks

Of course there are risks associated with being online, as there are with all aspects of life. These include:

- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Sharing too much personal information
- Connecting with harmful people and
- Spending unhealthy amounts of time online.

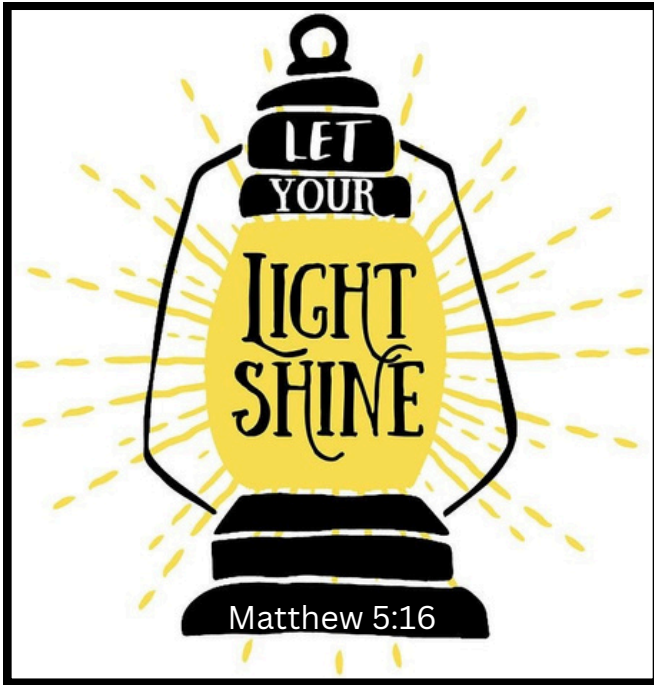
### Have a conversation

One of the best ways to help young people stay safe online is to talk to them about what they do.

If you understand the situations they encounter you'll be better placed to offer them advice on how to deal with them.

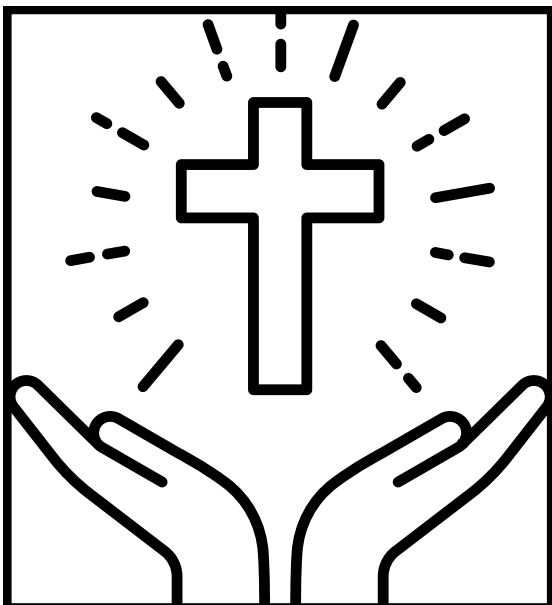
UK Safer Internet Centre advice centre for parents and carers:  
[saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)  
South West Grid for Learning: [swgfl.org.uk/magazine](https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine)  
Vodafone Digital Parenting: [vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk](https://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk)  
London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future:  
[blogs.lse.ac.uk/parenting4digitalfuture/](https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/parenting4digitalfuture/)

# Worship



Over the summer, we would like to see our children 'letting their light shine.' This could be excelling in something they enjoy, acts of kindness and helping in the community. If you have photos/images of your children doing any of these please email your child's new class teacher or Miss Laskey:  
claskey@stpaulsceaacademy.org.

We will be using these images to create a new display celebrating how St Paul's 'let's our light shine.'



**Dear God,  
In our work and play we know  
your goodness and love.  
Bless us with joy as we set our  
on our holiday. Let them bring  
us rest and protect us when  
we travel.  
May we always know that you  
are near, guiding us.  
Amen**

# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



321 is a new course specially designed for people to explore the Christian Faith.

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# 321

A FOUR WEEK INTRODUCTION TO  
THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The 321 course runs over 4 sessions. If you would like to complete the course, please let us know by email: [matthew@stmatts.co.uk](mailto:matthew@stmatts.co.uk).



**The Hub @ St Matthew's**  
Serving the Community

Every Tuesday morning we run the Hub Café from 10.30am – 12 noon in the Church Centre.

Here for the community to meet people and have refreshment. Everybody welcome!

# RSPCA



## Animals Summer Programme

**Are you age 10-11?  
Do you like animals?  
Do you want to perform?  
Do you want to meet new people, have some fun and make something together?**

Then you're invited to be part of a five day creative adventure

Led by professional artists from Dens & Signals, you'll make a performance or event to share with your friends/family at the end of the week.

Along the way, you'll meet new people, learn new skills, explore your imagination, spend time outdoors... and perhaps surprise yourself.

**Thurs 8th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th Tues 13th and Wed 14th August \* you'll need to come to all these dates.**

**The celebration performance will be 14th August 14:00 - 16:00 when your chosen family or friends can attend to watch you perform.**

**What time: Each day runs 9.30 - 15.30**

Sessions will be held at: RSPCA Mallydams Wood,  
Peter James lane,  
Fairlight,  
TN35 4AH

If you need to contact someone on the day of the sessions please call Emily Hedley on: 07715 540554

Or email [emily.hedley@rspca.org.uk](mailto:emily.hedley@rspca.org.uk)

### What we'll do:

- Get to know everyone.
- Discover the woods and the wildlife.
- Make a performance about animals (with help from professional theatre makers).
- Meet RSPCA wildlife staff and ask them questions.
- Get creative and find your part in making theatre: express yourself, draw, write, speak, sing, move, dance, make props, design...
- Perform to an audience of friends and family.

### What to wear/bring:

Outdoor clothes - sensible shoes, waterproof jacket, suncream, hat

### Lunch and snacks provided

Mallydams Wood Education Centre holds the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge which means we have robust safeguarding and health and safety practices as well as public liability insurance. The education team at Mallydams are all First Aiders and trained to Safeguarding Level 2 standard. All activities are rigorously risk assessed and fully supervised by a member of the education team. If you would like access to our safeguarding policy or have any queries or concerns about your child safety, before, during or after their attendance at Mallydams Wood, please contact the Mallydams Safeguarding lead and Community Engagement Manager, Anna Herrievan on [anna.herrievan2@rspca.org.uk](mailto:anna.herrievan2@rspca.org.uk) or leave a message on 07715540609.

Your lead contact for the week will be Mallydams Education Officer, Emily Hedley 07715 540554



# Hastings Museum

## It Matters to Me



**When:** Saturday 11th May - Sunday 14th July 2024

**Where:** Upper Walkway Gallery, Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Bohemia Road, TN34 1ET

**Opening Times:** 10am - 5pm (Tuesday to Saturday), 11am - 4.30pm (Sundays)

**FREE entry and parking**

**This exhibition showcases artworks from two school projects that encouraged creative expression while facilitating discussions about race, identity and global community issues.**

Playing the Race Card conducted two art workshops at Hastings Academy in 2023. The first workshop, led by artist Mo El-Kadey, used anti-colonial Primitive Surrealism to unleash students' inner talents through multidisciplinary techniques and music.

The second workshop, led by artist Sarah Buller, explored central themes of identity and joy through photography, encouraging students to develop their own visual style using collage.

### Anti-Racism Posters

Following an incident outside St. Paul's Academy, the school organised an anti-racism poster competition. Judged by Kristina McDonald, school Site Assistant, alongside artist Becky Beasley and Claudine Eccleston, founder of Playing the Race Card, the winning entries are showcased in this exhibition.

*"When I drew my piece, I wanted to express how important it is to fight racism and ensure everyone is treated equally and not discriminated against." - Fred Grant*

*"We drew this together because we believe that people of different religions, races, and appearances can fit together like a puzzle." - Maud and Josephine*

*"I wanted to make it eye-catching so people will realise the severity of racism and its impacts." - Rayhanah Nakatude-Male*

# Happy Summer Holidays



**PARK CONCERT**  
Sussex Brass  
Alexandra Park Bandstand

**Sunday July 28th - 2-4pm**  
Charity Concert in Aid of the Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link

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# Key Dates Term 1

**Monday 2nd September- INSET**  
**Tuesday 3rd September - INSET**  
**Wednesday 4th September- Start of Term 1**

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