



# St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

JUNE 2024



## June update

Every term is busy at school but this term has been particularly busy. We have had numerous sporting achievements to celebrate along with an incredible performance from our choir. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the remaining events throughout the academic year.

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# Attendance

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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

Overall school attendance this year is **93.5%** 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, 3AY and 4VLTS who have all had attendance above 95% this term.**

## Attendance this term

RLB	92.4%	2JB	92.1%	4AB	93.1%
RBCKC	92.6%	2LG	94.2%	5SW	92.4%
RKS	94.9%	3LW	92.8%	5ER	92.9%
1CD	96.5%	3AY	96.2%	5EL	91.8%
1HI	95.1%	3JS	89.5%	6CW	91.6%
1RMLB	91%	4VLTS	95.9%	6KG	88.9%
2HONH	86.6%	4JM	94.1%	6GH	90.7%

**1CD with  
96.5%**

# Reception Library Visit

STORYTELLING AND PLAYING CLASSICAL MUSIC FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



Reception trip to the library.

All of our reception classes enjoyed a trip to Hastings Library earlier this term. After finding out about how special our local Library is, they joined in with a Story Telling and Music workshop with the London Mozart Players. They joined in with songs, learnt about the different “colours” of music and listened to famous stories retold with musical accompaniment. Afterwards the children told us how much they had liked listening to the cello and violin and the ways they can be played to create different moods.

# Year 1-Beach Trip



On Thursday, Year 1 had their trip to the beach. The day started off very windy and cloudy, but despite this the children quickly got stuck into exploring all the different features of this environment. The children found crabs, anemones and plenty of jellyfish in the rock pools. On the stones they used the shells and scavenged materials to create some fab beach art. While on the sand they built some amazing sandcastles, rivers and towers, but none of them were strong enough to stop waves when the tide came in.

The day ended with a welcome bit of sunshine and an ice-cream on the pier - the perfect end to a long day at the beach.

# Year 3-Marianne North art project

In 3JS, we started an Art project in conjunction with Hastings Museum. Austen from the Museum and Stephanie, a local artist, came into our classroom. We drew pictures inspired by Marianne North, a botanical artist, who was born in Hastings. We made mood boards. Our next visit will be at the museum where our ideas will inspire the artists and we will be helping paint a mural.



# St Paul's anti-racism competition

St Paul's launched an anti-racism poster competition in November. The background to the project was that there was a disagreement between parents at drop off around parking and one of our parents was subjected to racist abuse by another parent. As a school, we wanted to use this as an opportunity to address this head on with parents and to make it clear that we are an anti-racist school where racism is not tolerated. We launched a competition for the children to design an anti-racism poster and then invited members of the local community as well as our site assistant, Kristina, in to judge the competition.

We were overwhelmed with the response we received and the winning entries were made into banners which we have displayed on the gates to the school. The winning entries were also displayed in Hastings Museum as part of the Black Joy: Up close and personal exhibition which runs until the end of August. Alongside this, we are running a series of anti-racism lessons to further develop children's awareness and respect for one another. As a school, our aim is always to support the children in using their talents to make a positive difference to the world in which they live.



# Reading



## The Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read for pleasure over the summer holidays. The goal set by East Sussex Libraries is to read 6 weeks over the 6-week break. A prize is awarded for every book they read and after the sixth book is read, they receive a medal and certificate too!

Joining the Summer Reading Challenge is simple! From 6th July 2024 when the challenge starts, you can sign your child up.

We hope that lots of our pupils will sign up or this challenge. It is always exciting when we receive a pile of certificates to present to the children in our Golden Galleon assemblies.


The Reading Agency have further information about the challenge which can be found here.



We have enjoyed welcoming many parents to our Reception classes each week to share a book with their child. These sessions are very popular both with the children and adults. Thank you for supporting them.




# Maths



We would like to say a HUGE well done to all of our Year 4 children who sat the Times Table Check this month.

They all did amazingly well and should be very proud of all the hard work that they put in.



Thank you to all the parents who filled in the Parental Engagement survey that went out a couple of months ago.

It was great to hear what you would like support with over the next academic year when working with your children at home.

Any workshops that will be happening next year will be advertised on the newsletters so please keep your eyes peeled!





# Sports at St Paul's

## Quad Athletics Finals Year 5



Years 4 & 5 that took part were absolutely brilliant finishing 6th out of 10. We also had Hunter finish as 3rd overall for best boy. Super proud of the group!  
Mr McCowan



## Years 3 & 5



The Year 3 and 4 quad athletics team took part against five other schools, winning by over 100 points. They were all super with Lacie and Vivien being the two outstanding athletes.  
Mr McCowan

# Sports at St Paul's

## Sports Days 2024



3LW were fantastic sportsmen during all of their events. They should be very proud of their athletic achievements!



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Some sports day picture from 6CW .

A wonderful class supporting and encouraging each other during every event .

Mrs Fairweather



**Age is no barrier to success! Go Mr Ward!**



RKS- The children were so excited to show off all they had learnt and practised in PE with Mr McGowan. We were extremely proud of the children's participation, resilience and impeccable behaviour. We wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to ALL that came to watch and participate in your child's very first Sports Day. Your presence made it an extra special day for all.

Mrs S



# Tenors Unlimited

## “LET’S SING” JUNIOR CHOIR COMPETITION FINAL



The final of Bexhill Rotary Club's Junior Choir Competition 2024 took place at Hastings White Rock on

**Thursday 13 June.**

Junior school choirs aged between 7 and 11 were invited from across East Sussex to join in this event.

The winning choir, Battle & Langton as well as the 'runners up' St Paul's. Both Battle & Langton and St Paul's will perform with 'the Rat Pack of Opera', **Tenors Unlimited**, at their concert at Hastings White Rock on Thursday 21 November 2024. Each choir member was presented with a certificate as well as the runners up trophy.



They were jumping up and down with excitement on the stage when we got the cup, it was brilliant!  
Miss Watson

# Online Safety



1 I only go online with a grown up



2 I am kind online



3 I keep information about me safe



4 I tell a grown up if something online makes me unhappy



# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



<https://www.stmatts.co.uk/prayer/>



**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!

As a Church we support the CAP Hastings Debt Centre which seeks to support local people struggling with debt.

As part of this support, a number of people in the church family are befrienders who support Nick Warren (the Debt Centre Manager) in his work.

For more information about CAP, please check out their website **here**.



We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 12.15 pm in the Church Centre and at 7.30 pm at 81A Filsham Road, TN38 0PE for our monthly Church Family Prayer Gathering.

# Key Dates Term 6

**Wednesday 3 July**- Transition morning- [new classes]

**Saturday 6 July**-12pm-3pm St Paul's Summer Fest

**Friday 12th July** - White Rock Show Years 4, 5, and 6

**Monday 15th July** - 2pm - Open Afternoon

**Friday 19th July**- End of school year

**Monday 2nd September**- INSET

**Tuesday 3rd September** - INSET

**Wednesday 4th September**- Start of Term 1

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