



St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

MAY 2024



Winners!

On the last afternoon of last term, St Paul's won the Hastings and Rother netball tournament, meaning that they have qualified to represent Hastings and Rother at the Spring Sussex School Games.

The children worked so hard and were thrilled to win gold medals.

I cannot express how proud I am of St Paul's netball team, their teamwork today was the best that I have seen.

Mrs Lewis

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Attendance

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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

Overall school attendance this year is **93.8%** which is **below** the national average of **94.3%** to date but higher than our Term 3 attendance. 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 RKS, 1CD, 2LG, 4VLTS, 4AB, 6GH and 6CW, who have all had attendance above 95% this term.

Attendance this term

RLB	92.7%	2JB	94.7%	4AB	96.9%
RBCKC	94.1%	2LG	95.1%	5SW	93.1%
RKS	96.3%	3LW	94.1%	5ER	92.4%
1CD	95.6%	3AY	93.4%	5EL	91.9%
1HI	93.9%	3JS	94.3%	6CW	97.8%
1RMLB	94.5%	4VLTS	95.4%	6KG	92.4%
2HONH	92.5%	4JM	94.0%	6GH	95.6%

**6CW with
97.8%**

Nursery- Mallydam's visit



The nursery had a visit from Mallydams on **Wednesday 1st May**. The children had a great morning learning some interesting facts about mini beasts and the importance of looking after our environment to improve habitats and attract more wildlife.

Did you know that snails have thousands of little teeth on their tongue? We went on a mini beast hunt and amazingly we found a newt hiding under the Astro turf.

The children planted some flower seeds and learnt a new song called "I'm a little seed".



Reception goes to Bedgebury



Library Visits- Year 2



The children really enjoyed the library trip today. The staff at the library were really helpful and answered lots of the children's questions about the library.

Mr Barrett



We read the book together and sat in the window.

Library Visits- Year 3



The children enjoyed their experience at the library, their behaviour was impeccable-
Year 3 teachers



We would all love to go again
Year 2

Year 4- A Town Explores a Book



Year 4 decorated some fantastic houses with automata from Cabaret Mechanical Theatre which were displayed in Archer Lodge in St Leonards as part of the 'A Town Explores a Book' festival.

The book focus this year was 'The Railway Children' and you may have seen shop displays in Kings Road or been to one of the many events that were on over Easter.

'Explore the Arch' offered drama workshops and children sketched various scenes relating to the book characters and railways. These drawings along with others from other local schools were displayed outside Asda as part of the festival.

We had 3 school winners in the writing competition also. We cannot wait to find out the next book focus and get involved in this inclusive community project again.



We are very proud of Arthur and Nia (Y4). They were the winner and runner up in the writing competition based on the Railway children. They have agreed to be Festival Ambassadors next year.



Year 4 & 5 Disco

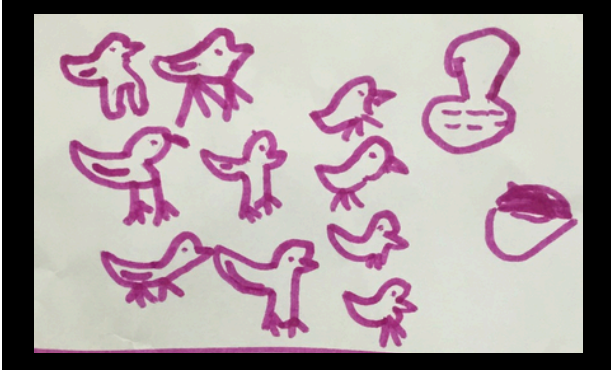


The Years 4 and 5 had a great time at their disco. Due to an unforeseen swarm of honey bees, near the main hall, the disco had to be held on the middle playground. St Paul's Together did an amazing job of moving, and setting up, the disco on the playground.



The children had a wonderful time, we will definitely use the playground again.
St Paul's Together

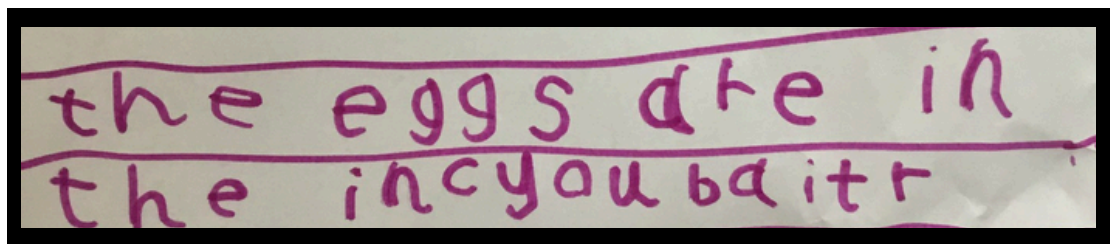
Tadpoles, Caterpillars and Chicks



The school has had dozens of little visitors to help the children explore the seasonal changes and the life cycles of different animals.

Our reception classes had 3 incubators full of eggs, quickly followed by fluffy and hungry chicks. The children were fascinated by them and loved drawing and writing about all the changes they observed and reading them stories each day.

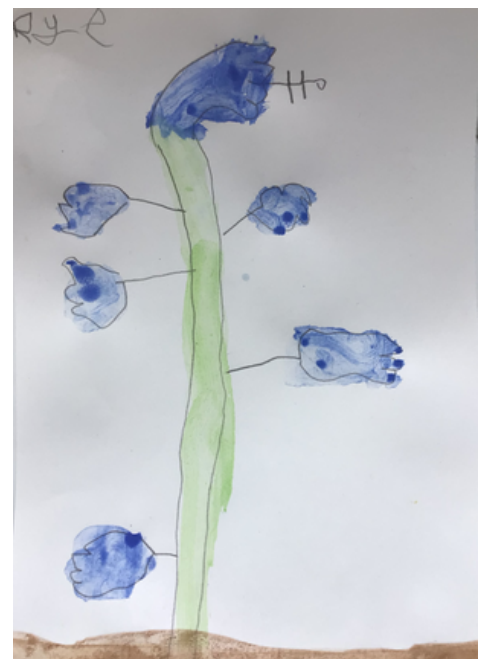
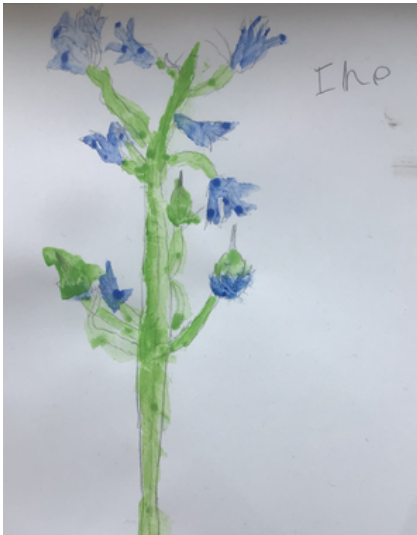
In nursery we have a collection of caterpillars who are getting plumper by the day, ready to spin their chrysalis and emerge as butterflies. And finally, we have also had a collection of tadpoles who have emerged from their frogspawn. The children got to see them growing their tails and legs, ready to be returned to their pond.



Nature Club

Bluebell water colour paintings from my Nature club

Miss Blackman



Reading

I love being a Reading Champion because I enjoy reading with other children, sharing poems with my class and sharing my love of books.

Reading is important as it helps you to go to a really nice place in your mind and helps you to relax.

St Paul's Reading Champions

We are very lucky to have 12 Reading Champions at St Paul's. They work hard in their classes to promote reading amongst their peers. It has been brilliant to see the Reading Champions taking on board new ideas and more responsibilities. They make book recommendations, read with children individually and also run reading groups. We are very grateful for all they do to promote a love of reading.

It's so good when I read with people and I can hear them getting better and better. I couldn't wish for a better job.

I think being a Reading Champion is important as reading is an essential skill for when you are older. I can help other people enjoy reading like I do. It is really fun to read different books and go on different adventures.

Maths



When we return after half term, Year 4 children will be sitting their times table check.

If your child is in Year 4, please support them in learning their tables using Times Table Rockstars.

Can you solve these problems?



Key Stage 1

Ron and Rosie are going on holiday. Can you answer these questions about their trip?

- Ron says that they are leaving on Monday 3rd August and they are staying for 4 days. What date will they come home?
- Rosie is taking 5 pairs of socks with her and Ron is taking 4 pairs of socks. How many socks do they have altogether?
- The hotel pool opens at 12pm and closes at 6pm. How many hours is the pool open for?

Can you write your own questions for their holiday?

Key Stage 2

There are three suitcases at the airport.

- Case A and Case B together have a mass of 30kg.
- Case B and Case C together have a mass of 29kg.
- Case A and Case C together have a mass of 35kg.

What is the mass of each suitcase?

A family is going on a camping holiday. They arrive at the campsite at 5pm. During their journey they drive 46 miles per hour and have a lunch stop for 30 minutes. They leave home at 11am. How far away from the campsite is their house?

Sports at St Paul's

Sussex Finals - Indoor Athletics



A group of pupils from St Paul's represented Hastings and Rother in the Sussex indoor athletics finals. There were a variety of sporting events from track to field. They all showed great determination and it was inspiring to see our pupils cheering each other on and pushing themselves to new heights in each event.

Congratulations to all of the pupils who participated as they managed to achieve 3rd place in the competition, bringing home bronze medals.

Tri Golf

Congratulations to our golfers who earned a silver medal and qualified for the finals at Cooden golf club on Thursday 23rd May .



Tri- Golf Final- 4th place

Sports at St Paul's

Netball Tournament March 2024

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils went to St Leonards Academy to take part in a netball competition. The St Paul's netball team was fantastic! They worked well as a team and scored some amazing goals. They won 3 matches and drew 2, coming in at second place. The team made it to the final which will happen later on in the term. A huge congratulations to the team!





Wellbeing



United Against Bullying Silver School
We are thrilled to have been awarded this prestigious award which acknowledges all the work we do to promote the wellbeing of our pupils and how we educate them about anti-bullying. The school was assessed externally by the Anti-Bullying Alliance who were particularly impressed with the positive impact our Wellbeing Ambassadors have at our school. It was also noted that our PHSE curriculum is adapted well to suit the needs of our diverse school community. There are strong links between the school and parents and any bullying concerns are acted on swiftly. We are very proud the work we do in this area has been recognised.

Autism Acceptance Week
As part of our ongoing work to celebrate the diversity of our school community, all classes participated in a lesson about autism. These lessons were written by the Autism Education Trust. We always strive to educate our pupils about similarities and differences between one another. It is also essential we teach the children to be mindful of others and always be kind in how we treat one another.

Resources for Parents/Carers
The National Autistic Society have produced this film which explores autism. Their website is full of useful information to further understand how to support an autistic child. It can be found [here](#).



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



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



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.

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11.00 am at St Matthew's Church

Date	Sermon Title	Bible Passage
5 May (MW)	In Philippi	Acts 16: 6-40
12 May (MW)	In Thessalonica and Berea	Acts 17: 1-15
19 May (AA)	Pentecost	
26 May (HC)	In Athens	Acts 17: 16-34
2 June (AA)	The Church: Introduction	
9 June (MW)	The Church: Welcoming	James 2: 1-13
16 June (HC)	The Church: Gathering	Acts 2: 42-47
23 June (MW)	The Church: Caring	Colossians 3: 12-14
30 June (MW)	The Church: Serving	1 Peter 4: 7-11
7 July (MW)	The Church: Honouring	1 Peter 5: 1-5
14 July (MW)	The Church: Witnessing	Matthew 28: 16-20
21 July (HC)	The Church: Sending	Acts 11: 19-30
28 July (MW)	Jesus clears the Temple	Matthew 21: 12-22
4 August (AA HC)	Jesus in the temple courts	Matthew 21: 23-32
11 August (AA)	The Parable of the Tenants	Matthew 21: 33-46
18 August (MW)	Tax and Marriage	Matthew 22: 15-33
25 August (MW)	The Great Commandment	Matthew 22: 34-46

(HC) Holy Communion (AA) All Age Worship (MW) Morning Worship (MP) Morning Prayer

Ascension Day Communion: Thursday 9 May 2024 at 12:30 pm in Church (followed by a light lunch)

Monthly Prayer Gatherings on Weds. 12.15 pm in Church Centre (followed by a light lunch) & 7.30 pm at 81a Filsham Road, TN38 0PE

1 May
5 June
3 July
7 August
4 September

8 am Services using the Book of Common Prayer (in the side chapel)

12 May (HC)
26 May (MP)
9 June (MP)
23 June (HC)
14 July (MP)
28 July (HC)
11 August (HC)
25 August (MP)

Key Dates Term 6

Friday 24th May - Last day of Term 5

Monday 3rd June- Start of Term 6

Week beginning Monday 10th June- Year 1 Phonics Screening test

Wednesday 12th June- EYFS Sports Day

Friday 14th June- Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Morning

Tuesday 18th June- Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Morning

Wednesday 3 July- Transition morning- [new classes]

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

Monday 15th July - 2pm - Open Afternoon

Friday 19th July- End of school year

Wednesday 4th September- Start of Term 1

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