

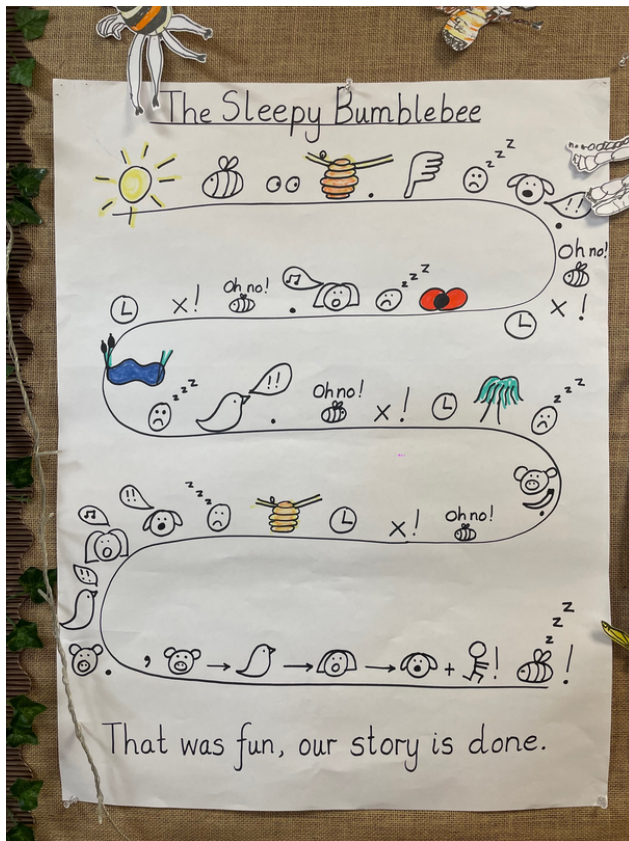


St Paul's News



"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

NOVEMBER 2023



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It's been a busy month

It has been lovely to see so many amazing children persevering with their work this month and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

There has been so much going on and it was great to see so many parents and carers at parents evening, despite the blustery conditions! We are all looking forward to the festive period and seeing the children in nativities, Christingle and the Christmas service.

Attendance

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

Overall school attendance is **94.3%** which is **below** with the national average of **94.8%** 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 10 classes that have an attendance above 95% this term!

Attendance this term

RLB	95.9%	2JB	94.5%	4AB	95.0%
RBCKC	94.5%	2LG	93.6%	5SW	90.4%
RKS	93.1%	3LW	93.5%	5ER	95.3%
1CD	96.0%	3AY	92.8%	5EL	93.8%
1HI	96.5%	3JS	94.8%	6CW	93.6%
1RMLB	95.0%	4VLTS	95.7%	6KG	95.1%
2HONH	93.0%	4JM	95.8%	6GH	95.1%

Well done
1HI 96.5%

Year 1 Mallydams

Year 1 visited Mallydams Wood, where they learned about Autumn, minibeasts and keeping animals safe. Despite the rain, they managed to get outdoors to explore the wonderful surroundings and enhanced their Science curriculum in the best possible way.

Sam, the fabulous Education Officer at Mallydams, led a variety of activities across the three days, including:

- A minibeast hunt that explored the dangers they face;
 - A litter hunt to emphasise the damage litter can cause to our wildlife;
 - A woodland walk to spot signs of Autumn and study deciduous and evergreen trees;
 - Making shelters in the woods;
 - Making woodland potions;
 - Leaf printing, painting and making camouflaged head dresses;
 - An animal hunt, searching for different animals you might find in the woods;
- Sam is an inspiring role-model and her passion and enthusiasm really engaged the children.



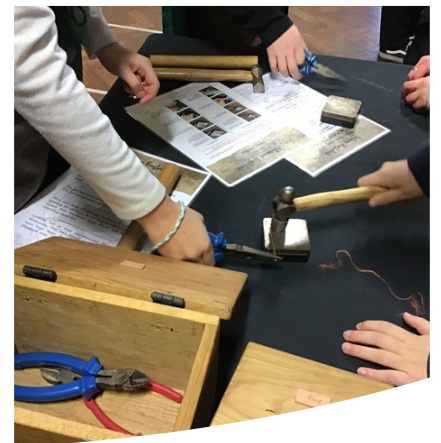
Year 5- Viking Day

Year 5 had an amazing day with **'Those History People'** learning more about the Vikings. In the morning, they spent time choosing different Viking activities to take part in and learn about Viking life.

In the afternoon, some children took part in acting out a Viking battle using swords, shields and arrows and had a lot of fun. To develop their learning further, Year 5 participated in an archaeological dig using paint brushed to carefully uncover Viking artefacts.



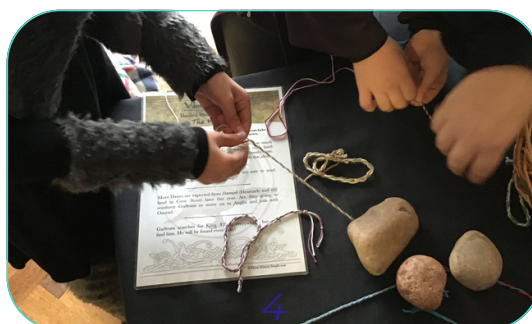
Maud - "I really liked that you could choose different Viking activities you could do during the morning. There was lots of different activities we could choose".



Kian - "I had an amazing day. I really like the spears, shields and arrows as well as the activities".

Lexi - "I had fun and I really liked holding a spear and shield and pretending I was a Viking".

Leo - "I really liked the fact it felt real when we looked at the artefacts. I liked going out to do sword and shield work in formations".

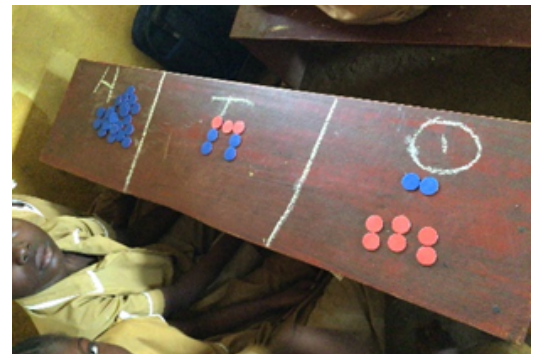


Sierra Leone

During October half-term, Miss Godden and Mr Morton travelled out to Sierra Leone to visit our partner school, REC Kossoh Town. While they were out there, they took part in many different things.



They spent three days in school, teaching Maths to the children and showing them how to use counters to help them. It was also a time to help the teachers to teach using them too.
d a little bit of body text



They learned a lot from the staff and children about the different traditions of Sierra Leone and were fortunate to see a performance of tribal dancing on their last day.



Sierra Leone

Finally, they were privileged to plant two “majestic” trees in the grounds of the school. We will be planting hedging plants in our own Academy next March and we will be having a race to see which school can grow them the tallest.



Christmas gets under way at St Paul's



The Christmas tree has gone up. A big thank you to Mrs Fairweather, Mrs Henshaw and Miss McDonald for putting the tree up and decorating!

We also put the Christmas hoops up in the hall. The children worked incredibly hard to give the hall a festive lift!



The Reception children came to the hall to listen a story about the Christmas tree. They loved watching the Christmas tree lights being switched on.

"The tree slept all weekend, still dreaming of being stuffed into a little yellow car. But then the tree heard a sound. It was the rustling of children and the sound of a story being told. All of a sudden it heard a click, opened its eyes and realized it had been picked after all. Picked to celebrate the biggest and best Christmas of all. A St Paul's Christmas - and it stood proudly in the hall."

Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament



We had another successful sports event with our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team. They won 2 games and lost 1. Most importantly, all who took part had lots of fun!

Cross country

Well done to our amazing Cross Country runners

Tera 1st - qualified for Sussex finals

Edwin 3rd - qualified for Sussex finals

Eyad 15th - qualified for Sussex finals

Jaz 16th - 1st reserve for Sussex finals

Noah 21st - sadly hurt his ankle during the race but did really well to finish 21st.

Reading

St Paul's Sponsored Read

We are delighted that the sponsored read organised by Year 3 raised £1100. We are excited to be purchasing £1788 of new books from Usbourne Books. We will be purchasing a range of non-fiction books, graphic novels and picture books for the classrooms with this money. A massive thank you to everyone who participated in the sponsored read.

Christmas Parent Story times

Please join your child's class to listen to a Festive Story. Stories will be read at 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you to your child's class.

Tuesday 12th December Reception

Wednesday 13th December Year 1

Thursday 14th December Year 2



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The website 'Love reading for kids' is an online bookstore which can be used to purchase books. The website offers 10% off the RRP for books and will also donate 25% to a school of your choice. If you are buying books, please consider using the site and nominating St Paul's CE Academy to receive the monetary reward.

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Christmas 2023



Recommended books for children aged 5+!

★ Christmas Classics ★

Three classic Christmas books: 'The Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg, 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs, and 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

🎄 Festive Fiction 🎄

Three festive fiction books: '13 Christmas' by Michael Wilson, 'The Christmas Book' by Michael Wilson, and 'The Christmas Book' by Michael Wilson.

❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️

Three winter-themed books: 'Dasher' by David Almond, 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs, and 'The Snowman and the Robin' by Raymond Briggs.

🦋 Factual Books for All the Family 🦋

Three factual books: 'Animal Day' by David Almond, 'Darwin's Super-Pooping' by David Almond, and 'What is Kestrelbury?' by David Almond.

🧦 Super Tunny Stocking Fillers! 🧦

Three stocking filler books: 'The Tunny' by David Almond, 'Ask Chitty' by David Almond, and 'Santa Sharp' by David Almond.

🎁 Poetry Presents 🎁

Three poetry books: 'Red as a Pine Tree' by David Almond, 'Robin Stole Christmas' by David Almond, and 'The Elf on the Shelf' by David Almond.

🎊 New Out This Christmas 🎊

Three new Christmas books: 'The Mittenmaker' by David Almond, 'Santa's Workshop' by David Almond, and 'You Choose Christmas' by David Almond.

🎅 Picture Book Party 🎅

Three picture books: 'The Christmas Gift' by David Almond, 'Leah's Star' by David Almond, and 'The Christmas Gift' by David Almond.

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Recommended books for children aged 9+!

★ Christmas Classics ★

Book covers for 'The Day of Delights', 'Christmas Carol', and 'The Snowman'.

🎄 Festive Fiction 🎄

Book covers for 'Christmas Dinner + Cooks', 'Miracle on 34th Street', and 'Tinsel'.

❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️

Book covers for 'Ice Children', 'The Snowman', and 'The Snow Queen'.

🦌 Tactful Books for All the Family 🦌

Book covers for 'Fossil Hunter', 'Stolen History', and 'Wonderfully Wired Brains'.

🧣 Super Tunny Stocking Fillers! 🧣

Book covers for 'The Little Brothers', 'The Great Reindeer Rescue', and 'Nativity'.

📖 Presents of Poetry + Prose 📖

Book covers for 'Poems for a Very Winter Day', 'The Wish List of a Merry Christmas', and 'Winter Hugs'.

🎁 New Out This Christmas 🎁

Book covers for 'The Little Christmas', 'The Snowman', and 'The Snow Queen'.

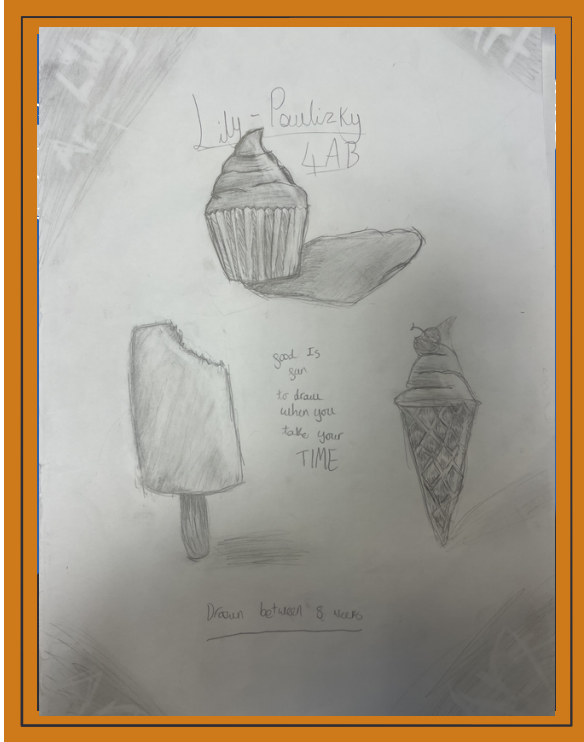
🎅 Picture Book Party 🎅

Book covers for 'Angel Road', 'The Snowman', and 'The Snow Queen'.

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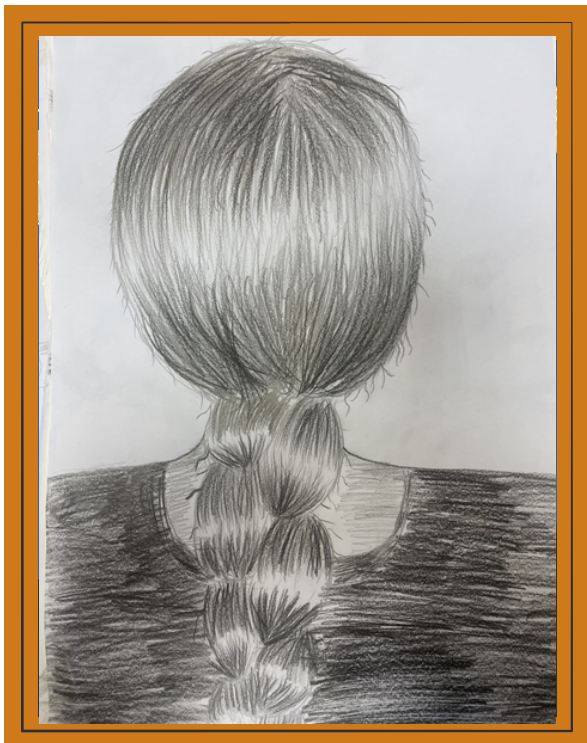
Art Club Gallery



LILY (YEAR 4)



SAVANNAH V (YEAR 5)



SAVANNAH C (YEAR 5)



SIENNA (YEAR 5)

Maths

BUILDING Math Skills At HOME

With a little creativity, you can make math lots of fun! Here are some easy things that you can do at home to help your child with math.

- There are many games that you probably already have at home that encourage development in math: Yahtzee (basic addition), Connect Four (problem solving,, developing strategies), Puzzles (spatial awareness), Card Games (have players flip cards and greatest or least number wins), Candy Land (make your own game cards and use math facts instead of colors), Monopoly (money), Battleship (coordinate graphs), etc.
- Talk about the calendar with your child. Make it exciting by looking forward to special events. It is fun for them to count the weeks and days until birthdays or to see what day of the week a specific holiday will be on this year.
- You can help your child learn to count money by playing store with them. Use real coins and let them be the "cashier".
- Use an empty egg carton as a counting tool to practice addition and subtraction skills up to 10. Simply place an object in slots and use the empty slots to count up to/from 10.
- Notice the clock. Tell them that they can play a game at a certain time. Begin with easy times (7:00) and get progressively more difficult (7:30 and 7:45).
- Bake with your child. Read the instructions on the back of the box and allow them to measure ingredients.
- You can develop a better understanding of fractions by discussing equal parts with your child. Any time you bake a frozen pizza, it is an opportunity to let them understand what $\frac{1}{6}$ means.
- Making flash cards of basic addition or subtraction facts can be an easy way to practice. You can make it a game by seeing how many they can answer in a minute. If they improve their score over time, reward them.
- You can make pot holders on a small loom. This is a good way to practice making and extending patterns.
- Any time there is a project at home that involves measuring inches or feet, let your child help! This allows them to understand that the concepts they are learning in school have real world applications.
- Point out shapes and discuss them. If you see a "YIELD" sign, discuss that it is a triangle and ask your child how many sides would be on 3 "YIELD" signs.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex



Carols with Sussex Brass

Sunday 10th December

11am at St Matthew's Church

St Matthew's Road, St Leonards on Sea TN38 0TN

Do come and join us for a special morning service of Christmas Carols.

Hot chocolate, coffee and tea will be available before and after the service and groups will be available for children up to school year 5.

Please wrap up warmly as the church building only has temporary heating as we await the installation of our new boilers.



Details of our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be announced at the beginning of December as we are waiting to know the final installation date for our new boilers.

Key Dates

Monday 4th December at 2.00pm- EYFS Nativity

Tuesday 5th December at 2pm - KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am - EYFS Nativity

Thursday 7th December at 9.30am- KS1 Nativity

Thursday 7th December at 2pm- Year 4 Christingle

Monday 11th December- - Christmas Choir Concert- De La Warr

Wednesday 13th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

Thursday 14th December at 3.30pm-SPLASH Christmas party

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