



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

DECEMBER 2024



Merry Christmas!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed letting their 'light shine' over the last few weeks, performing their Nativities and Christingles in front of an audience; finishing off with the Years 4, 5 and 6 celebrating the start of Christmas holidays at St Matthew's Church.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas with friends and family.

We will see you on the first day back which is Monday 6th January 2025!

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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	93.6%	2JS	95.0%	4AB	92.6%
RBCKC	92.0%	2LG	97.2%	5JM	93.4%
RKS	92.2%	3EL	95.0%	5ER	95.7%
1CD	93.3%	3AY	94.3%	5GH	95.9%
1RM	91.5%	3JB	92.8%	6CW	95.0%
1MCLB	93.0%	4VLTS	96.1%	6KG	93.1%
2HONH	96.3%	4HM	94.4%	6ECM	94.9%

2LG-
97.2%

Nursery



Nursery had a visit from Mallydams Woods, finding out about all woodland animals and how to make them feel safe during Winter.

Getting into the Christmas spirit!



Nursery Christmas Craft Making Week - Thank you to all our families that joined us this week for crafts, music and play!



The Lighthouse

Our Christmas tree book advent has been enjoyed by all in the lighthouse.

We have read some Christmas classics such as, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', 'The Snowman' and 'The Stick Man' to name a few.



The children who attend the lighthouse, have been letting their light shine every day throughout December. They have been trying hard with their Maths and English work as well as 'how to be a good friend'.



The children enjoyed Christmas shopping in our Maths lessons this week, using their addition and subtraction skills. Well done!



The children had a fabulous time making Christmas crafts and are looking forward to sharing what they have made with their families.



The children enjoyed playing with "snow" during our sensory play sessions.

Reception- Nativities

"I was Mary in the Nativity, and I was baby Jesus' mummy. We were going to Bethlehem to see the newborn King. It was really crowded and there was no room. The shepherds looked after their sheep and three wise men were travelling on their camels to see the newborn King. So, they give presents of myrrh, frankincense and gold." AH



We enjoyed telling the Nativity story through by signing, singing and dancing!

"I enjoyed playing the part of Mary because I was on the stage"

"I enjoyed playing the part of the angel because I was on the stage"

"I enjoyed being a star because everybody followed the star to Bethlehem to see the newborn King"

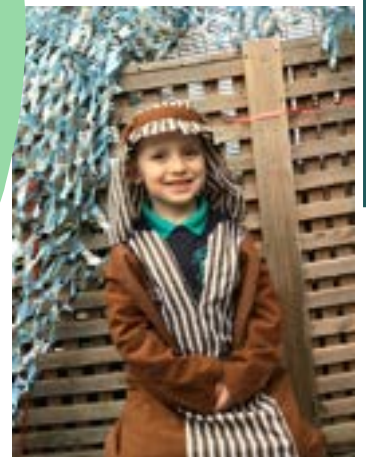
Re-enacting the Nativity story during explore time



"I was the innkeeper, I had to say NO room, NO room!" Frazer

"That was the best EYFS performance I've ever seen. The children knew the words and actions and where to be. Absolutely brilliant!" parent

"The performance was delightful and filled us with joy" parent



Year 3- Chrstingle

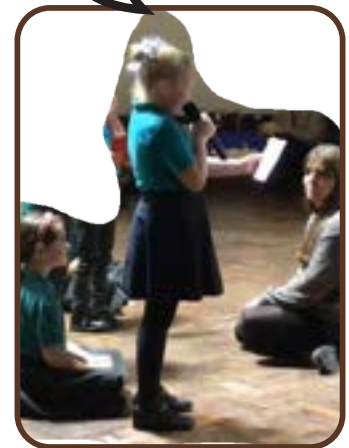
Year 3 presented their own Christingle show to their parents. They did a fantastic job learning the words to lots of new songs and learning about the meaning of the Christingle.

Year 3 Team.

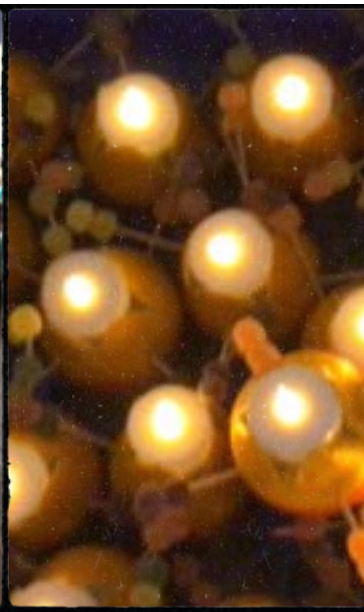
"I felt happy because I could sing my heart out, I love singing!

I read a special prayer for Christmas about God loving people and God loving me!

Isla



We loved making the Christingles and understanding what Christingle is all about.
Year 3



The Bible reading is from John chapter 1, verses 1-5.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Year 4- Christingle



Year 4- Roman Day

Children designed their own Roman coins

Design your own Roman coin

There is more to a Roman coin than first meets the eye! As well as being used to buy things, coins were an important publicity tool for the emperor. They showed people what the emperor looked like and often celebrated important victories or other achievements.

Below you can see what emperor Hadrian (AD117-138) chose to put on his coin. What would you put on your coin if you were emperor? Use the template on the back of this sheet to draw your design.

What does your Roman coin need?

Your portrait. This will be seen by thousands across the Empire, so pick your best side!

Your name. The most important part!

A symbolic image. Pick something that best represents you or symbolises one of your achievements.

Ancestral name. Link yourself to a powerful former emperor to prove your right to rule!

Your title. Let everybody know how important you are by listing your many, many titles. You might need to abbreviate to make them fit!

OBVERSE (heads)

REVERSE (tails)

More ideas! You can never have too many and who's probably full out of space on the obverse. You could also put the name of a god or goddess, a place, or a victory here.

Some common titles found on Roman coins. You could pick one of these or you could create your own!

Title	Meaning	Abbreviation to use
Augustus or Augustus	Name of the first emperor and used as a title by other emperors.	AUG
Censor	Family name of Julius Caesar and used as a title by other emperors.	C or CENS
Imperator	Commander-in-chief or military general.	IMP
Pater Patriae	Father of his Country.	P P
Pius Pater	Good to his gods and loved by them.	P P
Senatus Populus Que Romanus	The Senate and People of Rome.	SPQR

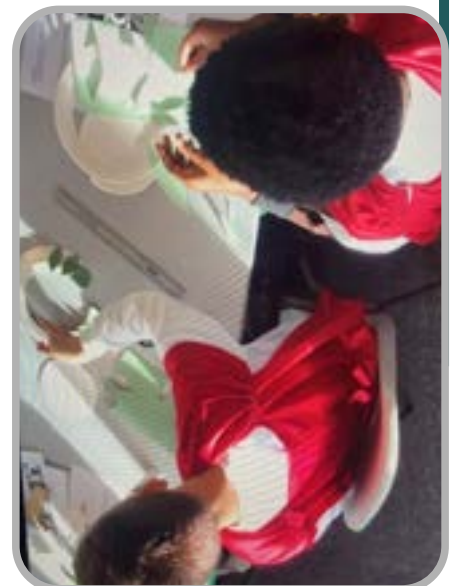
Roman Numerals 1 to 1000

1	V	X	L	C	D	M
1	5	10	50	100	500	1000

1	I	11	XI	200	CC
2	II	20	XX	300	CCC
3	III	30	XXX	400	CD
4	IV	40	XL	500	D
5	V	50	L	600	DC
6	VI	60	LX	700	DCC
7	VII	70	LXX	800	DCCC
8	VIII	80	LXXX	900	CM
9	IX	90	XC	1000	M
10	X	100	C	1001	MI



We made our laurel wreaths and mosaics which were made from little penny shapes
Finley



Years 4 , 5 and 6 Carol Service

Congratulations to the St Paul's Choir who won the DCAT Christmas Choir Competition with 'In the Bleak Mid Winter'
A big well done and thank you to Miss Watson for her hard work and dedication to the Choir.

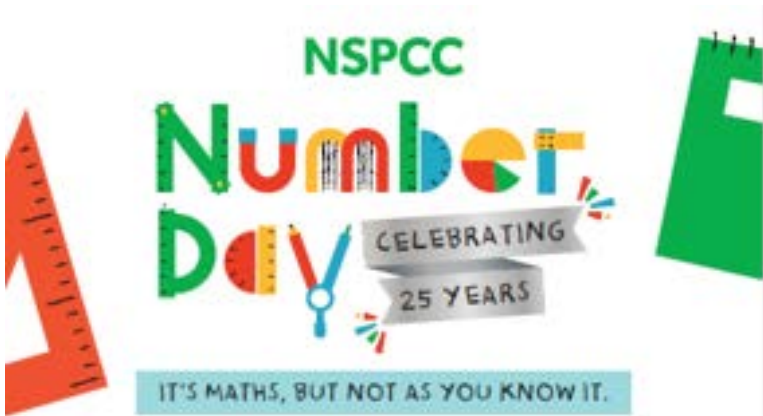


What a wonderful way to finish off our term. Most of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Carol Service at St. Matthew's. We had some amazing Readers; a lovely dance from our Dance club; Year 5 ukuleles along with Mr. Russell and glockenspiels to accompany 'Silent Night'.

We also had our award winning Choir perform two songs with Miss Watson and Miss Bishop assisting. The service ended with a bang as Matthew reminded us that we should celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was great to share this event with all of our parents and friends too.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

Maths



Friday 7 February 2025
#numberday



We will be dressing up as digits on the day so please come to school wearing numbers.

This could be as simple as decorating a white T-shirt in numbers and symbols, writing out the times tables on them, wearing a cardboard domino piece, coming as a Numberblock... the possibilities are endless!

On 7th February 2025, we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day.

We will be doing lots of number activities throughout the day and learning about why the NSPCC is important.

miss Godden



How about decorating a plain t-shirt or wearing your favourite sports top with a number?

Number Day

Dress up for Digits 'Be Inspired'



Could you be a human calculator, dice, domino or playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits! #numberday

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Reading



Reading Raffle

Our reading raffle remains very popular. It is wonderful to watch the children deciding which book they would like to win. All children can earn a raffle ticket by reading 5 times at home each week. Please keep sharing and reading books with your child over the Christmas break.



Sports @ St Paul's

Girls Football



Great fun 5-side tournament
Girls have smashed it this year so far with football and continued today

1-0 St Leonards Bettie

0-0 Silverdale Castro penalty save

0-0 Little Ridge

3-0 Hollington Bettie

1-0 Robsack Lacie

0-1 West St Leonrds

Year 3

The School Games Officer from our local area came in to do circuit training.
The children worked in pairs to time and count each other's scores.
All of the children worked very hard to try and beat their own record.



Wellbeing

Breathing Exercise

The link below will take you to a YouTube clip to help teach your child to control their breathing. This is a useful technique especially if they are feeling anxious, angry or sad emotions.



Let's keep this going for all the people who are going through a tough time.

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

- CALM - 0800585858
- Mind - 03001233393
- No Panic - 08449674848
- Bereavement - 08088081677
- PAPYRUS - 08000684141
- Samaritans - 116 123
- SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
- Abuse - 0808 2000 247
- Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.



Wellbeing and Mental Health Support at St Paul's

As a school, we strive to educate all our children about looking after their mental health and wellbeing. We teach the children strategies to promote a positive wellbeing and techniques to use to help them regulate their emotions. Our Senior Mental Health Lead is Miss Watson. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health please contact her.

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Music for Youth Proms

Scarlett Peacock performed at the Music for Youth Proms at The Royal Albert Hall last month representing Hastings and East Sussex. Along with children from five other schools, Scarlett sang and played the violin.

The young musicians attend the after-school Four Courts Connect creative community project where they explore music together, playing different instruments and singing as a group.

The group travelled up to London by train and rehearsed on the day with 1000 other young musicians from all over the UK. After an afternoon break exploring the Natural History museum, the children were back in their seats to perform in the evening concert.

The performance included orchestral piece, Earth, by Hans Zimmer's and The Colour of All Things Constant by Cassie Kinoshi.



Extended Schools



Extended schools have recently purchased a new bookcase. This is to promote reading for pleasure. During breakfast club, children read with peers once a week, they also have a story read to them by an adult. This month we have enjoyed a wide variety of seasonal stories.

At the start of December, the SPLASH children had a magical experience to help decorate the Christmas tree.

Elfie and Grinchie arrived bringing with them elf jam and a selection of books . They have been having fun with the children on a daily basis even turning the milk green! Well done to the children who tried green milk!

A focus this term was working together. Children have been working together to build a snowman; design wrapping paper; create party decorations and a collage festive image and many more fun activities.

The Extended Schools team wish all the parents / carers, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year .

See you in 2025!



Safeguarding

NSPCC Workshops

Speak Out Stay Safe

St Paul's children in years 2, 5 and 6 attended the NSPCC workshops last week. The children were introduced to Buddy, a caring character who helped to strengthen the message that children have the right to be safe, the right not to be hurt and that they can speak to trusted adults who can help them. The children really enjoyed the interactive workshops led by the amazing volunteers at the NSPCC.

The children were shown the Childline Buddy Zone website and completed worksheets. They also memorised the childline number with actions so they could sign it faster than the volunteers!

Please take a look at the website - address below;

[www.https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/buddy-zone-under12service/](https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/buddy-zone-under12service/)



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

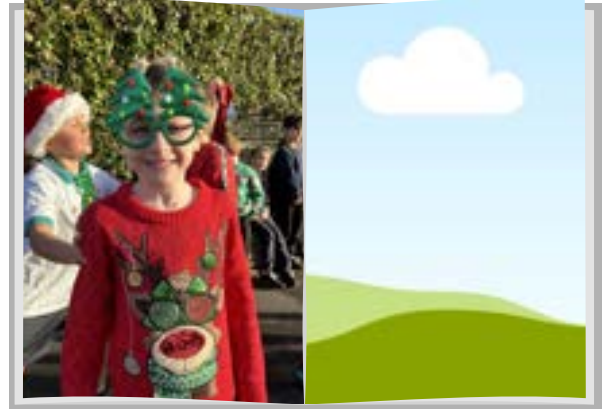
A carol service for all the family with an opportunity to hear the Christmas story and a chance for all the children to make a Christingle.

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 have been blown away with the enthusiasm and energy that all of the children have shown. They all really rose to the challenge, including our wonderful teaching staff, who got involved and showed the kids how it's done! This made ours and the kids afternoons, so thank you.

It is safe to say that St Paul's not only ran the distance to the North Pole, but they kept going and absolutely smashed the target. The children ran altogether **146.2** human miles.

That's a total of **4390.8** Santa miles, completely knocking our target of 2705 Santa miles out of the sky!

So a MASSIVE WELL DONE St Paul's...YOU DID IT!



Thank you

Please remember the deadline for sponsorship money is **Thursday 19th Dec** or if you'd prefer to add funds to school font 2 that would also be great.

Thanks to all the children, parents, carers and teachers for all your support.



W.A.V.E ARTS



Come down and see our new community bus!

Join us as we celebrate the opening of our community bus, with wonder, and holiday cheer!

Date: December 22nd

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: The Compound, On-site parking available!

What awaits you:

Step into a holiday haven, where the scent of fresh mince pies fills the air (grab one for free!), and explore a festive mini Christmas market—perfect for last-minute treasures. Begin your journey on our bus, each floor transformed! Let the soft, ethereal sounds of harpist Sarah-Juliette Dejeu, accompanied by talented student, carry you away as you wander through the exhibit of the bus's journey from start to finish.

Follow the path upstairs, and you'll be welcomed by Ajax Blyth Piper, Emilie Harmony Art artwork.

Cozy up on a bean bag by the fire, letting the warmth and artistry sink in.

Whether you're here to browse, listen, or simply revel in the festive atmosphere, this is more than an opening—it's an invitation to celebrate with us. See you there!

This project has been made possible thanks to the public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England. We can't thank you enough.

Key Dates

Monday 6th January -Start of Term 3

Wednesday 22 January- Choir -Young Voices at the 02

Monday 3rd February- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February- Last day of Term 3

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