



The St Paul's Post



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St Paul's CofE Primary School - Pendeford



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Welcome back to school for the new academic year!

I hope all our children and families have had a lovely summer holiday!

We are delighted to be welcoming you all back to school this coming week for the start of the new school year. This is always an exciting time for any school. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming our new families and children to the St Paul's family.

School staff have worked hard over the summer holidays to prepare classrooms and central areas for the children's return and school really is looking fantastic. I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work in preparing for the new academic year. I'd like to say a particular thank you to Mr Pooler for the wonderful work he has done over the holidays, creating our Lighthouse spaces and a new group room for KS1! We are all excited about the coming term and have many experiences and opportunities planned for the children (and staff) to look forward to.

Please remember to visit our school website for up-to-date information. Our partnership with you as parents is incredibly important to us. Our open-door policy is a significant part of this. If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself or Mr Davis-Powell on the gate. If the query is specific to your child and their class, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are often best placed to answer any questions and resolve any concerns.

We look forward to welcoming the children into school on **Wednesday 4th September** (Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd are INSET days).

Best wishes and here's to a fantastic year at St Paul's!
Mrs J Ferretti - Headteacher





Welcome!

A warm welcome to our new members of the St Paul's teaching team – Miss Briggs (Reception), Miss Honeyghan (Year 5), Mr Platt (Year 6) as well as Miss Grice (Nursery TA), Miss Lawley (Reception TA), Ms Woods (Year 2 TA), Miss Handy (The Lighthouse TA) and Miss Pinches (Alpha and Omega Club Manager). I am sure they will quickly settle in and feel at home at St Paul's – I know they are very much looking forward to getting to know all the children and you as parents.

We are also very pleased to be welcoming Ms Hayden back to school after her maternity leave!

Uniform

All children should wear correct uniform in line with our [Uniform Policy](#) which can be viewed [here](#).

St Paul's maroon jumper or cardigan

White shirt with maroon & silver tie / blouse / white or maroon St Paul's polo

Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore

Grey/white/maroon socks/tights

Black school shoes (no heels or trainers please)

If the weather is warm during September, Summer uniform can be worn.

Long hair should be tied up. Children may wear maroon/white/black bobbles, hair band or small bow.

Small stud earrings may be worn for pierced ears – these should be removed on PE days.

No other jewellery should be worn except for items worn for religious reasons (e.g a Kara)

Nail varnish and tattoos should not be worn to school.

All children are expected to wear the correct active uniform for PE and Games; a maroon St Paul's hoodie, maroon St Paul's sports top and black joggers / leggings or shorts. Items should not have other logos on.

Support is available to families who are struggling with the financial impact of uniforms – please speak to Mrs Ferretti or the school office.

We also operate a preloved uniform / coat and shoe rail throughout the year.

All children should bring a named, refillable water bottle every day.

All items should be clearly named to enable staff to return items to the correct owner!

Trips

We are delighted to have arranged a range of trips again this year meaning that all children enjoy enrichment activities beyond the classroom.

We are all too aware of the financial pressures being placed upon families currently and seek to do what we can to support our families. As a school, we heavily subsidise trips and visits for all children and even more so for families who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Payments for school trips and visits during the day are voluntary. However, we are only able to continue to offer these valuable experiences if sufficient payments are received.

Unfortunately, this year, trips WILL have to be cancelled if they are not financially viable. Please do make payments if possible to enable us to continue offering these opportunities in future years.

This year, we are looking forward to visiting;

Places of worship – (Church, Mosque, Gurdwara, Temple),
Black Country Living Museum, Safeside, Shrewbusy Prison, Wroxeter,
Grand Theatre, Kingswood and Laches Wood to name just a few!



We also have a number of 'in school visits' and experiences planned to enhance our curriculum and the children's personal development.

The School Day

As you know, term starts for children in Reception to Year 6 and existing Nursery children on **Wednesday 4th September**. (New Nursery children will start as per transition arrangements) The school day remains as follows –



The gates will open at 8.35am and classroom doors will open at 8.40am, when children should be in school. The gates will be closing at 8.50am. Please ensure your child arrives for school on time in the mornings – learning starts promptly.

In the interests of site security, and to enable us to lock the gate promptly, parents arriving with their child at 8.50am will be asked to drop their child(ren) at the gate. A member of staff will ensure that children walk safely to their classes.

Parents are asked to drop and leave promptly to avoid getting locked in when the gate closes. If still on site after 8.50am, please ask classroom staff to let you out through the front office.

Parents arriving with their children after 8.50am will need to take them to the front office where they will be asked to sign them in as late.

The **end of the day will be 3.15pm** for all classes.

Whilst the roofing works are now complete, we will continue to enter the school grounds via the gate onto the KS2 playground and exit via the carpark pedestrian gate, as this one-way system worked well during the Summer term. Alpha and Omega Club and additional enrichment clubs will use the pedestrian gate by Year 5.

For safety, we ask that parents do NOT park directly outside the pedestrian gate.

Toddler and Baby Group We are delighted our Stay and Play sessions for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers will return on Monday 16th September starting at 9.15am (until 10.45am). We hope to see many of you there. Please spread the word – everyone is welcome!



Little Lights



Stay & Play session @ St Paul's

Parents, carers and childminders are invited to join us for our baby and toddler group
Every Monday during term time 09.15am until 10.45am

Please come to the main entrance of our school, where you will be welcomed to our stay and play session held within our school hall.

Providing:

A range of **play** and **creative activities**, a **valuable opportunity** for **adults and their children** to **meet others**, **access support**, **advice and information** and **get to know our school community**.

Refreshments are provided

Donations of £1 per child and 50p per additional child are invited but not compulsory. Any funds received are used to fund future resources, activities and refreshments.



Stay & Play Registration Form Available via Website



St Paul's C.E. Primary School

Building each other up - with God as our firm foundation Thessalonians 5: 11



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Support for families - Pre-loved coats / uniform and shoes and our food bank

A reminder that we have a rail of uniform, coats and shoes in the front entrance for families. Please visit the front office if you would like to select anything for your child.



If you have any preloved uniform/coats or shoes in good condition that you are able to donate or swap, please send them in.

We hope this initiative will support families who are feeling the pressures of the cost of living increases.

We also have our food bank in the front entrance. If any parents would like to donate or receive, please pop into the school office. We do have a link with a local charity who are providing support to families and can provide food parcels, vouchers and period products. Please speak to the office or Mrs Ferretti if you are in need of support.

Please follow the link for information on [Wolverhampton food banks](#) and [Cost of Living advice and support](#).



Medicines

If your child requires medicine during the school day, whether for a long-term health condition such as asthma or a short-term illness such as an ear infection, we are able to administer medicines to children **if necessary**. All medicines **must** be signed into school and a form **must** be completed. Medicines **must** be in their original packaging with instructions/dosage and, if prescribed, **must** have the label with the child's name. If your child's medicine is given, staff will inform you by text/telephone call/letter and/or verbal message at the end of the day. As it is the start of the new year, we will be asking all parents to complete new medical forms to ensure we have the most up to date and accurate information to hand in school.



Under no circumstances should children bring medicines into school to keep in their bag and administer themselves.

Mobile Phones

A polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used in school by children or adults. We are also a no smoking site – this includes vapes – please do not vape or smoke on the school grounds or immediately outside our gates. Thank you.



No Nut School

A polite reminder to all parents that we are a 'No Nut School' and ask that parents refrain from sending children into school with nuts or items obviously containing nuts (peanut butter and Nutella for example). We do have a number of children in school who have a nut allergy and whilst we can never guarantee that children won't come into contact with nuts, these measures will help reduce risk. We also have a number of other, wider measures in school to manage food intolerances and ensure our children remain safe. We acknowledge the health benefits of nuts but recommend that these are enjoyed outside of school.



Could we also ask that parents ensure that any grapes sent into school for snack or packed lunches are **cut in half**, as whole grapes present a hazard.

Finally, when selecting snacks for KS2 children to enjoy at lunchtime, please ensure it is a healthy item – fruit or a cereal bar for example, **no crisps or chocolate bars**. **Sweets should not be brought into school** unless for a birthday in which case they should be handed to the class teacher in the morning to share out.

School Dinners

We work closely with Catering Services at City of Wolverhampton Council to ensure the best provision for our children and share feedback from children and parents. Last term, the service manager met with our School Council to devise our new menu which can be viewed [here](#) (also on our [school website](#)). We hope the children enjoy the choices! As we all know, children can be fussy and sometimes don't want all the items of on the menu. However, as part of our duty to provide children with a balanced meal, kitchen staff have been directed to ensure that children are served with all items, for example, the main, potatoes / pasta and veg/salad. Read about the [School Meal Food Standards here](#). Staff will not 'force' children to finish their plate or eat food they do not like but will encourage them to try a range of things. Parents may want to look at the menu with their child at home each day to help them decide what they would like to choose from the menu.



Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 do not have to pay for their meals, as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal offer. From Year 3, children are required to pay for their meals (£2.70 per day, or £2.20 for flexi charging) unless eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. For information visit [Gov.uk](#) or [City of Wolverhampton website](#).

Milk is provided free of charge to children until the term after their 5th birthday. After this, milk can be paid for (£10 a term) via the Gateway app if your child wishes to have it each day.



Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from **Monday 16th September** and will run until w/c Monday 21st October. Information about our offer this term will be sent out on Friday 6th September.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we are delighted to be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support by holding our own Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September 9am – 10.15am. Annual coffee mornings across the country have been highly effective in making sure that nobody faces cancer alone. Parents are invited to join us and catch up over a cup of coffee/tea, enjoy some yummy treats and donate the cost of the cuppa to Macmillan Cancer Research! By joining Macmillan's biggest fundraising event, we will be collecting funds to provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support for people facing cancer, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. It would be wonderful if you could come along to this fantastic event and even bring along other family and friends to support the cause. Any cake/ cupcakes/ biscuits contributions would be gratefully appreciated. If you are unable to attend the coffee morning but would still like to donate, a fundraising option will be added to the Gateway app. Alternatively, please send your donation into school in a sealed envelope, labelled 'Macmillan donation'. Many thanks for your support and we look forward to enjoying a cup of coffee (and cake!!!) with you!



What will my child be learning?

We are excited to be launching our new 'St Paul's Curriculum' this term. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing further information with you about your child's learning journey at St Paul's; what they will be learning, how and *why*. We are pleased that our curriculum has now been tailored to best meet the needs of our school community, taking into consideration our local, historical and cultural contexts as well as ensuring a clear progression of knowledge and skills.

A huge thank you to Mr Davis-Powell (Curriculum Lead) as well as Mrs Cook and Ms Clarke who have worked so hard on turning our vision into a reality! 😊

New provision

This term also sees us proudly opening our new SEND provision 'The Lighthouse'. The Lighthouse will provide specific support for a small number of children across school and includes a sensory room, physical development space, nurture hub and a classroom. A huge thank you to Mrs Evans for helping create the vision and particularly to Mrs Mann who has also spent many hours over the summer in preparation for our launch!

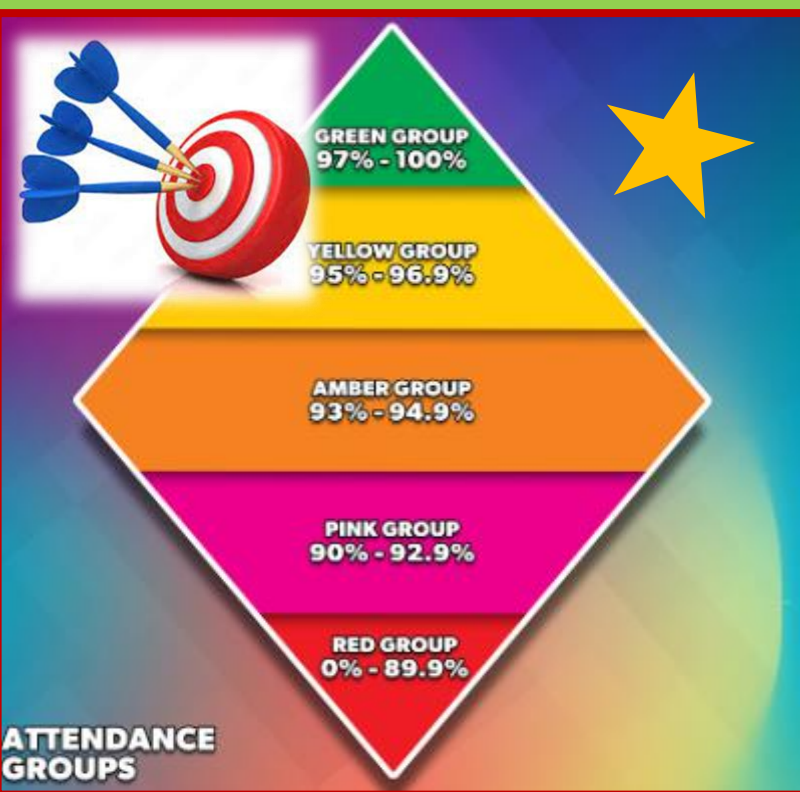
*"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk
in darkness, but will have the
light of life." John 8: 12*



Further information can be found via the website – [The Lighthouse @ St Paul's](#)

Autumn 1 Attendance

Nur	100%?
Rec	100%?
Yr1	100%?
Yr2	100%?
Yr3	100%?
Yr4	100%?
Yr5	100%?
Yr6	100%?
Whole School	100%?



GREEN	Best chance of academic success
YELLOW	Risk of underachievement
AMBER	Serious risk of underachievement
PINK	Severe risk of underachievement
RED	Extreme risk – persistent absentee

School attendance is vital for a child's future success.

This year we are aiming to further improve our whole school attendance and would appreciate parents' support in ensuring children are always at school when they are able to be.

The parent of every child whose attendance is at least 96% at the end of the half term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 shopping voucher. We will also be introducing rewards and incentives for the children in school too.

Please read our information - [Why does attendance matter?](#)

And our school [Attendance Policy](#).



Diary Dates

September

Monday 2 nd	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th	Children return to school
Tuesday 17 th	Reception Phonics (RWI) workshop – 2pm
Wednesday 18 th	Y1 Phonics & Phonic Screen workshop – 2pm
Monday 23 rd	Read workshops Ks1
Monday 23 rd	Full Governing Body – 5.30pm
Tuesday 24 th	Y6 Laches Wood meeting 2.30pm
Friday 27 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am
Sunday 29 th	Education Sunday service at St Paul's Church

October

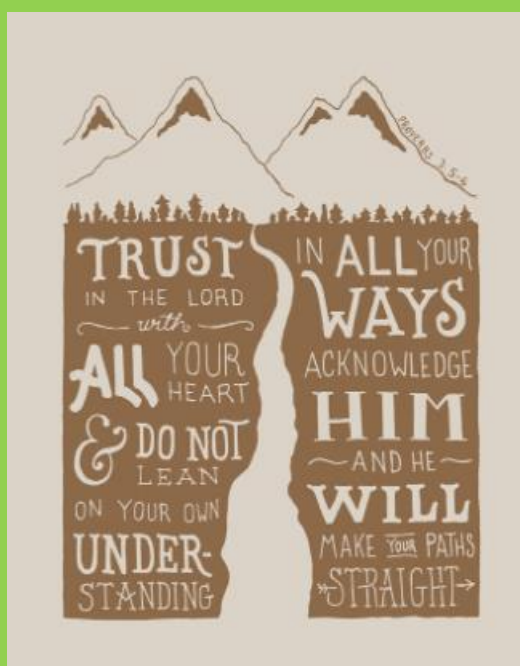
Thursday 3 rd	Harvest
Monday 7 th	Maths
Thursday 10 th	Conservatoire
Thursday 10 th	Mental health day
Thursday 17 th	Y2 Class Led Worship – 9am
Monday 21 st	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Tuesday 22 nd	Y5 Class Led Worship – 9am
Wednesday 23 rd	Y6 residential to Laches Wood
Friday 25 th	Y6 return from Laches Wood
Friday 25 th	Last day

Half term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.
School reopens on Tuesday 5th November.
(Monday 4th is an INSET day)

Our St Paul's Promise;

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P We are prepared
R We are respectful
O We make the most of every **o**ppportunity
M We **m**ake a difference.
I We are **i**n control
S We are safe
E We **e**xcel.



Rainbow Christian Values;

Togetherness, Trust, Honesty, Courage, Forgiveness, Joyfulness, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)



For parents of our new children joining us this week...

A Big Day

A Parent's Poem

It's a big day for you, Mum and Dad,
Your child's first school day.
They can't wait to join the fun,
And with us they will now stay.

You are your child's first teacher,
Their carer and their guide.
But now it's time to say goodbye,
And leave them at our side.

Home time isn't long away,
The time will fly, we know.
We promise to do our very best,
To help them learn and grow.

Let's work together as a team,
Parents, child and I.
We'll take care of your precious one,
And help them really fly!

Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

Term starts:	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term:	Monday 28th - Friday 31st October
Term ends:	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term 2025

Term starts:	Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term:	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Term ends:	Friday 11th April
Easter Holidays:	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

Summer Term 2025

Term starts:	Monday 28th April
Half Term:	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Term ends:	Friday 18th July
Summer Holidays:	Monday 21st July —Monday 1 st September

2024-25 Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 2nd September,
 Tuesday 3rd September
 Monday 4th November
 Friday 14th February
 Monday 21st July

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts:	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
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As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of our children.

St Paul's C of E Primary School



Keeping You Safe

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Do you have concerns?
- Has someone made a disclosure?
- Who can you talk to?



At St Paul's the safety of our children is of upmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

<p>Mrs J Ferretti Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis-Powell Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Miss D. Woods Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Ms B. Clarke Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs R. Cook / Miss N. Owen Online Safety Leader</p>		<p>Mrs L Clarke Safeguarding Governor</p>  <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children.</p>  </div>	

If you have a concern about the safety of a child contact **Wolverhampton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** by clicking [here](#) or by phone; **01902 555392**

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
Outside of the above hours for emergencies on **01902 552999**

If the child or young person is at **immediate risk of serious harm dial 999**

If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer Significant Harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, **you must report your concerns.** All referrals must be confirmed within one hour by completing the on-line multi agency referral form ([MARF](#)).