



The St Paul's Post

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School – Pendeford



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Welcome to our February edition of our newsletter!

February has arrived at last and with it, little signs of spring are starting to appear! I think we are all looking forward to the promise of some warmer, brighter days, although I think there are a few cold ones still to endure!

January flew by and half term will soon be upon us – halfway through the school year! The children made a fantastic start to the new term, and we are very proud to see how keen they are to learn and how they are striving to be the best they can be.

Thank you to you, our parents who continue to support the children and our school.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself or Mr Davis-Powell, or, if specific to your child and their class, your child's class teacher in the first instance and we will be happy to help.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti
Headteacher.



Parent workshops and meetings



* Thank you to parents who attended our reading and phonic workshops earlier in the year. Soon we have a SATs workshop for Year 6 parents, a Phonic Screen meeting for Year 1 and for Year 4, a meeting regarding the Multiplication Tables Check (please see diary dates). We are also hoping to run Maths and Online Safety meetings in the near future too. Keep an eye out for more details to follow soon.

Parents' Evening and Mid-Year Reports

Appointments will be available to meet with your child's class teacher on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February (details and booking links to follow). Mid-year reports will be shared and discussed during these meetings. We look forward to meeting with you then.



Class Led Worship

We have been delighted to invite parents in to share in our class led worship so far this term – Each class did a brilliant job!

This half term we look forward to worships from **Year 2** – Wednesday 28th February, **Year 5** – Tuesday 12th March and **Year 6** – Thursday 21st March – all at **9am**. Parents are welcome to attend.



Safer Internet Day

We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 6th February**. Technology is all around us and the potential of the internet continues to grow. Whilst this brings excitement and opportunity, unfortunately, it also brings risk and now more than ever, it is essential that we are teaching the children to understand the importance of being safe whilst online and WHY it is so important.

This year's theme is 'Want to talk about it?'. During the week, the children will take part in an assembly and activities in class.

Toddler and Baby Group

A reminder that Little Lights, our stay and play sessions, run on Monday mornings from 9am in term time. Tea/coffee/squash and biscuits provided. Donations welcome but not expected. Monies raised will be used to fund refreshments and future resources.

Please spread the word – **everyone** is welcome!

Come and join us at

St Paul's



'Little
Lights'
Stay & Play



Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from Monday 19th February and will run until w/c Monday 18th March. (5 weeks)

A letter detailing this half term's club offer will also be sent out during the week.

Day	Club	Year groups	Cost/session	Time/collect
Monday	Lego (School led – Mrs Cook)	Y3-6	£1.50	3.15-4.00 Gate
	Weaving Club (School led – Mrs Boden)	Y4-6	£1.50	3.15-4.00 Front office
Tuesday	Football (recreation) (Motive8 Youth)	Y3 – 6 Boys (if numbers are high, the group will be split into Y3/4 & Y5/6)	£2.50	3.15-4.15 (early finish due to dark evenings) Gate
	Music & Movement Madness! (Explore a range of musical instruments!) (School led – Ms Clarke)	Y1 & 2	£1.50	3.15-4.00 Front office
Thursday	Girls' Football (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Gate
	Dodgeball (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Front office
Friday	Games (board games, puzzles, quizzes, challenges) (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6	£2.50	3.15-4.15 Front office
	Coming soon...Football Development Session (School Team) (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6 – selected	--	3.15-4.15 Gate
Every Day	Miss Woods' Pupil Choice	Y3-6	--	Lunchtimes
	Mrs Allcott's Playground club Mon/Tues/Weds	Y1 & 2	--	



A reminder that places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term.

Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again. Clubs must be booked under 'Clubs' and then paid for via 'Payments' in the Gateway app to secure the place.

A text message will be sent to inform parents when the clubs go live on the Gateway app.

Lunchtime clubs do not need to be booked.

Funds raised through school-led clubs will be used to fund club resources / other clubs in the future.

Free Community Sports Offer from Motive8 Youth

Motive8 Youth is a non-profit organisation which aims, through community sport, to engage, empower and evolve young people.

They offer free sports sessions to children in Years 4/5 and 6.

No need to book – just turn up and play!

For venues and times please see the flier...

Or visit www.motive8youth.com

Adverse Weather

Whilst we might be looking forward to warmer weather and a bit of sunshine, there is still the possibility of snow in the half term ahead! If we do experience any severe snowfall in the coming weeks, we will endeavour to operate normally wherever possible. Any closures will be in exceptional circumstances and be made in the interests of health and safety. A school closure could be directed by the Local Authority which would mean that all maintained schools in the city must close. Alternatively, a local school closure may be necessary due to conditions specifically around our school.

Should a decision to close be made across all schools, information will be shared on the "Wolverhampton Today" Facebook page, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Twitter feed and on the City of Wolverhampton Council's Website.

If there is no definite announcement about Wolverhampton schools by 7:30am, it can be assumed that there has not been a general closure.

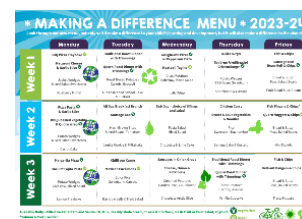
As a school, we will send a text message to all parents as soon as a decision to close is taken (either by the LA or by school.). We will also post the closure on our Facebook page.

Where possible, we will give as much notice as possible. I am sure however, you can appreciate that forecasts can be unpredictable and there are times when the weather can take us somewhat by surprise!



School Dinners

Our school dinner menu can be viewed by clicking on the menu; A reminder that following children's feedback, the following menu changes were made;



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie
Week 2	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie
Week 3	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie	Chicken Curry Sweet & Sour Noodles Cottage Pie

Thursday Week 2 - Chicken Curry and Sweet & Sour Noodles has been replaced with Cottage Pie.

Tuesday Week 3 – Chilli / Enchiladas has been replaced with Hot Dogs and Fries

Also, this half term, **Sub of the Day** will be replaced with **Jacket of the Day** with a range of fillings, returning to Sub of the Day in the Summer term.



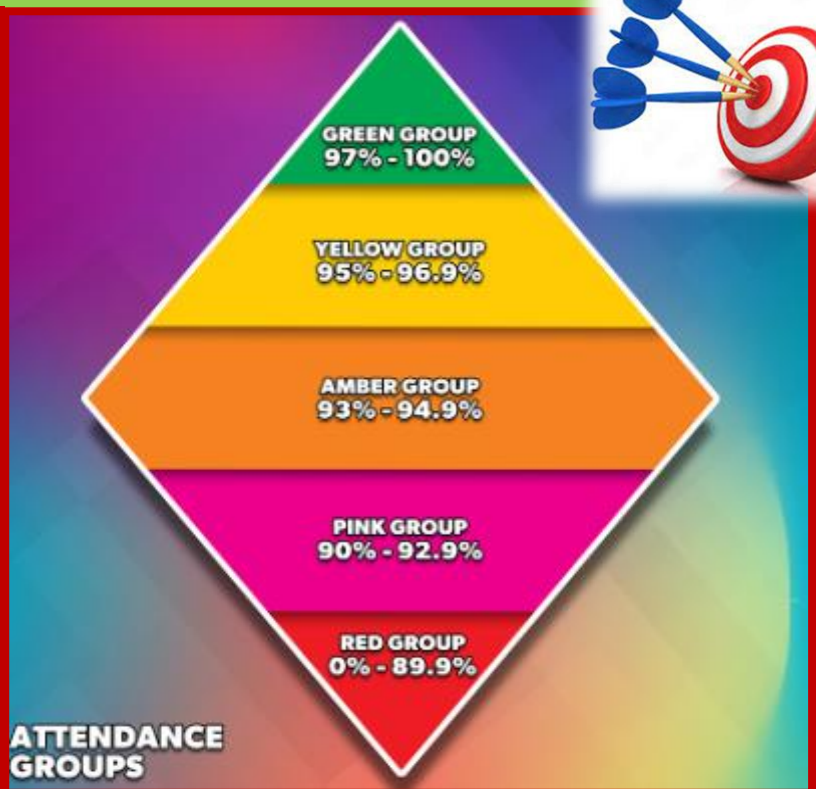
A polite reminder, not to send items obviously containing nuts into school due to children with severe allergies (this includes Nutella & peanut butter). Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Attendance

Yearly attendance since September – **93.7 %**



January Attendance	
Nur	81.4%
Rec	88.2%
Yr1	98.1%
Yr2	93.4%
Yr3	92.4%
Yr4	89.2%
Yr5	95.0%
Yr6	93.1%
Whole School	93.7%



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 intend to improve our whole school attendance and 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

Whilst we endeavour to keep to the below dates, they are proposed and may be subject to change.



February

Thursday 1 st	Y4 Class led worship
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 7 th	SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 8 th	Y1 Class led worship – Love
Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb - Half Term	
Monday 19 th	Back to school
Tuesday 20 th	Parents Evening – Mid-year reports
Wednesday 21 st	Ash Wednesday worship
Wednesday 21 st	Y6 Cosford visit
Wednesday 21 st	Parents Evening – Mid-year reports
Thursday 22 nd	Y1 Stafford Castle visit
Monday 26 th	KS2 SATs meeting – 2.30pm
Wednesday 28 th	Y2 Class led worship – Fairtrade

March

Monday 4 th	Book Week
Tuesday 5 th	Y4 MTC meeting – 2.30pm
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	EYs Mothering Sunday celebrations – Nursery 11.00am / Reception 2.00pm
Monday 11 th	Science week
Tuesday 12 th	Y5 Class led worship
Tuesday 12 th	Y1 Phonic Screen parents meeting – 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th	Y4 Kingswood residential
Friday 15 th	Y4 return
Thursday 21 st	Y6 Class led worship – Palm Sunday
Friday 22 nd	End of term

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April 2024 – Easter Holidays

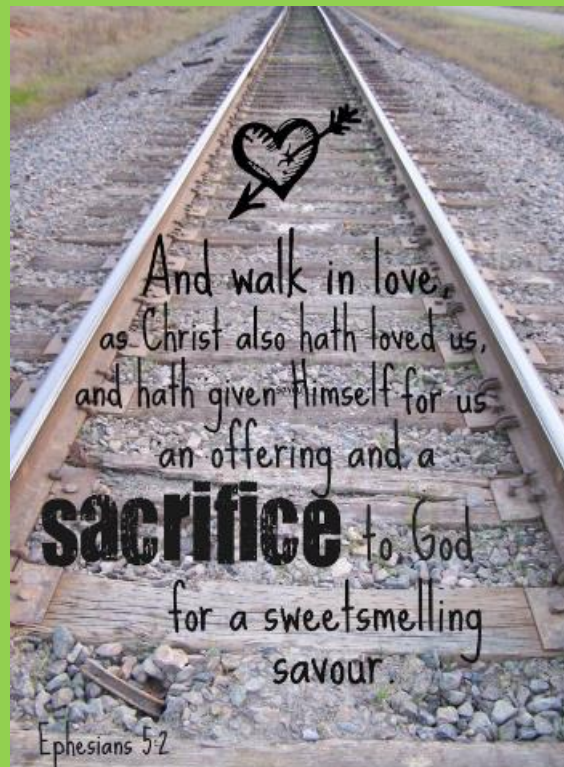
We return to school for the Summer term on Monday 8th April

Our St Paul's Promise;

- P** We are **p**repared, we are **p**olite, we are **p**roud.
- R** We are **r**espectful, we are **r**esponsible, we are **r**esilient
- O** We make the most of every **o**pportunity
- M** We **m**ake a difference.
- I** We are **i**n control
- S** We are **s**afe
- E** We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



At St Paul's, we are: **safe, prepared and respectful.**



Rainbow Christian Values;

Harmony, Patience, Honesty, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Justice, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

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

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)



Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September
Half Term: Monday 30th - Friday 3rd November
Term ends: Thursday 21st December
Christmas Holidays: Friday 22nd December 2023 -
Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February
Term ends: Friday 22nd March
Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March —Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8th April
Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Term ends: Thursday 18th July
Summer Holidays: Friday 19th July —Monday 2nd September

Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September
Friday 22nd December
Friday 19th July
Monday 22nd July

Autumn Term 2024

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

[Term dates for 2024-2025](#) can be found on our website or by clicking the link. Please note – INSET days are not yet confirmed.

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 utmost 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>Mrs S Lalli Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mrs J Ferretti Headteacher Online Safety Leader</p>	
<p>Mrs L Clarke Safeguarding Governor</p>		 <p>Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children.</p> 	

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](#)).