



The St Paul's Post



Spring 1 – January 2025



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St Paul's CofE Primary
School – Pendeford



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Welcome back to school – Spring term 2025!



Happy New Year to all our children and their families. I hope you all shared some special times with loved ones over the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school, raring to go for the excitement of the term ahead! Curriculum newsletters will be uploaded to our [Class Pages](#) on the website by the end of this week, providing useful information about your child's class and their learning for this half term.

Here's to a happy, healthy and successful 2025 for all who are part of the St Paul's community.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti
Headteacher.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, with myself or Mr Davis-Powell on the gate, or contact the school office.



Adverse Weather

If we experience any severe snowfall in the coming term, we will endeavour to operate normally wherever possible.

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. Any closures will be in exceptional circumstances, and will always be made in the interests of health and safety. Consideration must be given not only to the safety of the school site, but also the safety of children and staff getting to school; particularly those who may travel to work from areas which may be more severely affected than Pendeford.

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 uncertain and there are times when the weather can take us somewhat by surprise!



Class Led Worship

Well done to Years 6 and 3 who led the school and their parents in worship last half term, marking Remembrance Day and celebrating the theme of Light. Thank you to the class teams who supported the children in putting their worships together.

This half term, we look forward to Class Led Worships from **Year 4** – Thursday 16th January, and **Year 1** – Thursday 13th February – both at **9am**. Parents are welcome to attend.

Eucharist

On **Wednesday 8th January**, we have a Eucharist service at **9.15am**. If any parents / grandparents would like to attend and take communion / receive a blessing, they are very welcome.

Parent opportunities



We are extremely proud of our positive relationships with parents and value this very much. Thank you to all parents and extended family members who attended our Christmas events last term. We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to come into school and join in with the festivities. It was a pleasure welcoming you in.

This term we have some parent workshops and coffee mornings planned to support you in helping your child with their learning and wellbeing. We hope to see many parents taking the opportunity to access these sessions. Please see diary dates below. Further information about individual workshops etc will be sent out in due course.

Our school's Governing Body

A school's Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. It carries out its role by helping to set the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving this vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging school leaders, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

The Governing Body of our School is made up of Parent Governors, Staff Governors and Local Authority and Foundation Governors.



We are currently seeking Foundation Governors to join our board.

Foundation governors are appointed to the governing boards of voluntary controlled and voluntary aided schools. This is to preserve the religious character of the school.

Interested in finding out more? Please [click here](#)

School Dinners



Our school menu which can be viewed [here](#) (also on our [school website](#)).

We are currently in the process of tendering for our Catering contract, which will see our meals being provided by a new company from April. We are committed to making sure our meal offer is the best it can be for our children.

Headlice

From time to time, we have parents reporting that their child has required treatment for headlice. Headlice are a very common condition, especially in schools, They are not something to be embarrassed about and certainly do not suggest that a child or home is not clean. However, repeated cases of headlice, or headlice that go untreated, are a cause for concern. It is recommended that **all** parents routinely check their child's hair and, should headlice be found, the child and all family members should be treated. To prevent the spread of headlice within school, we are asking that all long hair is tied back for school, as loose, long hair is more prone to spread or pick up any lice. Therefore, if a member of staff speaks to you or your child about tying their hair up – please do not be offended, they are simply following school policy. For more information follow this link [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)



Uniform

We are very proud of our school and the high standards we promote. This includes our expectations for uniform. Please ensure your child wears the correct items of uniform **every day**. Information about our uniform expectations can be found on our website. [Uniform | St Paul's C of E Pri](#)

We ask that children do not wear make-up, nail varnish or false nails to school and that no jewellery is worn, other than a small pair of stud earrings (removed on PE days) or an item of jewellery worn for religious purposes.

We have a very well stocked pre-loved uniform rail that parents are welcome to access which includes all uniform items, shoes, coats and some bags/lunchboxes which is open to all parents. If parents are struggling with the cost of any items, we encourage them to access the rail and also speak with us in confidence to discuss if any further support can be given.

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.



Toddler and Baby Group our Stay and Play sessions for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers run each **Monday** starting at 9.15am (now until 10.30am). We hope to see many of you there. Please spread the word – everyone is welcome!

Starting Monday 13th Jan. Last session – Monday 7th April. No session Monday 17th February due to half term.



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.



School Nursing Team

School Nurses offer a service to pupils who attend the 109 schools in Wolverhampton.

The Service has to be flexible and delivered in the most appropriate setting dependent on the needs of the child / young person including schools, homes, youth offending service, primary care and other community-based settings.

The School Nursing Service exists to provide skilled, evidence-based care and support to all children and young people between 4.5 years and 19 years of age and their families who attend schools in Wolverhampton.

Aims

- To maintain the physical, social and emotional health of all school aged children to enable them to reach and maintain their full potential and maximise on the educational opportunities available.
- To encourage healthier lifestyles in the school population.

More information can be found [here](#)



Snack and packed lunch items.

When sending in snacks for KS2 children to enjoy at playtime, 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.**

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 [choking hazard](#).

Also, another 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 severe nut allergies 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.



Birthday sweets -

If your child is celebrating a birthday, we do allow birthday sweets to be given out. They should be handed to the class teacher in the morning to be shared out at the end of the day. Sweets must be individually wrapped, and no sweets or chocolates containing nuts please. To ensure that all children can be included in the treat, please also consider that we have some children in school who are not allowed products containing gelatine which is in a lot of sweets. Thank you.

Medical Tracker

This term, we are pleased to be launching a new, online system to record all accidents, administration of first aid and medications and provision of intimate care. Previously, if your child has had an injury during the day, they will have been sent home with a slip to inform you. However, we are aware that these slips don't always make it to their intended recipient!!

From now on, you will no longer receive a slip. Instead, if your child receives first aid for any reason, or has a head bump, you will be notified automatically by email. Of course, if a child has sustained a more significant injury or bump, staff will continue to call first to inform you directly. An email notification will follow.

You will also receive a notification if your child is given intimate care, medication or if their medication is running out / due to expire.

In addition to this, we will no longer be using the lengthy medication forms ("Hooray!" I hear you all say!!). Instead, all medications a child requires in school will be recorded on Medical Tracker.

A reminder that ALL medicines **MUST** be signed into school via the front office. A child must NEVER have their own medication in their bag due to Health & Safety.



medicaltracker

Parking

It seems a shame to be having to mention parking again, but in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we had an increasing number of cars coming into the cul-de-sac off Emsworth Crescent. With this, we also had a number of concerned parents speaking with myself and other staff about the risks that this presents to our children.



We ask again that parents PLEASE walk to school or park in Morrisons' carpark if travel is necessary. If you do park in Emsworth Crescent, please do so safely and legally. We ask that cars do not drive into/park actually within the cul-de-sac unless there is an **exceptional circumstance**.

Please also do not park directly outside the pedestrian gate – keep this clear for pedestrians.



I am meeting with a member of Wolverhampton's Road Safety Team this week to discuss options for improving safety during drop off and collection. However, parent consideration and co-operation in parking elsewhere when possible would be much appreciated.

Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from **Monday 13th January** and will run until **w/c Monday 10th February**.

A letter detailing our club offer will be sent out this week and places will go live on the Gateway app for booking.

Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term.

Each half term, club places are 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.

Thank you to staff who offer to run a club, enabling us to offer a wider range of extra-curricular opportunities for the children.



SEND and Sensory Hub Launch

The former Brickkiln Community Centre is being relaunched as

Cherry Street SEND and Sensory Hub on Tuesday 14 January (11am-6pm).

Their vision is that the Hub will be a purposeful space for our families of children and young people with SEND where they can access SEND support from education, health and social care services.

The space will be used for parent groups and support groups, training and workshops (for families and professionals), coffee mornings and SEND drop-ins and more.

Services and organisations offering support from the Hub include:

- SEND Early Identification and Support
- SEND Family Help
- Embrace Autism
- HY5!
- Wolverhampton IASS
- Parent Champions
- Voice 4 Parents
- Give Us a Break

Autumn 2 Attendance

Nur	87.5
Rec	89.0
Yr1	93.8
Yr2	97.2
Yr3	94.7
Yr4	93.6
Yr5	93.9
Yr6	94.7
Whole School (Y1-6)	93.8
National	94.6
	95.1



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.

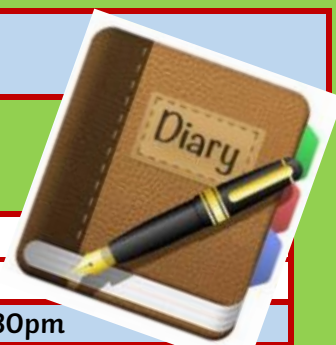
The parent of every child whose attendance is at least 96% at the end of the half term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 shopping voucher.

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



January 2024	
Wednesday 8 th	Eucharist
Tuesday 14 th	Y6 KS2 SATs Parents meeting 2.30pm
Thursday 16 th	Y4 Class Led Worship
Friday 17 th	Big Story Day
Tuesday 21 st	Maths Parent Workshops
Friday 24 th	Early Years Stay & Play
Monday 27 th	Full Governing Body
Tuesday 28 th	Year 4 MTC Parents meeting 2.30pm
February	
Monday 3 rd	Y4 Kingswood Parents Meeting 2.30pm
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th	Year 1 Class Led Worship
Thursday 13 th	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Thursday 14 th	INSET day – school close to pupils
Half term Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st Feb 2025	
Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb - Half Term	
Wednesday 26 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th	Parents Evening
Friday 28 th	Early Years Stay & Play
March	
Monday 3 rd	Wolves Foundation Penalty Shoot Out Fundraiser
Tuesday 4 th	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th	Ash Wednesday Eucharist
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonic Screen Parents meeting
Tuesday 11 th	Science Day
Wednesday 12 th	Year 4 Kingswood Residential
Thursday 13 th	Year 2 Class Led Worship
Friday 14 th	Y4 return from Kingswood
Tuesday 25 th	Parent Workshops – Art
Friday 28 th	Early Years Stay & Play
Friday 28 th	Early Years Mothering Sunday worship
April	
Tuesday 8 th	Easter Bonnet crafts
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Class Led Worship
Friday 11 th	End of term awards / Easter worship
Friday 11 th	Last day of term
Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April 2024 – Easter Holidays	

Our St Paul's Promise;

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



- P** We are prepared
- R** We are respectful
- O** We make the most of every opportunity
- M** We make a difference.
- I** We are in control
- S** We are safe
- E** We excel.



The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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)





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

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your
Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

