



St. Paul's Newsletter

Our pupils and all members of our school community encompass, celebrate and live our values by:

Journeying together, The St Paul's Way.

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Welcome to Our New Friends



Reception Class 2023– dressed here as Super Heroes to celebrate the special menu day last week.

The children have settled really well and we are delighted with their progress already. What an amazing start they have had to their St. Paul's life!

We are also pleased to welcome our new members of staff to the St. Paul's team. Mrs Carter as Reception Teacher, Miss Aless as Yr 5 TA and Mrs Cooke as Reception TA.

I am sure you will join me in giving them a warm welcome.



Mrs Carter



Miss Aless



Mrs Cooke

Echo– Pets As Therapy dog is BACK!

Echo has rejoined us this term to work with children in Year 5. She comes with her owner, Lyn, each Monday to hear children read and support them with their learning. Needless to say she is a welcome sight and we all look forward to her waggy tail and wet nose visiting us each week!



If your child is going to be working with Echo, we will let you know in advance. They work in a quiet place away from the rest of the school so it is unlikely that if your child does not like dogs that they will accidentally come into contact.



Thank to our Garden Working Party Members

The last weekend in September saw a small but very hard working group of volunteers including pupils past and present, parents, grandparents and staff getting stuck into sorting out and tidying up areas of the school grounds to enable outdoor learning.

The log circle was cleared and reset, the wildflower meadow prepared, the raised beds weeded and replanted with bulbs and the trees outside the office had a big hair cut. We found a whole family of frogs and were refuelled by tea and cake (thank you Miss Olive and Mrs Griffin for the cake!)



Thank you to all involved!



Brighten Up for CAFOD

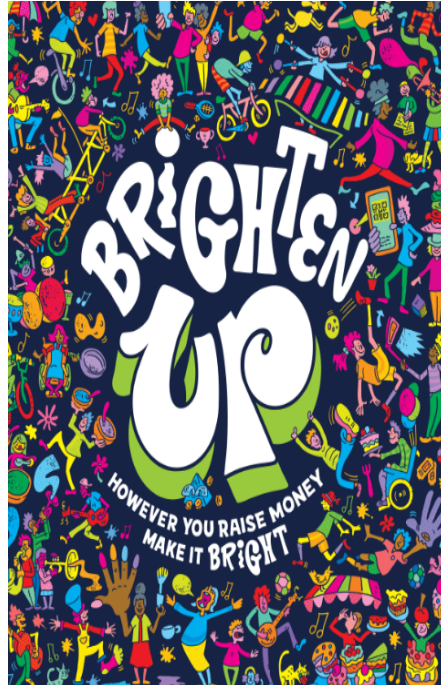
Our newly formed CAFOD team organized a "Bright" non-uniform day to raise money for CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 8th October.

Thank you to:
Nessa, Sara, Lizzie,
Otto, James and
Bianca for
organising and
promoting the day
and thank you to
everyone who
helped to raise a wonderful:

£192.50

Thank you!

What a lovely bright



The Judges



The Winners

New Apps

Thank you for patience and engagement over the past few weeks and months as we have transitioned to a new website, communication app and food ordering systems.

All the Apps are now live. School Gateway is no more operational. Those of you who had credit on the School Gateway will be refunded as unfortunately we are unable to transfer

money between systems.

The only way to book and pay for school meals is now on the School Food United App.



All school communications will come via email or the School Spider App. We are moving away from using text messages.



Should you need the help sheets again please contact the office.

First Holy Communion

After many years of waiting after the pandemic, we were finally able to celebrate the wonderful occasion on Sunday 8th October.

25 candidates in total, of which 18 were from St Paul's Catholic Primary School celebrated with their family and friends.

Congratulations to:

Katarina	Otto
Nathan	Weronika
Katie Marie	Heidi
Jack	Kacper
Austeja	Grace
Evan	Dylan
Matthew	Darrell
Jason	Jerome
Amelia	Isbele

If your child is a baptised Catholic and in Yr 3 or above they will be eligible to join the new programme next year to prepare for Summer 2024.



Shout out for local business!

Over the summer holidays, school remains a busy place. There are some jobs that can only really be done when there are no children or staff around. One of the biggest jobs to complete is a deep clean of all of the carpets and vinyl surfaces in the school.

A huge thank you to Matt Gitsham from Xtract2Clean who did a fabulous job for us.

Please do make contact if you have carpet or upholstery cleaning needs.

<http://www.xtract2clean.co.uk/>



Also a thank you to Mike England from Yate Plastics who provided (without charge) some sheets of plastic, which enabled Mr Baker to line the chair cupboard and cover up the damaged walls and plaster. We now have a shiny new cupboard that is easy to clean.

<https://yatebp.com/>



Finally, thank you for the fabulous photos we commissioned from Sara Holloway from Brown Bear Photography. The spirit of the school was captured wonderfully. Some of the photos are on the school website and are being displayed around school too.

<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063449967239>

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Capturing your Precious Memories



**Brown Bear Photography -
Newborn & Cake Smash**

If you own or work for a local business that might be able to supply goods or services to school, we would love to hear from you too!

After School Clubs

After school clubs are now in full swing for this term. Several clubs have a waiting list so if your child decides they are no longer going to attend can you please let us know as soon as possible so that we can reallocate the place.

Reception Class Starters 2024

If you have a child due to start in school in September 2024, you are welcome to join us at any of the open day events and tours. All the information can be found here:
<https://www.stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk/page/open-days-for-new-reception-starters-september-2024/140760>

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

October:

Wednesday 11th: Open Day Tours

Saturday 14th: Come and Play Sessions

Wednesday 18th: Open Day Tours

Thursday 19th: Harvest Day Collection

Friday 20th: School Disco 5.30-6.30pm and 7.00-8.00pm

Friday 20th: Break for Half Term

Monday 30th: Return from Half Term

Tuesday 31st: Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm

November:

Thursday 2nd: Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm

Friday 3rd: Yr 6 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Thursday 9th: Yr 5/6 Cinema Trip

Friday 10th: Yr 3/4 Cinema Trip

Thursday 16th: Nasal Flu Immunisations (YrR-6)

Friday 17th: Year 5 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Saturday 18th: Lego 10-12 morning