

St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



It is amazing to think that we have already completed the first month of the year - January has had many learning opportunities for all the children in school. This has been hampered slightly by the number of sicknesses and the wide range of bugs that are around at the moment. This term, we even had a couple of snow days thrown in for good measure – thank you all for your understanding and patience on these days.

School attendance remains a key priority in school. We want to see our children in school on time, every day. This then gives them the opportunity to listen, learn and make progress in their learning. Child can only reach their full potential if they are in school.

This also includes early collections – please avoid collecting the children from school before 3.15pm unless they have an appointment. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Brooksbank (Headteacher)

Diary Dates



Mon 3rd Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
Wed 5th Feb – Y2 swimming
Thurs 6th Feb – Y6 SATs Parents meeting
Fri 7th Feb – NSPCC Number Day
Tues 11th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Wed 12th Feb – Y2 Swimming
Thurs 13th Feb – Y3 Recycling Centre
Friday 14th Feb – Finish for half term
Mon 24th Feb – Spring term 2 starts
24th & 25th Feb – Vision and Audiology Screening Reception
Wed 26th Feb – Y2 swimming



At the end of their practise SATs week, Year 6 enjoyed a World War 2 day – they all dressed up and joined in activities throughout the day to finish off their history topic.

PE kits

Please remember that PE kits can be worn for PE days in school only.

PE kit is a white T-shirt, black / navy shorts or leggings or a **school** track suit.

PE T-shirts are available from school for £3.50
Tracksuits are available from school for £10.00

If children are unable to wear this kit then send them into school in school uniform with a pair of navy / black shorts to change into.



Assembly Theme – Learning & The Lord's Prayer

This half term we have looked at the importance of 'learning' and how this extends to developing on a daily basis our knowledge of God and His love for us. We have also looked at some of the miracles of Jesus and how we can learn from them and put out total trust in Jesus. Finally, we will be studying each part of the Lord's Prayer.



*Did you know that children can have 15 hours a week **FREE** nursery provision in our school **Nursery** once they are 3 years old?*



At St Mary & St Paul's, our teaching is underpinned by Christian values, as we aim to help all of our children to become both successful and thoughtful citizens.

This begins in Nursery Class, where we help our youngest children to learn how to be a good friend, help others and be kind. Learning is through fun play activities – most of the time the children are having so much fun they don't realise that they are learning at all!

Our Foundation Stage is really well equipped with resources that make learning fun – both inside and outside – and our children really enjoy all of the learning that they do.

Healthy School's Award

At SMSP we are working towards our Healthy School Bronze award. We launched our healthy packed lunch competition in assembly. The children helped Mrs Hughes make good, healthy choices for her packed lunch, thinking about small changes we can make everyday.



Headteacher's Awards

Sophia J (SS2) – English
 Skyla W (5) – English
 Noah B (3) – English
 Joshua C (2) – English
 Penny H (1) – Science
 Machiel O (1) – Science
 Dakota F-S (1) – Science
 Jayden J (1) – Geography
 Zahra M (1) – Geography
 Ibrahim H (2) – English
 Angela J (2) – English
 Amelia R (2) – English
 Rylee Q (2) - English



**ATTEND TODAY
 ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

School attendance matters

We have to improve!

Target – 96%

Attendance

Class	January	Year to date
Rec	89.4%	89%
Year 1	93.3%	92.2%
Year 2	85.7%	89.4%
Year 3	83%	88.1%
Year 4	89.6%	91.6%
Year 5	91.9%	91.8%
Year 6	88.4%	91.4%
Stepping Stones 1	88.4%	87.1%
Stepping Stones 2	75.4%	82.9%