

St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



It doesn't seem that long since the children came back after the summer break and it has been brilliant seeing how they have settled into their new year groups and continued to work so hard.

We have had a number of visitors to school over the past few weeks and they have all commented on the lovely, calm learning atmosphere in school; on the children's amazing behaviour and what a loving ethos there is. It is always great to receive confirmation that the vision of our school (Life in all its fullness through learning and love) is being lived out on a day-to-day basis.

There has been so much going on in school and it great to see the after-school clubs up and running again.

As always – we are here to help and support if you need us.

Diary Dates



Mon 29th Sept – Music Sessions with Liverpool Cathedral (Y2 / 3 – weekly)

Wed 8th Oct – Y6 Swimming (weekly)

Mon 6th Oct – Y1 Football Tournament

Thursday 9th Oct – Bishop Ruth visiting school

Wed 15th Oct – Parents Afternoon and Evening

Thurs 16th Oct – Harvest Festival

Thurs 16th Oct – Y3 visit to Calderstones Park

Tues 21st Oct – Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Tues 21st Oct – KS2 Values Awards Assembly

Thurs 23rd Oct – EYFS / KS1 Values Awards Assembly

Thurs 23th Oct – Last day of half term

Fri 24th Oct – Staff INSET training

Mon 3rd Nov – Autumn 2 Half term starts



Worship theme - God's Big Story

In our Worship sessions each day, we have continued with learning about God's Big Story which helps us all understand how all of the bible stories that we learn, fit together as one. Displays are now up in the hall and classrooms. We also continue to think about our spirituality – that sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves.

Reach More Parents

We will soon be moving much of the school communication across to the Reach More Parents App. You will be able to download this on your phone and keep up to date with all that is going on in school and your child's class. Other communications (text messaging) will reduce.

You will receive details in the next few days about how to download it.



Christian Value – Love

We are continuing our learning around our vision statement – Life in all its fullness through learning and love. This half term we are concentrating on Love and the responsibilities we all have to love one another.



*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.

Attendance

You should have received a letter from school at the start of term about school attendance. The government have now made school attendance a priority and the guidance has really tightened regarding school absence.

Can we encourage you to bring your child to school every single day. We need to aim for 100% for every child.

If your child is going to be absent then we have to have notification from you (we may have to ask for evidence if the absence rate is high). If you need help, guidance or support please speak to one of the staff on the gates.

After trialling it last year, we are going to continue with the traffic lights sheets but they will show the number of days that the child has been absent and not a percentage.

REMEMBER : We cannot teach an empty chair!



Headteacher's Awards

Leo T (3) – Fantastic History
Ella H (6) – Brilliant Science
David F (6) – Brilliant Science
Vinny G – (SS2) – Eco work
Perri Lou A (SS2) – Eco work
Tristan CC (3) – Wonderful Science



Action Aid

As a school, we sponsor a little boy called Justin in Nigeria through an organisation called Action Aid.

Our recent own clothes day raised over £150 towards this sponsorship. Thank you!

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Attendance = Target – 96%

Reception	93.8%
Year 1	88%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	84.9%
Year 4	91.2%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	94%
SS1 Hub	92.8%
SS2 Hub	93.6%

The thresholds for triggering Persistent Absence are approximately:

Half term 1 - **7** sessions (3.5 days)
Half term 2 - **14** sessions (7 days)
Half term 3 - **20** sessions (10 days)
Half term 4 - **25** sessions (12.5 days)
Half term 5 - **31** sessions (15.5 days)
Half term 6 - **38** sessions (19 days)

**Miss school:
Miss out.**