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THRIVE IN THE GIFT OF LIFE

NEWSLETTER

6th September 2023



Diary Dates

Thursday 7th September

Y6 Parents Residential meeting
3:30pm

Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th September

Y6 Robinwood Residential trip

Friday 29th September

Harvest Festival 09:15am

Friday 6th October

Reception Reading Breakfast

Monday 16th October

Year 4 Eco Centre trip

Thursday 19th October

Reception Reading Evening

Friday 20th October

End of term awards



Welcome back! As we open our doors to another year of learning, we extend a warm welcome to all our pupils and staff, especially our new Reception class who have begun their journey here at St. Pauls. It has been wonderful to see the children looking so smart and ready to start an adventure in their new year group!

The first half term of the school year is set to be a very busy one with lots of opportunities for wider families to get involved in events in school. We really look forward to welcoming you along.

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is



School Uniform

We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it and have their PE kits in school. Please find a list of the uniform on our website, including our expectations around hairstyles and jewellery.

Lunches

All pupils in Rec, Y1 and Y2 are eligible for the universal free school meals.

For KS2 children meals cost **£11.00** per week (**£2.20 per day**). Payment is made online via the SCOpay app on Friday of each week.

Milk is provided in school by 'Cool Milk'. If you wish your child to receive milk, please register online at www.coolmilk.com/register.

Weekly Worship

Every Thursday we invite our families to join us for a whole school worship, lead by Fr Matthew and the Year 6 pupils.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come into school and be involved in one of our mornings alongside our children.

Worship will begin at 9:05am and last for about 15 minutes.



Headteacher



A new school year

It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils to St. Paul's after our summer holiday break. We all felt a little nervous on Monday, including the staff, after such a long break, but also with a feeling of excitement and anticipation as we embark on a new beginning with new challenges. The children have all enjoyed meeting their new teachers and getting set-up in class. We are also delighted to welcome our new reception class of 30 pupils into school for the start of their learning journey with us. They have enjoyed a tour of the school and have had their first school lunch in the hall together. Apart from our new reception children, we also welcome pupils who have joined St. Paul's from other schools, either at the end of the summer term or the start of this term—I know everyone will make them feel very welcome and help them settle in quickly.

Join us for Worship on Thursdays! — Thankfulness

This term we will be focusing in school on the value of THANKFULNESS, and the home-school values information sheet has helpful ideas to explore the value together. Father Matthew will continue to lead worship every Thursday to which you are invited, to come along for a short service with all the pupils, sing a hymn and enjoy some quiet reflective time. **Worship will begin at 9:05am and last for about 15 minutes.** We will gather fortnightly for Hymn singing (led by Mrs Oaten) and Key stage worship (led by class teachers). Every Wednesday worship happens in individual classes led by the class teacher with some pupil participation. They also learn about British values as part of these worships. Year 6 pupils lead the whole worship themselves in their classroom—they deliver the welcome, the learning, reflecting and responding elements.



Reading Breakfast

The popular Reading Breakfast mornings will continue after the successful launch last year. Parents and guardians have the opportunity to come into school and listen to their child read whilst enjoying a drink and a breakfast snack.

The dates for the autumn term are:

Reception — 6th October 9-9:30am

Year 3 — 24th November 9-9:30am

Forest Schools

Our Forest School curriculum begins today with Year 4 having every Wednesday afternoon dedicated to outdoor learning for the entire term (about 12 weeks). Year 1 begin their Forest school adventure on Thursday. There have been more developments to the site over the summer holidays with a new path which leads to the shelter at the bottom of the field—this also will double up as an all-weather running track for pupils to use at break times. We now have a water source at the site which can be used for cleaning, cooking and drinking. Thank you to All seasons Gardening and Mr. Patrick for installing this. The timetable for the year is:

Spring 2024: Year 2 and Year 5

Summer 2024: Year 3 and Year 6

Reception class will continue to have their 'Muddy Mondays' sessions every Monday throughout the year.

Forest School sessions are organised and run by our Level 3 qualified teachers, Mrs Parker and Mrs Almond supported by our Level 2 qualified Teaching Assistant, Mrs Braddock. Other Teaching Assistants will also support the sessions.

Games Mark Award—Platinum!

We are delighted to announce we have been awarded the Platinum school games mark award for last year 2022-2023. This is a national award and demonstrates our commitment to sport and competition. In order to apply for the platinum award you have to have had 5 consecutive years of achieving the gold mark award. We are so proud of our children and wish to thank them and the staff for making this possible. A special thank you must go to Mrs Almond, our PE Lead, who has successfully developed our curriculum and involvement in competitions.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 29th September at 9:15am** in St. Paul's Church with everyone welcome to join us. This will coincide with the Church's festival on **Sunday 1st October**.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns do please get in touch with the office, your class teacher or myself.

Best wishes,

Mr J Eccleston

Lunch Menu Autumn 2023

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Choice	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 w/c 18/09 w/c 09/10	1 Crispy Salmon Fillet Fingers	Booths Meatball Marinara Sub Roll	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Chicken or Quorn Curry	Golden Crumb Omega 3 Fish Fingers
	2 Filled Free Range Omelette	Creamy Veggie & Cheese Pasta (v)	Pasta Neapolitan (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Homemade Margherita Pizza (v)
	3 Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
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Week 2 w/c 04/09 w/c 25/09 w/c 16/10	1 Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v)	Booths Pork or Vegetable Sausages	Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Mild Chilli Beef Tacos	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish Fillet
	2 Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Cooks choice of Toasted Panini	Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Bake (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl (v)	Homemade Margherita Pizza (v)
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Week 3 w/c 11/09 w/c 02/10	1 Pulled BBQ Chicken Melt Tortilla	Swedish Style Veggie Meatballs (v)	Roast Pork Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Booths Beef Burger in a Bun & Ketchup	Golden Crumb Omega 3 Fish Fingers
	2 Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta (v)	Pasta Neapolitan(v)	Creamy Veggie & Cheese Pasta (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Homemade Margherita Pizza (v)
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All meals are served with an accompanying salad or seasonal vegetables, fruit and a homemade dessert or yoghurt.