



Newsletter



11th April 2025

SCHOOL VALUES

Spring Term 2—HUMILITY

WHOLE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT—LUNCH ORDERS

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY AT MIDNIGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S REQUIREMENTS. NO ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THIS TIME.

MILK REMINDER—DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR MILK WITH COOL MILK AT www.coolmilk.co.uk IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE MILK.

NUT FREE—PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH THIS BY ENSURING YOU DO NOT SEND ANY PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTES INCLUDING NUTELLA, NUTTY CEREAL BARS AND PEANUT BUTTER IN CHILDRENS LUNCH BOXES.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Cool Milk



Dear Parents and Carers,

The lovely spring weather has brought about a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm amongst the children and staff, who have been thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to engage with our new Prayer and Reflection Area, nurture garden, and various outdoor learning spaces.

This morning was a great opportunity to celebrate together as school through our Easter service. This year the service was led by Year 5 and Year 1 pupils in St Paul's Church. We loved seeing the children's beautiful Easter bonnets, wonderful choir performances, and thoughtful prayers and Easter-themed content captivating all in attendance.

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our new vicar, Rev. Andy Dodwell, who will be working closely with our Worship Council upon our return from our Easter break. We are excited to collaborate with Rev. Andy across our curriculum and worship planning, and we look forward to the enriching opportunities this partnership will bring.

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our parent workshops and class assemblies this term. It is always wonderful to welcome other family members too including grandparents, aunts and uncles. Your attendance and participation is always greatly appreciated, and we are thrilled that you have found these events to be both informative and enjoyable. Working closely with our community is vital, these workshops and class assemblies are a great way for you to meet and chat with the teachers and staff in a relaxed way.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. I hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back to St Paul's refreshed and ready to continue their learning journey on Monday 28th April 2025.

Kind regards, Mrs. Vautier-Thomas



Easter Service

We were really proud of the children's Easter service today. The year 5 children told us the story of Easter and gave us a message of hope, whilst sharing their beautiful Easter art work. The year 1 children had made Easter bonnets and sang The Spring Chicken song. The choir treated us to two beautifully harmonized songs to set us all up before the Easter Bonnet parade in the sunshine of the church gardens.



UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS



On **Friday 16th May**, we invite all pupils to come to school dressed in 1940s-inspired clothes, party wear or evacuee costumes to participate in our special VE Day commemorations. Please note that there will be no hot lunch options on this day, but if your child is entitled to UIFSM (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) or Free School Meals a packed lunch option is available.

Please complete the attached Microsoft form to notify us, if you would like us to order a picnic lunch for your child or if you will provide them with one from home, by Friday 9th May 2025: <https://forms.office.com/r/KCX9sszx9t>

RECEPTION & KS1 NEWS



Thankyou to all the pupils who showcased their wonderful Easter Bonnets today it was lovely to see their creations for our Easter Service.



Year 1 Forest School

Please note that sessions will start on the first Wednesday we return to school after the Easter Break.

We kindly request that all Year 1 students bring the following items to school:-

Long sleeved top and bottoms, waterproof garments to protect against the elements and suitable footwear such as wellies or old trainers



KS2 NEWS

Year 6 Parents and Carers

Next half term Year 6 will be building playgrounds out of junk modelling for our DT project.

Please can you save some items and send these in with your child on Monday 19th May. The children will also need a piece of cardboard to build their playground on - we will have some available at school if needed.

Thank you for your support.



The story of a

Little Princess

Hannah Tarplee loved her hair. So when she underwent treatment for a Wilms tumour, the loss of her hair was especially traumatic.

When Hannah tragically died in 2005 her parents felt the most fitting tribute would be a charity dedicated to providing wigs, free of charge, to children who had lost their own hair due to cancer treatment or other conditions.

The Little Princess Trust was born and the charity has since helped thousands of young people regain their confidence and identity by giving them a real hair wig.

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, The Little Princess Trust is also funding lifesaving research into all childhood cancers.

For more information, call 01432 352359 or email hello@littleprincesses.org.uk

Visit us online at www.littleprincesses.org.uk



Registered Charity No. 1176160

Thank you so much to the Little Princess Trust for coming in and creating awareness of everything they do.

Well done to our Year 5/6 school council team, who wrote a letter to the LPT inviting them in to do an assembly. School Council are looking forward to continuing working with The Little Princess Trust, taking part in a 'Funky hairstyle' day next academic year to raise money.





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Headteacher: Elizabeth Vautier-Thomas BA Ed (Hons)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been thinking about big questions in worship and our classes.
Big questions are often the questions that we ask that don't have an easy answer:

What colour is happiness?
Is being a good friend easy?
Does more mean happier?

As a school we encourage children to think about questions daily. We think about our learning, we think about feelings, we think about God, we think an awful lot!
We want to encourage our children at St Pauls...

- to think beyond the obvious.
- to think of as many possibilities as they can, before deciding upon the best or most appropriate answer.
- To increase their understanding of a topic
- To promote critical thinking
- To encourage children to articulate their thoughts
- Have the confidence to debate and discuss with others
- To enjoy discussion while appreciating others contributions and ideas

Each month we will be sending a special Big Question home with the children to hopefully encourage the children to practice chatting with you at home and hearing different points of view and opinions. We will then chat to the children in school about the question too, recording thoughts and feelings in our journals.

We find that the pupils really enjoy this chance to talk/share/think /debate and using their reasoning skills. Above all, it helps them to learn to 'think outside of the box' and see 'the bigger picture' while appreciating others opinions.

We look forward to hearing your child's thoughts about our big questions.

April :

What is the most beautiful thing in the world?

Kind Regards,
Mrs Vautier-Thomas



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†In your light shall we see light

FUNDRAISING & THANKS



Well done to Phoebe in Year 1, Florence, Emmy & Penelope in Year 3 and Sebastian in Year 5 for their generous donation of £100 towards toys for the school. They held a bake sale last weekend which was well supported by their local community.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parent/Carer

Please note that we have sent home by email this week an important leaflet referring to the curriculum coverage with our RSHE lessons with the focus on what we have to cover over the next half term.

Some of the subject matter is sensitive and detailed. Please take the time to read the information.

I need to draw to your attention to the section entitled 'What will my child actually be taught about puberty and human reproduction'.

Jigsaw's 'Changing Me' unit is taught over a period of 6 weeks, usually in the second half of the summer term.

Each year group will be taught appropriate to their age and developmental stage, building on the previous years' learning. Please note: at no point will a child be taught something that is inappropriate; and if a question from a child arises and the teacher feels it would be inappropriate to answer, (for example, because of its mature or explicit nature), the child will be encouraged to ask his/her parents or carers at home. The question will not be answered to the child or class if it is outside the remit of that year group's programme.

The Changing Me Puzzle is all about coping positively with change and includes:

Ages 3-5 Growing up: how we have changed since we were babies.

Ages 5-6 Boys' and girls' bodies; correct names for body parts.

Ages 6-7 Boys' and girls' bodies; body parts and respecting privacy (which parts of the body are private and why this is).

Ages 7-8 How babies grow and how boys' and girls' bodies change as they grow older. Introduction to puberty and menstruation.

Ages 8-9 Internal and external reproductive body parts. Recap about puberty and menstruation. Conception explained in simple terms.

Ages 9-10 Puberty for boys and girls in more detail including the social and emotional aspects of becoming an adolescent. Conception explained in simple biological terms.

Ages 10-11 Puberty for boys and girls revisited. Understanding conception to the birth of a baby. Becoming a teenager.

All lessons are taught using correct terminology, child-friendly language and diagrams.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak directly to your child's class teacher.

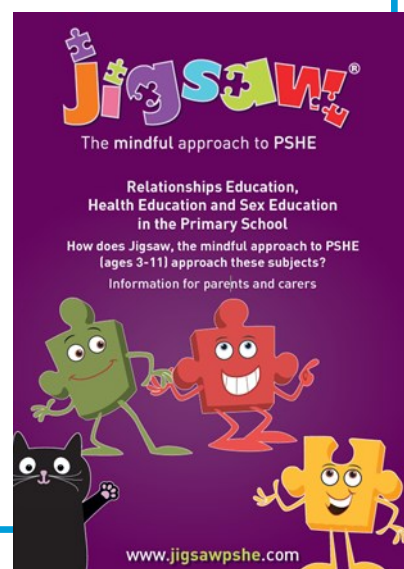
You can also find this information on our school website.

Kind Regards,

Mr Vaughan
PHSE Lead

Please click on the following link to access the Jigsaw Leaflet:-

<https://www.stpaulsprimary.com/life-skills-personal-development/>



CLUBS & TUITION

- All clubs are bookable on School Cloud, please note that the system is updated each term detailing changes to clubs, the group they are applicable to and the dates they run
- If you are not able to view a club or an activity then this may mean the club is either full or is only applicable to certain pupils/groups
- If your child decides they no longer wish to continue with a club/activity or you would like to add them to a Waiting List then please contact the School Office by emailing admin@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk

Please note that the After School Clubs have now ended for the Spring Term unless advised otherwise. Clubs for the Summer Term have now been released on School Cloud and any other providers sent by email.

SWIMMING

Summer Term

RT—Tuesdays 10.30-11.00am (29 April, 6th, 13th, 20th May, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June, 8th and 15th July 2025) x 10wks

RB—Fridays 10.30-11.00am (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd May, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June, 4th and 11th July 2025) x 10 wks

Year 5—Mondays 10-10.30am (5A) and 10.30-11am (5T) 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June and 7th July 2025 x 6 wks

Year 6—10.40am-11.20am (Mon 2nd- Fri 6th June 2025 6S) 10-10.40am (Mon 30th June-Fri 4th July 2025 6W) x 5 days



TRIPS & EVENTS

Wed 11th to Thu 12th June 2025—Year 6 Residential Trip to London *****FINAL BALANCES NOW DUE*****

*****Please ensure that all consents/permissions are provided online using Parent Pay*****



GENERAL REMINDERS

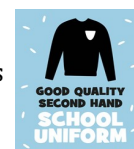
School Uniform and Second Hand Uniform

School Uniform can be purchased from ClubSport either from their branch in Hereford or online by clicking on the following link, this is in addition to Monkhouse Schoolwear:-

<https://www.clubsport.co.uk/product-category/all/schooluniform/primaryschools/st-pauls-primary-school/> OR <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/st-paul-s-church-of-england-primary-school-urn-138037-id-371972>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of or if you would like to purchase second hand uniform then please contact Angela Downing through her Facebook page, '**St Pauls Hereford second-hand uniform**'. We've got 'several badged hoodies, as well as some badged rugby tops, and badged tracksuits in larger sizes. All the discontinued badged stock is free! Please visit the second hand uniform page to see current items available. If anyone has any outgrown or surplus PE kit, please do donate it to the school. '



School/Parent Portals

Please note the following applications are available for all parents/guardians to use.

If you have not used and require details for any of these additional services please contact the Admin Team.

Parent Pay To book hot meals, receive emails, Weekly Newsletter, to consent and pay for trips & events

Arbor Parent Portal To update pupil/guardian data such as change of address, emergency contacts etc

Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date.

School Cloud (<https://stpaulshereford.schoolcloud.co.uk>)

To book Parents Evening Appointments, clubs and tuition groups

Instagram <https://www.stpaulsprimary.com/> to see daily updates from the School



school cloud



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/TERM DATES

Date	Event	Further details
Friday 11th April 2025	Last Day of Term	End of Spring Term
Mon 14th-Fri 25th April 2025	Easter Break	School Closed
Monday 28th April 2025	Return to School	Start of Summer Term
Friday 9th May 2025	KS1 Sports Day	10.00am start/Shared picnic with families
Monday 12th May 2025	Start of SATs Week	Year 6 Pupils
Friday 16th May 2025	VE Day Celebrations	1940's Wear & Picnic (Pupils ONLY)
Thursday 22nd May 2025	5A Class Assembly	9.00am-9.30am
Friday 23rd May 2025	KS2 Sports Day	10.00am start/Shared picnic with families
Mon 26th-Fri 30th May 2025	Half Term Break	School Closed
Monday 2nd June 2025	Return to School	Start of Last Term
Thursday 5th June 2025	1R Class Assembly	9.00am-9.30am
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Rags 2 Riches	Collection at 9.30am from the Studio Doors
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Class Photos & Yr 6 Leavers	NextGen School Photography
Thursday 19th June 2025	4A Class Assembly	9.00am-9.30am
Friday 20th June 2025	Wear what you like Day	In exchange for a bottle (R/KS1)/chocs (KS2)
Friday 20th June 2025	Summer Fun	PTFA Event
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Summer Disco	Details to Follow
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Summer Gala	5.00pm-7.00pm (4.00pm Picnic)
Friday 18th July 2025	Last Day of Term	End of Academic Year
Monday 21st July 2025	Inset Day	School Closed to Pupils
Monday 1st September 2025	Inset Day	School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Inset Day	School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Return to School	First Day of Academic Year/Autumn Term

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***Please note that School Lunch Bookings on Parent Pay has now closed until we return after the Easter Break.
Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch from home if they have not booked a hot lunch online.***



If you have any portable clothes rails that you no longer need can you speak to the School Office



LOCAL COMMUNITY



HEREFORDSHIRE FA COMETS

*We are starting our very own Comets session!
What is Comets?*

- ▶ A recreational disability football session
- ▶ Aimed at children aged between 5 & 11, who have a disability
- ▶ Sessions that look to give the children confidence to move and play
- ▶ Activities which will be suited to any who attend
- ▶ Most importantly, fun sessions that children will enjoy!

Details are below:

- 📍 Herefordshire FA, Widemarsh Common, HR4 9NA
- 📅 Tuesday 15th April
- 🕒 5:00pm to 6:00pm

FUN!

To register your interest, please email Scott at Scott.Russell@herefordshirefa.com



It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

We all play at:
Boschamper Cricket Club
The Shire
1081 47th
Boshamper - boshamper@bt.com

Session dates:
9th May - 27th June
Session timings: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Ages:
5 - 8 years

Contact:
mferreira28@icloud.com

Including a FREE personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk



Would you like to help name the new fleet of the new, state-of-the-art eCollect all-electric vehicles? Play a part in helping us all be more clued-up about what we can recycle from home.

'Come up with any names that you think would suit one of our lorries that will be collecting our recycling and waste. Each winning entrant will be invited to attend the FCC Environment depot in Hereford on 28th April at 6pm, to meet some of the lorries in person, and meet with some of the great men and women who look after, manage, drive and collect your recycling and waste in them!'



You will also be awarded your own certificate to take home and potentially earn our school the chance to receive 2 apple trees!

DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 20TH APRIL




Free spaces available for those on means tested free school meals

FREE lunch included!!

Easter Holiday Club

From £15 per child, per session...

Multi-day bookings and sibling discounts!

Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 25th April

9am-1pm
1pm-5pm
9am-5pm

WYE CIRCUS

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TALK COMMUNITY!

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