



Newsletter



20th June 2025

SCHOOL VALUES

Summer Term 2—TRUST

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.

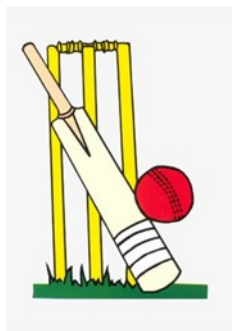
SCHOOL LUNCHES

Cool Milk



Cricket Tournament

On Thursday 19th June the St Paul's year 5 and 6 cricket teams played in a Herefordshire Dynamos cricket tournament. They behaved impeccably and performed really well. They represented the school and themselves brilliantly and played some excellent cricket. They should all be extremely proud of their conduct and how much they improved throughout the day.



PTFA—Summer Fun

A very big thank you in advance to the PTFA Friends Committee team who have once again organised the most amazing summer fair for us to all enjoy.

We know how much organisation goes into these events and really do appreciate your time and enthusiasm to help raise money for the school.

Thank you also to all who manage to attend this evening. Your kind donations help us to provide so many wonderful experiences for the children, while also ensuring well needed resources are updated, exciting and motivational. This in turn helps to ensure all of our wonderful children in St Paul's reach their full potential.

I hope you have a lovely evening with the rest of our school community.

Best wishes,

Mrs Vautier-Thomas



Eco-Council

Some of Eco-council went to choose our new planters for the playground today- we love to reuse and recycle! Thank you to the team Hereford Council and Balfour Beatty for making us feel so welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS



SUMMER DISCO

Tuesday 24th June 2025

EYFS and KS1 - 3:45-4:30pm
KS2 - 4:45-5:30pm

£2 ticket - buy on parent Pay (includes drinks)

A small amount of change can be brought for additional goodies.

St Paul's Primary School



St Paul's Primary School

would like to invite you to our

YEAR 6 LEAVERS CEREMONY 2025

Monday 7th July 2025 at 6pm

Please join us to celebrate our fabulous Year 6 pupils!



St Paul's C of E Primary School
presents
We Are St Paul's!

You are invited to join us for a whole school performance and an outdoor late afternoon picnic on Tuesday 1st July (weather permitting).

Bring your best dancing shoes and be ready to join in with the fun.

Gates open for picnic from 4pm

Performance starts at 5.00pm

Don't forget to bring along chairs or blankets to sit on and dress for the weather!

More details from class teachers to follow closer to the time regarding costumes, props and arrival times for children.

Wet weather contingency date: Tuesday 8th July 

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—10-10.40am (**Mon 30th June-Fri 4th July 2025 6W**) x 5 days



TRIPS & EVENTS

Thursday 26th June 2025—Year 2 Trip to Blist Hill, Ironbridge (**Available on Parent Pay**)

Wednesday 16th July 2025—Year 1 Trip to Beechenhurst, FoD (**Available on Parent Pay**) and Reception Trip to All Stars, Hereford (**Available on Parent Pay**)

Thursday 17th July 2025—Year 4 Trip to Botanical Gardens, Birmingham (**Available on Parent Pay**)

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



GENERAL REMINDERS

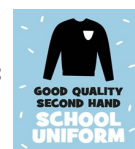
School Uniform and Second Hand Uniform

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>)

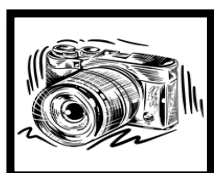
To book Parents Evening Appointments, clubs and tuition groups

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/TERM DATES

| Date | Event | Further details |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 24th June 2025 | Summer Disco | Whole School—see flyer |
| Thursday 26th June 2025 | Year 6 Leavers Service | Hereford Cathedral |
| Thursday 26th June 2025 | Year 2 Trip | Blist Hill & Ironbridge, Shropshire |
| Friday 27th June 2025 | SPP Trip | Holmer Primary School |
| Friday 27th June 2025 | Year 6 Event | Bristol Wave Centre |
| Tuesday 1st July 2025 | Summer Gala | 5.00pm-7.00pm (4.00pm Picnic) |
| Wednesday 2nd July 2025 | Summer Games | Halo Leisure |
| Monday 7th July 2025 | Year 6 Awards | Details to Follow |
| Wednesday 16th July 2025 | Reception Trip | All Stars, Hereford |
| Wednesday 16th July 2025 | Year 1 Trip | Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean |
| Thursday 17th July 2025 | Year 4 Trip | Botanical Gardens, Birmingham |
| 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 |



Class, Sports Groups & Leavers Photographs

Please note that the school photographs will be sent home with your child next week which will include all the details how to place orders and make payment.



TERM DATES

2025-2026 <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-pauls-cofe-primary-school-hereford/UploadedDocument/ff693668-c5d4-4978-96c5-31397497e072/term-dates-for-the-school-year-2025.pdf>

2026-2027 <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-pauls-cofe-primary-school-hereford/UploadedDocument/7aa51cd6-7210-401e-bee5-97878cdbef29/term-dates-2026-2027.pdf>

2027-2028 <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-pauls-cofe-primary-school-hereford/UploadedDocument/18678006-d727-443b-8cae-5d978eb468a7/term-dates-for-the-school-years-2027.pdf>

FUNDRAISING & THANKS



Rags 2 Riches

Many thanks for your generous donations towards this terms Rags 2 Riches. We raised **£35.30** towards the school. The next dates for the new Academic Year are 13th November 2025 and 5th March 2026.

Thank you

All The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Primarily delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guidance, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

SNAP STREAK 97 DAYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators may exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have stolen photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 80% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'Snap Maps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used by more sinister means.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Users can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like stories (receiving the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'filter' featuring 'messenger' features also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images or language – an exciting feature to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'snorkel' notifications (which will get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Center' lets you view the details of the child's account, their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Center for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or misjudging an someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parental guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the resource below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about screen time and encourage limiting child on app use if they're used into a habit, encourage them to tell you immediately, talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising the relevant risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'catfishing' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Bartholomew is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

#WakeUpWednesday

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2023>

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Online Safety Newsletter—June 2025

Please click on the following link to this month's Online Safety Newsletter, a copy of which has been sent via email to parents this week. <https://www.stpaulsprimary.com/online-safety-1/>

LOCAL COMMUNITY



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP
HOLMER ACADEMY

21ST JULY - 29TH AUGUST

INCLUDING DAYS TRIPS SWIMMING, PLAY PLANET AND THE ALL STAR ACTIVITY CENTRE

PRICE RANGE BETWEEN £22-£33 PER DAY

OFSTED REGISTERED ACCEPTING CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

More Info WWW.ALLSTARCAMPS.CO.UK

WEEK 1
CLASH OF COLOURS + MIDWEEK CAMPING
ACTION PACKED WEEK + TRIP DAY

WEEK 2
SUPERHERO THEME SPORTS, CRAFTS AND BAKING + TRIP DAY

WEEK 3
CLASH OF COLOURS + MIDWEEK CAMPING
ACTION PACKED WEEK + TRIP DAY

WEEK 4
DISNEY + STAR WARS THEME INCLUDING CRAFTS, BAKING AND SPORTS + WATER PLAY (WEATHER DEPENDENT)

WEEK 5
CLASH OF COLOURS + MIDWEEK CAMPING
ACTION PLANNED WEEK + TRIP DAY

WEEK 6
PIRATE THEME INCLUDING SPORTS, CRAFT AND BAKING



Free Entry
Saturday
July 5
10 - 4.30

Mynediad Am Ddin
Sadwrn
5 Gorffennaf
10 - 4.30

MONMOUTH MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL
GŴYL GANOLOESOL TREFYNWY

Vauxhall Field - Monnow Bridge - Monmouth Castle
Caeau Vauxhall - Pont Mynwy - Castell Trefynwy

MonmouthMedievalFestival | monmouth.gov.uk

TALK COMMUNITY

Here for Herefordshire Holidays (HAF) Programme

Exciting activities for Herefordshire children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals this summer! The programme is running from **Monday 28th July to Friday 22nd August**.

If you are a parent or carer of a school aged child 5 to 16 years old (Reception to year 11) who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, you can book up to **16 sessions** of free activities. Your child/young person will also receive a free nutritious meal during each session.

The 'Here for Herefordshire Holidays' programme which is funded by the Department for Education aims to get young people involved with new, fun activities. There is a wide range of activities on offer across the county, these include coding, farm days, football, theatre, cheerleading, dance, circus skills, bush craft, pony days, gym classes, swimming and more. Places can be booked for eligible children from **Tuesday 1st July at midday**:

[Here for Herefordshire Holidays Programme - Talk Community Directory](#)

Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. We understand children aren't always able to attend booked activities, however, we would kindly request that if your child is unable to attend, you cancel their session via the booking system to enable others to book on.

If you have a question about the 'Here for Herefordshire Holidays' Programme, please contact the team: HAF@herefordshire.gov.uk

