



# St. Paul's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the termly newsletter. I am sure you have enjoyed seeing all of our wonderful learning, achievements and updates on Class Dojo but I thought I would write to you too as we have a lot to celebrate this term and many things to be proud of.

Firstly, a warm welcome to Miss Gregor who has joined us as our apprentice Teaching Assistant. She has made a brilliant start and is already a valued member of the St. Paul's family.

Congratulations to Mrs Katie Conn who has been appointed as our new Parent Governor. She has a wealth of experience and has already shown dedication and commitment to the role – thank you.

It is time to say a fond farewell to Fr Petroc – he has been an instrumental part of the Holy Trinity Parish and St. Paul's school for a long time and I am sure he will be missed by a lot of children, families and parishioners. We wish him luck in his new role in Exeter. Our new priest is Fr Appollos Mejuru (below image) who I know is very much looking forward to starting his new role.



Class teachers will post information about the new curriculum units and planned trips on Class Dojo after half term. There will also be some extra-curricular clubs running – see additional information attached to this newsletter.

Thank you to all the children, families, staff and governors of St. Paul's for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Rowe  
(Headteacher)



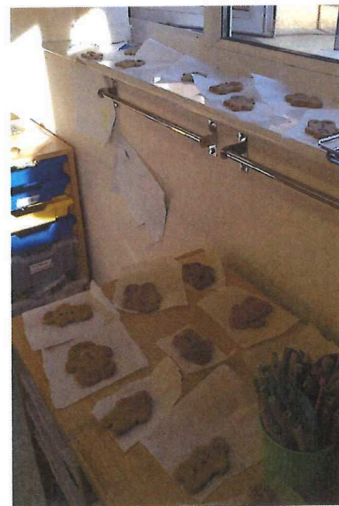
## Reception/Year



We have had a brilliant term in Reception/Year 1. We have been learning about traditional tales and the language used in them. We have gone on characters hunts and made our own gingerbread men. We were glad ours didn't come to life and run away! We have enjoyed our gymnastics lessons and this week have even started going for a jog.



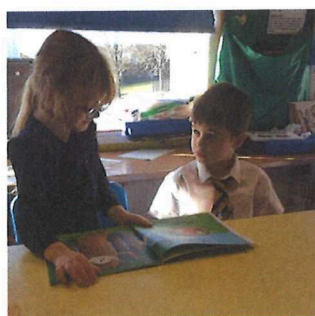
We are excited for our next term's learning.



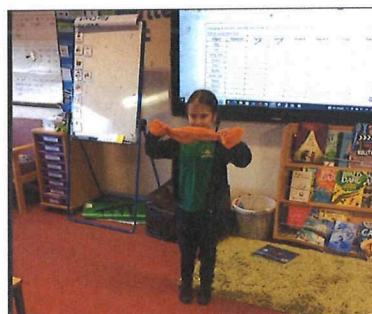
## Year 1/2

Year 1/Year 2 have had a busy Spring term 1. We have been learning lots of new interesting things as well as consolidating our learning from last term.

This term in geography we have learnt about hot and cold places. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary during this unit: precipitation, climate, equator, human features and physical features.



In Science we have learned lots about materials and how each material has different properties.



In Maths this term, we have made lots of progress in counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using this knowledge to solve multiplication and division number sentences.

Well done! Keep up the great learning.

Y1/Y2 Team

## Year 3

What a busy term we have had in year 3!

We have been learning all about skeletons and muscles in science and we used this knowledge to help us create non-chronological reports about pangolins and armadillos in our English lessons.



In history we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, did you know the days of the week that we use come from Anglo-Saxon times? They are Monandæg, Tiwesdæg, Wodnesdæg, Ðunresdæg, Frigedæg, Sæternesdæg and Sunnandæg. Can you spot the similarities?

Our maths has focused on multiplication and division where we have been using our 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables to help us solve trickier problems.

We've really enjoyed gymnastics this term working on our balance and pathways.



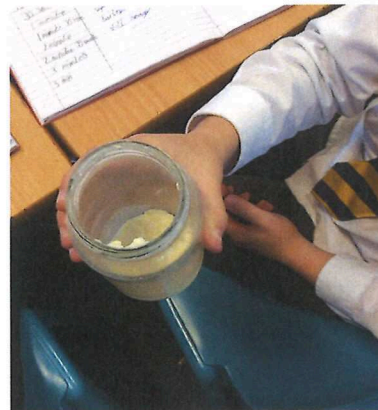
Mr K and Mrs Griffiths are incredibly proud of the fantastic learning behaviours our Year 3 children have showed.

## Year 4

Year 4 has had a brilliant start to the spring term. We have already been so busy.

Year 4 have been learning about the History of Plymouth and exploring what has happened in the past in our own city.

We have been experimenting and investigating in Science the different states of matter.



Year 4 have absolutely loved our English unit based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, we even got to drink hot chocolate.



Well done Year 4 for all your hard work.  
Have a lovely half term.

## Year 5

Year 5 has had a very busy term so far: Our 3 weeks of daily swimming lessons were incredibly successful - the children learned so much and had a wonderful time doing it!

We have also been looking at the Viking era and comparing their way of life to that of the Anglo-Saxons.

In Maths, we have been learning new methods of multiplication and will soon be looking at division as well. For English, we became astronauts and travelled all the way to Mars, being sure to document our expedition in the form of a video diary script - Year 5's writing was out of this world!

As Scientists, we have been investigating the properties and changes of Materials, including the fire triangle and irreversible changes, known as chemical reactions.

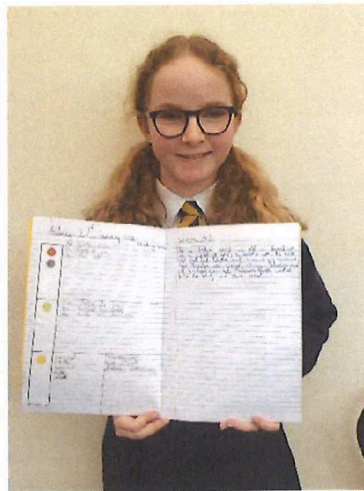
We have had plenty of opportunities to reflect on our relationship with God through our RE unit, focusing on our life's Mission and what we need to do to achieve our goal. We have also explored possible career paths for the future and been able to identify the skills and qualities needed for the job.



What a fabulous 6 weeks we have had, have a lovely half term Year 5 and see you soon!

## Year 6

This term, we have thoroughly enjoyed our English unit 'Paperman', where we have thought carefully about our vocabulary and sentence structure to challenge ourselves and to ensure that our writing has an effect on the reader. We have ended this unit with an exciting paper plane competition to immerse ourselves in the film ready for our independent writing after half term. We have also been focusing on our grammar skills to apply to our writing.



In maths, we have been focusing on our decimals unit where we have learnt to multiply and divide using decimals. We have also been working on our arithmetic skills to ensure that our skills are really secure.

In the afternoons with Mr K, we have been learning about North America in our geography unit and comparing this to the UK. In science, we have been learning about micro-organisms and classifying according to common characteristics in plants and animals.

We have had a fantastic start to the term and are really looking forward to getting stuck into lots of independent writing and preparation for our SATs next term. Well done Year 6; Miss Hill is very proud of you all!

## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

During Monday lunch time, we have been preparing the children to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation - Melissa, Bertie, Emily, Rhiannon and Victoria. After half term, these children will celebrate the sacrament and then begin to prepare for their First Holy Communion.



## Altar servers and their medals

William, Hamish and Bhavenna were enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and presented with a medal to celebrate their one year of dedication to serving regularly with reverence.



Thank you to Mrs Bray and Miss Hill for all your hard work in supporting the children throughout.



**Well done to all the children who have represented St. Paul's**

**Years 1/2 Athletics**



**Netball Team**



**Years 3/4 Athletics**



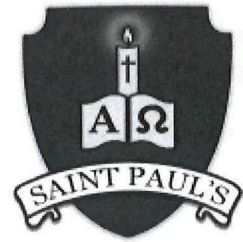
**Reception Multiskills**



### Spring 2 After School Clubs

Club	Staff	Year group/s	Quantity	Day	Time
Bee Netball	Miss Rowe	3/4 – invitation sent	16	Thursday	17:00-18:00
New Age Curling	Miss Rowe	Y4,5 and 6.	Max 10	Friday	12.10-12.30
New Age Curling	Miss Rowe	KS1 and Y3	Max 10	Friday	12.30-12.50
Drama	Miss Webb	KS2	Any	Thursday	15:15 - 16:15
Dance (Ballet & Contemporary)	Miss Webb	KS2	10	Tuesday	15:15 - 16:15
Lego club	Mrs Barnes	All	12	Thursday	15:15 - 16:15
Singing Club	Miss Shepherd	All	15	Monday	15:15 - 16:30
Creative Arts Club	Mrs Drew	Years 1, 2 and 3	12	Monday	15.15 - 16.15
First Holy Communion	Mill Hill	Invited children		Monday	15:15 - 16:15

More details about these clubs and how to sign up will be shared after half term.



## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School** **TERM DATES 2023/2024**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**



Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 4th September 2023

**Autumn Term commences on Tuesday 5th September 2023**

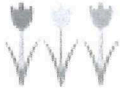
Half Term Week (inclusive) Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023

Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 30th October 2023

**Term commences on Tuesday 31st October 2023**

**Term Finishes (last day of term) Tuesday 19th December 2023**

### **SPRING TERM 2024**



Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Wednesday 3rd January 2024

**Spring Term commences on Thursday 4th January 2024**

Half Term Week (inclusive) Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 19th February 2024

**Term commences on Tuesday 20th February 2024**

**Term finishes (last day of term) Thursday 28th March 2024**

### **SUMMER TERM 2024**



**Summer Term commences on Monday 15th April 2024**

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed) Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Week (inclusive) Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 3rd June 2024

**Term commences on Tuesday 4th June 2024**

**Term finishes (last day of school year) Tuesday 23rd July 2024**



## St Paul's Catholic Primary School

### Dates for your Diary - Spring 2023

Monday 20th February - Non pupil day

Tuesday 21st February - First day of term

Tuesday 21st February - Police visit Year R/1

Thursday 23rd February - Class photos

Tuesday 28th February - Year R/1 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 28th February - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass

Friday 3rd March - World book day

Tuesday 7th March - Year 1/2 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 7th March - Year 5 & 6 Class Mass

Tuesday 14th March - Year R/1 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 14th March - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass

Tuesday 21st March - Year 1/2 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 21st March - Year 5 & 6 Class Mass

Thursday 23rd March - New Age Kurling at Notre Dame (4 children to be chosen)

Wednesday 29th March - Indoor rowing at the Life Centre (8 children to be chosen)

Friday 31st March - Last day of term

Monday 3rd April - Friday 15th April - Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April - First day of term

May 2023 - KS1 Test period

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATS week

Monday 5th June - Friday 16th June - Year 4 multiplication times tables

Week commencing 12th June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

**Any other events that are arranged within the Spring term, will be updated on Class Dojo.**

You can also visit the school's website: <https://www.stpaulsplymouth.com>