



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

The children have now started their regular, weekly provision. PE on Monday with Miss Bracken, starts our week with the children exploring Hockey this term. On Tuesday, our French lessons with Mrs Ives happen and the children are taught an increasingly wide range of vocabulary as they progress through the school. On Tuesday, the children in Maple and Beech have their weekly drumming lessons with Mr. Winston and will be learning about various musical concepts. Rita and Hector the Reading Dog, also visit to read with children. As we get to Wednesday, the children of Oak Class have glockenspiel lessons with Mrs. Armour, where they have been learning popular melodies. On Thursdays, Miss Craft leads the school for our Young Voices rehearsals, in preparation for Young Voices 2024. And finally, on Friday, the children in Beech Class get to enjoy Forest School, where they explore our beautiful surroundings. We believe that all of these opportunities provide children with the opportunity to flourish and make the most of their time with us.

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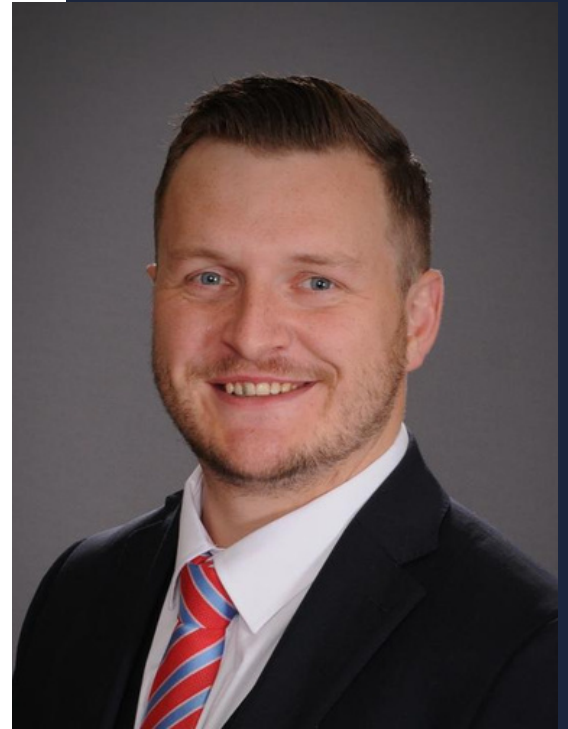
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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

As we settle into the new school year at St. Paul's, we are thrilled to see the children enthusiastically returning to the school routine. This week, the children have all started learning about their new topics. Birch are exploring Owl Babies, Oak have started their new topic on the Great Fire of London, Beech are exploring Pre-historic Britain, whilst Maple are exploring the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the lives of the local community and further afield. To support the learning, I know that the teachers have been working hard to ensure that there are exciting school trips planned, that are linked to these topics - please look out for letters regarding these trips. I would like to kindly remind all parents and carers about the importance of adhering to our school uniform policy. At St. Paul's, we have the highest expectations for all and ensuring the children look smart is one of the key ways we achieve this. This also applies on Mondays when the children are expected to be in navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a red Polo shirt. Your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school in the correct uniform, is greatly appreciated. For further information on this, please see the school website or feel free to talk to me



J Johnson

YOUNG VOICES 2024

As a new school year begins, as does the rehearsal for this year's Young Voices. Amongst the songs this year that the children will be singing, there is a 'Matilda Medley', a 'Moana Mashup' and a brand new 'Pop Medley'. Every Thursday, the children have the opportunity to rehearse these songs with Miss Craft. Parents and carers have until Monday 25th September to reserve your child's place on the trip. This deadline is also for parents and carers wishing to view the Young Voices concert at the O2. This event truly is a stand-out day in the school calendar and I would encourage all children in KS2 to participate.





MAPLE AND BIRCH BUDDIES

At the start of the school year, a heart-warming tradition continues to flourish, as Year 6 children extend their hand of friendship to the newest members of our school community in Birch Class. The Buddy System enables Birch Class to have somebody that they can feel safe with, as they start life at St. Paul's. It's heartening to see how our older children eagerly guide and encourage their younger peers, helping them navigate their first steps into school life. Both the Reception and Year 6 children share in the joy of this tradition, creating bonds that extend beyond the classroom. It's moments like these that remind us of the special sense of community that thrives within our school walls and memories created that are often brought up when Year 6 leave us.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

As a school, we are constantly looking for new ways to celebrate the success that our children have. As we start a new academic year, the children will have the opportunity to win Mathlete of the week and Writer of the Week. They also an opportunity to celebrate their success in Accelerated Reader. Furthermore, one child from each class is also rewarded with the Values Champion of the Week, for demonstrating one of our school values. This year, we are also bringing back 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'. This is an opportunity for Mr Johnson to invite a learner who has gone above and beyond during the week to enjoy a hot chocolate and a chat. Well done to our first winner of the year!



St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

Reception Class

Open Days 2024

Are you a Parent or a Carer with children starting school in September 2024?

If so, come and see St. Paul's Church of England Primary School in Swanley Village. We are a small school with 15 children in each year group, offering a wide range of exciting activities and opportunities for all of our children.

You will have a chance to see the school and classrooms in action, and speak to the children and staff. Please telephone the School Office on 01322 664324 or e-mail office@st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk, with your preferred date.

For more information please view our website at www.st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk

Wednesday 27th September 9.30 am	Monday 9th October 2.00 pm	Monday 6th November 2.00 pm	Thursday 7th December 9.30 am
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A VIEW FROM THE CLASSROOMS



BIRCH

OAK



BEECH

MAPLE

