



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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## MAPLE CLASS BIKING

The Children in Years 5 and 6, have embarked on an enriching biking endeavour, under the guidance of our biking instructor, Ollie. Maple Class have been mastering the art of safe and confident biking. Beyond honing their physical skills, this experience fosters a sense of self-assurance and independence among our children. Many children often comment on this as one of their favourite memories when they leave us in St. Paul's. The children are provided with opportunities to ride around the Glebe and onto the track that was made a few years ago. Ollie ensures that all children are comfortable and in the best position. Learning to ride can often be a daunting experience, but we were delighted with the positive attitude and growth mindset that the children showed to this activity. Under Ollie's guidance, our children are poised to conquer increasingly challenging biking routes, while forging indelible memories. We cannot wait to see how the children progress over the term.

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# MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

This week has been a truly special one, as it has once again highlighted that St. Paul's is a shining beacon of learning within our local community. The recent Open Morning was a wonderful testament to the exceptional qualities that define our school. As prospective parents toured around St. Paul's, they couldn't help but notice the incredible focus, determination, and impeccable manners displayed by our children. In our continuous provision classrooms, Birch, Oak, and Beech Class were all shining examples of focus and determination. These children explored and engaged with their environments, fostering their creativity and curiosity in ways that were truly inspiring. Meanwhile, in Maple Class, we witnessed outstanding writing outcomes, that reflected the hard work and dedication of our children. Their progress and achievements continue to make us incredibly proud. We owe this success to our dedicated teaching team, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our incredible children, who continually demonstrate our six school values. If you know anyone who has a child looking to start school in 2024, please do share the dates of our Open Days with them and we will be happy to book them in.



*J Johnson*



## CRIBS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, the children were treated to a special collective worship. Steve is a local artist who works for CRIBS and often leads a collective worship, where he tells the children stories from the Bible. Steve paints wonderful illustrations for the children to connect with and experience stories from the Bible in a different way. This time, Steve focused on the story of creation. Each stroke and colour choice carefully crafted to bring the narrative of Genesis 1 to life. From the separation of light and darkness, to the creation of the animals, every detail was a work of art that inspired awe and wonder. But it wasn't just Steve's artistic talents that left an impression. He spoke passionately about the significance of this story. He reminded us of the importance of cherishing and preserving the beautiful world we've inherited. Steve's words resonated deeply with our children, instilling in them a sense of responsibility, to care for our planet. Steve's assembly was a powerful blend of art and spirituality. It encouraged our children to appreciate the beauty of the world around them, fostering a greater understanding of their place in the grand tapestry of creation. It was a reminder that we are all stewards of this planet, entrusted with the task of preserving its wonders for generations to come. Why not ask your child about this?





## SUPPORTING WITH... TIMES TABLES

Join us for a 30 minute interactive session talking about how you can support your child with times tables at home. This workshop is for parents and carers of children in Year 1 to 6.

 **Thursday - 9th November 2023**  
 **15:30 - 16:00**  
 **Maple Classroom**



## OUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Building upon the momentum generated by our previous workshop, we are thrilled to announce our next learning adventure: 'Supporting with Times Table' Workshop, scheduled for November 9th, 2023. This workshop seamlessly aligns with our school's overarching mission, to enhance times table knowledge amongst our children. What to Anticipate:

- **Practical Insights:** The workshop will immerse you in practical exercises, offering you a first-hand experience of Times Table Rockstars and more.
- **Effective Strategies:** Mr Dickens will share invaluable strategies and techniques, equipping you with the tools to support your child's journey towards mastering times tables with confidence.
- **Interactive Exchange:** We wholeheartedly encourage your active participation. During our the session, we will address any concerns or barriers you have come up against.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, we shall be celebrating Harvest Festival on Tuesday 3rd October, at St. Paul's Church from 9am. During the service, each class will sing a song to celebrate this time of year. As per my letter at the start of the week, we are asking that if you are able to, a donation be made to the 'Community Compassion Fund'. To donate, you can simply go onto Schoolcomms under the payment 'Harvest Festival Donations 2023' and donate any amount of money to our donation fund, which will be open today until Sunday 8th October 2023. The minimum amount is set to £1. This money will then go directly to the charity and help those most in need.

From the school's vicar, Johnny Douglas:

*As part of our Harvest and wider giving, our Community Compassion Fund is increasingly important as we share and serve in the communities of Hextable, Swanley Village and beyond. Rather than the historic Harvest contributions of varied tinned or packet foods, should you wish to contribute to this Community Compassion Fund please do. Other giving at seasonal points across the year is directed via this designated Community Compassion Fund, which seeks to help those in greatest need in our two communities. Five people oversee the practical direction of requests of need or possible help, and last year the total amount of monetary gifts was £3,704 which saw 47 different families benefit, whether through supermarket food vouchers or other specific help. It is through the generosity of our local community, that we are able to offer help and support to those in need. Thank you in advance for anything you may give. All part of our commitment to 'loving God, growing family & increasing hope.'*





# A VIEW FROM THE CLASSROOMS



**BIRCH**

**OAK**



**BEECH**

**MAPLE**

