

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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#### **YOUNG VOICES 2024**

The children of St. Paul's embarked on our yearly journey to London's O2 arena, for the Young Voices 2024 concert. In partnership with St. Edmund's, we enjoyed a day of musical delight. This year the catalogue of songs featured hits from Moana, Coldplay and, of course, the Lambeth Walk! The children sung in unison, with thousands of other school children from around the country and danced their way through the evening. Each child got to wear this year's Young Voices t-shirt and shine their torch, to create an incredible concert atmosphere. Of course, this will not be the last time the children visit these musical numbers, as we look forward to hosting our yearly Night of Young Voices in May! I would like to thank Miss Craft for teaching the children the songs and Miss Draper in supporting our Young Voices programme.

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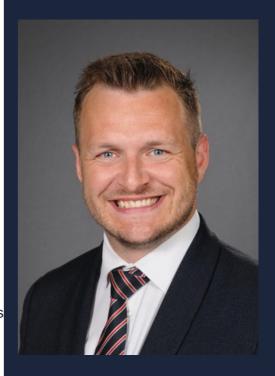
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#### MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

And just like that, we find ourselves halfway through Term 3. We have had a wonderful start to the year, with new topics being learned, swimming lessons for Beech Class and a trip to London's 02 for Young Voices. The second half of the term promises to be just as thrilling.

This term, our school value is 'Inquisitive,' we draw inspiration from the biblical passage Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Encouraging an inquisitive spirit aligns with the biblical emphasis on seeking knowledge and understanding. Just as the Bible urges believers to explore and question, our school ethos echoes this sentiment. By fostering curiosity, we empower the children to actively pursue knowledge, fostering a deeper connection with their education and the world around them. This value not only enriches academic endeavours, it also nurtures a lifelong love for learning.



J Johnson





#### **FAMILY WORSHIP**

Every Tuesday at St. Paul's Church, our school community gathers for a collective worship with Bea Reid, the Children's & Youth Pastor for St. Peter's and St. Paul's, from 9am to 9:20am. This sacred time allows us to come together as a community, fostering a sense of unity and spiritual connection. We recognise the demands of busy schedules, but extend a warm invitation to those available, welcoming them to join us. It's a moment to share in reflection, prayer, and support, nurturing the bonds that strengthen our school community. We have tried to encourage more singing during these visits to church, with songs from popular Christian bands such as Rend Collective and Hillsong United. The children have enjoyed learning the actions to these popular songs. There is a also a small prayer group after the worship in the church, for parents and carers to come together and share a collective prayer. If you are interested in joining this, please speak to me and I will give you further information.

### A VIEW FROM THE CLASSROOMS



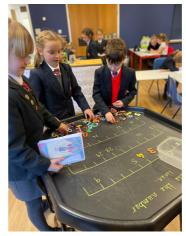




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