



St Paul's Post - Issue 7 April 2026



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TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING IN STRENGTH, GROWING IN WISDOM, GROWING IN FAITH

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you all had a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. We have a busy and rewarding term planned, with lots to look forward to, including sporting events at other schools, our enrichment afternoon where we are delighted to invite parents in, and of course our children in Owls have their SATs. We have already made a fantastic start, enjoying a Rocksteady visit where everyone had the chance to become a rock star for the day, as well as an engaging LEGO Robotics and Coding assembly. It promises to be a full and vibrant term with plenty of opportunities for learning, achievement and celebration. As always, thank you for your continued support—we truly appreciate it.

Attendance Award



23rd March - 27th March

1st Place - Owls

2nd Place - Kingfishers

3rd Place - Firecrests

13th April - 17th April

1st Place - Kingfishers

2nd Place - Finches

3rd Place - Owls

20th April - 24th April

1st Place - Swifts

2nd Place - Robins

3rd Place - Finches

Huge congratulations to Owls, Kingfishers and Swifts, who will all get to decide on how they wish to celebrate as a class.

Calendar Dates



Please see more calendar dates here on our [website](#).

Key Dates SUMMER 1 TERM

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Summer 1		
DATE	EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Wednesday 29 th April	Girls Football Tournament at St Piran's School 1:00-4:00pm	Firecrests
Wednesday 29 th April	Away Netball Match against Carrington Primary School 3:30pm	Owls
Thursday 30 th April	Multi-Skills Festival at St Mary's School 9:30am- 12:30pm	Robins
Thursday 30 th April	Cross Country Festival at St Piran's School 12:30-3:30pm	Sparrows, Finches
Friday 1 st May	Visit to The Chiltern Open Air Museum	Robins
Friday 1 st May	Girls Football Tournament at St Piran's School 1:00-4:00pm	Sparrows, Finches
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	Whole School
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th May	SATs Week	Owls
Friday 15 th May	Celebration Day	Owls
Monday 18 th May	Visit to The Lookout Discovery Centre	Sparrows
Thursday 21 st May	CENSUS DAY – please order a hot school meal	Whole School
Thursday 21 st May	Garsington Opera Auditions	Finches, Firecrests, Owls
Friday 22 nd May	Enrichment Afternoon 1:00pm-3:00pm – parents welcome	Whole School
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term 3:15pm	Whole School

Writing Wonder of The Week



The Egyptian Cinderella

In the morning, Rhodopis quietly and calmly sat in the reeds.

Later in the day, slaves blew trombones loudly and noisily.

Three slave girls whispered cruelly as Rhodopis listened bravely.

Three nasty slaves were pointing at Rhodopis angrily.

Immediately, Rhodopis sat down near the three horrible slaves who were whispering about her.

Staring calmly at the Pharoah she saw his beautifully coloured cape.

Henry Taylor

Sparrows

General News



Finches Class Spotlight



Finches in the Spotlight

Finches have been really busy preparing for our performance at The Royal Albert Hall, look out in our next newsletter for a full report and lots of pictures. On Friday 20th March we went to an Echoes rehearsal in High Wycombe. We were all very excited to be there. Fay took us through all of the songs and showed us some actions too.

In Maths we have been learning all about fractions. On Friday 17th March we did a practical Maths lesson with Mrs Robinson. It was fun because we cut up bread, fruit and chocolate to help us work on subtracting fractions. We got to eat all the chocolate at the end!

We enjoyed being narrators in our Easter service before the Easter holidays. In our RE lessons this term we are learning about how Christians make a difference in the world and why they do this. Last week we thought about how we could make a difference at home, at school or in our community. Ideas we had were: helping with the washing up at home, holding the door open for others and doing some litter picking.

In History last term we learnt all about the Ancient Greeks and had a really fun 'Ancient Greek Day' before Easter. We did our own mini-Olympics and did events like running, javelin, discus and long jump. We also enjoyed trying some traditional Greek food.

After School Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer such a wide variety of extra-curricular after-school clubs this term, and we hope the children enjoy taking part in these enriching opportunities. A gentle reminder that we encourage children to remain in their chosen club for the full term, as this helps ensure continuity and the best experience for everyone involved. Please also keep an eye out for any weekly updates regarding your child's club. As introduced last year, there is a £10 administration fee to help cover associated costs (which works out at less than £1 per session). We would like to give you plenty of notice that from September 2026, this administration/resource cost will increase to £20. We are very grateful for your continued support and hope you appreciate the time, care and enthusiasm our teachers put into running these clubs each week.

Staffing News

We are very pleased to share the happy news that Mrs Best is expecting a new addition to her family. We are sure you will join us in extending our warmest congratulations and best wishes to her at this special time. Mrs Best will continue to be with us until towards the end of September, and we very much look forward to meeting the newest member of the Best family in due course.

Smartphone Free Childhood

On Friday, I attended a *Smartphone Free Childhood* conference at Beaconsfield High School. Alongside a number of local headteachers, a psychologist, and Joy Morrissey MP, we came together with a shared commitment to creating a safer, more focused, and 'smartphone-free' school environment in the months ahead. Encouragingly, many schools both locally and

nationally have already implemented this approach successfully, seeing positive impacts on pupils' wellbeing, focus and social interaction.

As part of this important initiative, we will be inviting all parents to attend a presentation led by a representative from *Smartphone Free Childhood* in the coming weeks. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn more, ask questions, and understand how we can work together to support our children's well-being. I would greatly appreciate your support in attending this meeting and being part of this positive step forward. Date and time TBC.

Parents Reminder

Thank you to the majority of parents who now keep their phones safely away when entering our school playground. May I just take this opportunity to remind everyone, our school site is a no mobile phone zone. We kindly ask that mobile phones are not used during drop-off and pick-up times. This supports us in maintaining a safe environment, protecting children's privacy, and setting a positive example — as children learn a great deal from the behaviours they see modelled by adults.

You may be politely reminded by a member of staff at the gate to turn off, put away or end a phone call. Please do not take offence; this is simply to ensure we are consistent in upholding our school expectations. As adults, we must lead by example.

We are also working towards becoming mobile phone free for children from September 2026, and your support in modelling healthy phone habits is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, focused and respectful environment for everyone.

Head Lice

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about the importance of regular head lice checks. Head lice are a common occurrence in school-aged children and can spread easily, particularly when children are in close contact.

We kindly ask all parents to regularly check their child's hair for lice and eggs (nits). Following the "Once a week, take a peek" campaign is a simple and effective way to help prevent the spread. Regular checks allow for early detection and prompt treatment, reducing the likelihood of transmission to others.

When we are made aware of head lice cases within the school, we will share the following link to remind parents to take any appropriate action: www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

Now we are learning about the Romans. We enjoyed our first lesson where we found Rome on a map of Italy and learnt about when the Roman Empire grew in power. We are excited to learn more about the Roman army and the Roman Gods.

In Finches we get to go swimming each week on a Thursday. We play fun games like stuck in the mud. One person is on and if you get stuck then someone has to swim under your arm

to free you. We are getting really good at swimming and we have all achieved Swim Level 3 so far.

In Science last week Mrs Holland gave us lots of electrical components to set up into circuits. We loved using the equipment and managed to make some successful circuits. We particularly enjoyed getting the motor with a propellor to work and hearing the noise from the buzzers. We also explored what effect adding more cells made to the components, for example, if you used two cells the bulb would be brighter as it had more power.

Last week we had lots of fun when 'Rocksteady' came to the school to do an assembly and workshop. They will be running music classes for children to learn instruments and be part of their own band. We loved trying out the electric guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboard and singing along to the song 'We Will Rock You!' by Queen.

Finally, in English we are reading a book called, 'Escape from Pompeii'. We are learning about personification at the moment, which is when you describe an object as if they are a person doing human actions, for example, 'The sun smiled warmly over Pompeii, wrapping the town in a warm blanket'. We were excited to discuss what we already know about volcanoes as a class and had lots of questions!







Robins Super Class Assembly



1 - What an incredible class assembly

Marvellous Manners

Congratulations to this week's group of children who have consistently been demonstrating those marvellous manners in our lunch hall.



Introducing St Paul's Nursery Wraparound Care



St Paul's C of E School & Nursery



**NURSERY WRAPAROUND CARE
AVAILABLE**

Beginning Monday 13th April 2026



Breakfast Club
7:30am – 9:15am

After School Club
3:15pm – 6:00pm

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Young Carers Bucks is the young carers service within Bucks. They work with young people aged 5-16 who live within Buckinghamshire and have a caring role. There is a brilliant team of dedicated support workers who tailor their approach to suit the needs of the young person they are working with and tackle anything that rises around their caring role. Services available are Club nights, Targeted support, Group activities, One to one sessions and School Support. If you feel a young person in your family is in a caring role for someone else in your household (e.g. a sibling, parent) and they may benefit from the young carers service, then school can make a referral. Please let the office know and Mrs Robinson will make contact. More information is available here: <https://carersbucks.org/information-for-carers/young-carers/>

One of our children in school was referred a couple of years ago and her parents have kindly written about the benefits of the service for their child:

As parents, our experience of Young Carers has been excellent. Our daughter attends a "club night" for child carers who are similar in age to her, and really enjoys the activities they offer. She especially values the club as somewhere "just for her", not for all the family, where she is free to meet other children in similar caring roles. The club nights offer free choice of activities, and are led by lovely, kind, friendly young carers staff. She's enjoyed playing football, crafts, biscuit decorating and air hockey to name a few things. She's also been along to an Easter themed organised session in the school holidays. They organised an Easter trail, woodland games and exploration and high-quality crafts, all of which took place in the grounds of Wycombe Museum. She easily made a new friend there. These events change through the year, but always continue to offer a place of solidarity and escape from times at home that are sometimes hard and demanding. We are grateful for the experiences she has, they recognise the challenges she faces and gives her the mental space and freedom to be herself.

Community News



South Bucks National Autistic Society Coffee Morning

Come for a relaxed chat in a friendly environment.

Friday 26th June 9:30am - 12:00pm at Brewer's Fayre Papermill, London Road, Loudwater.

Bottomless hot drinks available to buy, or buffet breakfast available (9:30-10:30am)

<https://nas.chorus.thirdlight.com/file/24/IShtc6eISUqcfaNISHIDISu9dPz/Papermill%20Jan%20to%20June%202026.pdf>