



St Paul's Post - Issue 11 September 2026



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

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year. We hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and returned feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and to see so many of our families again. The children have settled exceptionally well into their new classes and have already made a very positive start to the year. It is a pleasure to see our school community come together once again, with the familiar sounds of learning, laughter and friendship filling the school. We are

delighted to be back together as one big school family and look forward to a successful and memorable year ahead.

Important Messages

School Uniform

We would like to remind all families of the importance of children wearing the **correct school uniform every day**. Our uniform expectations are in place to promote a sense of pride, belonging and equality across our school, and we ask for your full support in ensuring these are followed.

Please remember that **earrings are not permitted in school**. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, they must be securely covered with tape for the duration of the school day. **Hair accessories should not be worn** unless they are part of the agreed school uniform. Please also ensure that children have the correct PE kit. **Cycling shorts and football kits are not permitted** as part of our PE uniform.

If, for any reason, you need support with providing the correct school uniform for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to support families where we can.

Don't forget about our **pre-loved uniform**, which is available in the school reception. All items have been washed, ironed and are ready to wear, with items available in return for a donation.

Attendance Award



Once again, we will be celebrating children's attendance on a weekly basis, recognising and celebrating those who achieve excellent attendance each week. Regular attendance is incredibly important, as every day in school provides valuable opportunities for children to learn, develop and enjoy time with their friends. We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid booking holidays during term time and, wherever possible, arrange medical and other appointments outside of school hours. By working together to ensure children attend school regularly, we can give them the very best opportunity to thrive, make progress and achieve their full potential.

7th September - 11th September

1st Place - Finches

2nd Place - Swifts

3rd Place - Sparrows

11th September to 18th September

1st Place - Swifts

2nd Place - Finches

3rd Place - Owls

Huge congratulations to Finches and Swifts who will get to decide how they would like to celebrate together as a class.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding: Everyone's Responsibility

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind our families that **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**. The safety and wellbeing of every child is at the heart of everything we do.

We want all our children to know that there are always trusted adults who are here to listen, help and keep them safe. Children have identified their five trusted adults in school and we will continue to revisit this throughout the year.

Look out for the yellow lanyards! Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) wear yellow lanyards, making them easy for children and families to identify.

We encourage parents and carers to regularly remind children that they can always talk to a trusted adult if something is worrying them, upsetting them or doesn't feel right.

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. You do not need to be certain that something is wrong to share a concern.

Together, we can help our children feel safe, listened to and supported.



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT A CHILD?



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



DSL
Mrs Dennis
Headteacher



Deputy DSL
Mrs Robinson
Assistant Head



Deputy DSL
Mrs Wingrove
Assistant Head

MEET YOUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Please do not leave our school site without sharing your concern, even if it's just a feeling...

Always act on a concern.
Make a written record and share it with our DSL team immediately.

REMEMBER, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

COURAGE

RESPECT

COMMUNITY

Autumn Term 2026 Key Dates

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Autumn Term 2026		
DATE	EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Monday 28 th September – Friday 2 nd October	Stay & Play and Step Into Learning Week	Whole School
Monday 28 th September	School Clubs Begin	Whole School
Thursday 1 st October	Census Day – please order a hot school meal	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th October	PTA AGM 6:00pm	Whole School
Thursday 8 th October	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9:30-11:00am	2027/28 Cohort
Friday 9 th October	Class Assembly 9am	Firecrests
Friday 9 th October	Secondary Transfer Test Results to Parents	Owls
Friday 16 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day (children to wear red)	Whole School
Wednesday 21 st October	Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church 9:30am – parents welcome	Whole School
Friday 23 rd October	End of Autumn Term 1 – school closes at 3:15pm	Whole School
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens for Autumn Term 2 8:45am	Whole School
Monday 2 nd November – Friday 6 th November	No Teacher-Led Clubs	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu Vaccinations (Nursery – Year 6)	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Pastoral Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm	Whole School
Wednesday 4 th November	Pastoral Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm	Whole School
Friday 6 th November	Victorian Day	Owls
Monday 9 th November – Friday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying and Respect Week	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at St Paul's Church 10:30am – parents welcome	Whole School
Tuesday 17 th November	School Photographs (Individual and Sibling)	Whole School
Friday 20 th November	Children In Need	Whole School
Wednesday 25 th November	Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 1:30-3:00pm	2027/28 Cohort
Thursday 3 rd December	EYFS Nativity at St Paul's Church 9:30am – parents welcome	EYFS
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance 2:00pm	KS1 (Robins and Swifts)
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity Evening Performance 5:00pm	KS1 (Robins and Swifts)
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Tuesday 15 th December	Mini-Enterprise Selling Day	Whole School
Wednesday 16 th December	Maya Day	Firecrests
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:00pm	Whole School

Writing Wonder of The Week



Inquisitively, the mysterious moon creatures spied on the boy and tried not to be seen. Seconds later, one of the curious moon creatures popped their head up behind a rock, but did not get seen.

By Seb in Firecrests

Secondary School Transfer Test (11+)

Well done to all the children who completed their Secondary School Transfer Test last week. They approached the test with confidence, calmness and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for doing their very best. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked hard to ensure the morning ran smoothly, calmly and professionally. We would also like to thank the whole school for remaining so quiet and playing their part in creating a calm environment for the children. Finally, a special thank you to Karen Larkin, our retired governor, who kindly returned to school to support us with the delivery of the test. Your support was greatly appreciated by us all.

General News



Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Dobey** back to our school following the successful completion of her teacher training. We are incredibly proud of all she has achieved and are pleased that she will be joining us as **Robins Class Teacher**. We know she will be a wonderful addition to the teaching team, and we look forward to seeing her continue to inspire and support our children.

We are also delighted to welcome **Miss Alderson** to our school community. Miss Alderson will be joining **The Nest** team and will also provide cover for **Mrs Best** whilst she is on maternity leave. We are excited to have Miss Alderson as part of our team and know she will receive a very warm welcome from our children, families and staff.

We also welcome **Miss Smith, Mrs Farrukh** and **Miss Wilson** to our Learning Support & Wrap Around team. They have all settled in and are enjoying getting to know our children.

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing **Mrs Best** lots of love and best wishes as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for this exciting time with her growing family and look forward to hearing all about her new arrival!

Working Together

It has been so lovely and positive to see so many of you at our Welcome Meetings. Your support and engagement really does make a difference, and we are excited about the strong partnership we can build together as we move forward this year.

Just a little something to ponder over your morning Costa coffee... ☕ What if the cost of just one coffee could make a real difference to our school? Every little bit of support can add up and help us provide even more wonderful opportunities and resources for our children.

For parents who weren't able to attend the Welcome Meetings, please take a look at the poster for more information. Together, we can make a difference!



Running on Becca Energy



A Gentle Reminder

This October, Miss Harkcom, Mrs Walker, Mrs Wingrove and Miss Sims will be taking on the Oxford Half Marathon in memory of our much-loved friend and colleague, Miss Jones, while raising money for Cancer Research UK.

Miss Jones wasn't just a valued member of our school family – she was a dear friend who brought so much love, laughter and kindness into our lives. Although she has left a space that can never truly be filled, her spirit continues to inspire us every day. It is this feeling that led to the team name: Running on Becca Energy.

As a school, we want to model to our children that we can all make a positive difference, support causes that matter, and remember those we love through acts of kindness and determination. We know Miss Jones would have been their biggest cheerleader, encouraging them every step of the way, just as she did for so many of the children and families in our community.

If you would like to support us, we would be incredibly grateful for any donation, big or small, via our fundraising page. Every donation to Cancer Research UK helps fund life-saving research, bringing hope to families affected by cancer and helping to create a future where more people survive this disease.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/running-on-becca-energy>

Thank you for helping us honour Miss Jones' memory and continue spreading the kindness, positivity and love that she shared so generously with us all.

Wraparound Care at The Nest



Our wraparound care at **The Nest** is now up and running, and we have had a fantastic uptake, with some really positive feedback from both children and parents. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the activities and making the most of the provision before and after school.

Please see details below on how to book. We look forward to welcoming even more children to The Nest!

Our Before and After School Wraparound Care is available to book via the ParentMail app when registered with ParentMail.

We offer:

- School Breakfast Club 07:30-08:35am (for Nursery children this is 07:30-09:15) at £9 a session
- After School Club 15:15-18:00 (this is the same for Nursery children) at £18 a session
- For Nursery children, we also offer the Nursery 08:30 start sessions (08:30-09:15) and Nursery 16:00 finish sessions (15:15-16:00) both at £6 a session

Booking instructions can be found on our school website -

<https://www.stpaulsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Wraparound+Childcare&pid=154>

Community News

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Course



DLD Together

Free Course for Families

What is DLD Together?
A free 7-session course for families of children and young people with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) or language needs.
Led by experienced professionals. Sessions last 60–90 minutes.

Why join?

- Understand DLD
- Learn your child's communication profile
- Strategies for home
- Support learning
- Meet other families

In Person
Castlefield Children's Centre, Wycombe
Wednesday (mornings):
30 Sept – 18 Nov

Online
Tuesday (mornings):
29 Sept – 17 Nov

Book your free place now!
<https://forms.office.com/e/zzecPfQJ2>

Book your free place via the link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=uXa5fyie4UiAhh3avs-CoKUqtJZoHVJNteH_Zzwf6n9UMTzTUTVPUUQwNk5FS0RXSjhBREhVWUdXTC4u&route=shorturl

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Buckinghamshire Family Learning

FREE ONLINE WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

For Parents and Carers of Children in Primary & Secondary Schools

SUPPORT YOUR ADHD CHILD AT HOME
Practical strategies and tips for supporting ADHD children at home. It will help you to understand ADHD and its characteristics and help you to create a supportive and inclusive environment for your child.

Thursday 24th September
7pm - 9pm

Course link: **FMAC135**

SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD AT HOME
Practical strategies and tips for supporting Autistic children at home. It will help you to understand Autism and its characteristics and help you to create a supportive and inclusive environment for your child.

AFTERNOON SESSION:
Wednesday 30th September
12pm - 2:30pm

EVENING SESSION:
Wednesday 7th October
7pm - 9pm

Choose from 1 of these 2 sessions

Course link: **FMAC134**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ➔ **01296 383582** or **SCAN the QR CODE** or **CLICK on the course link** provided for each workshop

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STARTING RECEPTION

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STARTING RECEPTION

Support your child to be ready for school. You will understand what the curriculum includes and how it is taught in this part of Foundation Stage.

CHOOSE FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING 2 DATES:

 Monday 14th September - 12th October
 Wednesday 16th September - 14th October

 9:30am - 12pm



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SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Practical ideas to improve your child's maths skills and knowledge, through child-friendly activities.

CHOOSE FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING 2 DATES:

 Monday 14th September - 12th October
 Wednesday 16th September - 14th October

 9:30am - 12pm



SCAN ME


 Course link:
FMMN024

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING

You will look at what stress and anxiety are and explore strategies to help your child deal with these.

 Thursday 17th September - 15th October

 12pm - 2:30pm



SCAN ME


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FMWB008



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SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Practical ideas to improve your child's maths skills and knowledge, through child-friendly activities.

CHOOSE FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING 2 DATES:

Monday 14th September - 12th October
 9:30am - 12pm

Thursday 17th September - 15th October
 9:15am - 11:45am



Course link:
FMMN026



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ONLINE SCHOOL COURSE for PARENTS and CARERS OF CHILDREN IN
YEARS 5 & 6

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YOUR PLACE



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SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Practical ideas to improve your child's maths skills and knowledge, through child-friendly activities.

CHOOSE FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING 2 DATES:

Tuesday 15th September - 13th October
 9:15am - 11:45am

Wednesday 16th September - 14th October
 6:30pm - 8.30pm



Course link:
FMMN086



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