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

As we move into November, the countdown to Christmas has officially begun! There is already plenty of festive excitement building across the school. Our EYFS children have started preparing for their Christmas Nativity, which will take place at St Paul's Church, while KS1 are busy rehearsing for their own performances. We really appreciate your support at home with learning lines and practising song words – it makes such a difference and helps the children feel confident and ready to shine!

Our school choir is also working hard in preparation for their performance at the Bourne End Fun Night on 4th December. We are very much looking forward to hearing them perform and sharing in the festive celebrations.

This week, we held a lovely Remembrance Service in school, led by our Vicar, Paul. It was a thoughtful and meaningful opportunity for us to come together and remember those who have served and sacrificed so much. In the afternoon, Owls class had the special responsibility of taking the class wreaths to the war memorial, where they were laid with care and respect.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our pastoral parents' evenings last week. We hope you found these meetings a useful opportunity to catch up with your child's class teacher and hear how well they have settled into the new school year. If you have any questions or concerns following your meeting, please do liaise with the school office so that these can be followed up.

This week we have taken part in Inter-faith week with the focus of 'Lighting the Way for a Shared Future'. This is an opportunity to 'help children learn about different faiths and beliefs, celebrate diversity and explore how we can live together with mutual understanding and respect'. We have had various class based activities and learnt through collective worship and via our visitors from different faith backgrounds and world views.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is lovely to see the children working hard, growing in confidence and making the most of all the opportunities school life has to offer. With Christmas preparations now underway, there is lots to look forward to in the coming weeks!

From the St Paul's Team

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Scouts

Attendance Award



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.

2nd November to 6th November

Ist Place - Finches

2nd Place - Robins

3rd Place - Kingfishers

Congratulations to Finches who had an incredible 100% attendance last week. We hope they enjoy deciding on how they wish to celebrate this fantastic achievement as a class.

Calendar Dates



Please see more calendar dates here on our website.

Autumn Term 2 2026 Key Dates

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Autumn Term 2 2026		
DATE	**EVENT**	**YEAR GROUP**
Monday 2nd November	School Opens for Autumn Term 2 8:45am	Whole School
Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November	No Teacher-Led Clubs	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd November	Flu Vaccinations (Nursery – Year 6)	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd November	Pastoral Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm	Whole School
Wednesday 4th November	Pastoral Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm	Whole School
Friday 6th November	Victorian Day	Owls
Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November	Anti-Bullying and Inter-Faith Week	Whole School
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Service 10:30am – parents welcome	Whole School
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	Whole School
Tuesday 17th November	School Photographs (Individual and Sibling)	Whole School
Wednesday 25th November	Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 1:30-3:00pm	2027/28 Cohort
Friday 27th November	PTA Bag2School Collection 9:00am	Whole School
Friday 27th November	PTA Pantomime 9:00am	Whole School
Friday 27th November	Robins Class Sale 3:15pm	Whole School
Wednesday 2nd December	Reindeer Visit	Whole School
Thursday 3rd December	EYFS Nativity at St Paul's Church 9:30am – parents welcome	EYFS (Wrens and Kingfishers)
Thursday 3rd December	RockSteady Concert 2:00pm – RockSteady parents welcome	RockSteady pupils
Friday 4th December	PTA Break The Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 4th December	Bourne End Fun Night 5:00pm	Choir
Sunday 6th December	Santa Fun Run	Parent Team
Wednesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance 2:00pm	KS1 (Robins and Swifts)
Thursday 10th December	KS1 Nativity Evening Performance 5:00pm	KS1 (Robins and Swifts)
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Lunch – 12:00pm	Whole School
Monday 14th December	Parent Present Room	Whole School
Tuesday 15th December	Mini-Enterprise Selling Day	Whole School
Wednesday 16th December	Maya Day	Firecrests
Wednesday 16th December	Carol Service - TBC	TBC
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:00pm	Whole School

General News



Staffing News

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Best and her husband and now older sister, Emilia, on the birth of Olivia May Best on Tuesday 6th October. We send the Best family all our fondest wishes.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Lubka Dimitrova to our staff team as our Wraparound Care Manager and Admin Assistant. She will be supported by Miss Smith and Miss Wilson in The Nest for our wraparound provision.

Coffee morning - reminder

This is taking place on Friday 13th November and a reminder has been sent out on ClassDojo if you need further information.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting St Paul's School and Nursery on Tuesday 17th November to capture this year's individual and sibling photographs.

Please ensure the children arrive in school wearing full school uniform, including school shoes. For those children who have PE on a Tuesday, please could they bring their PE kit in a named bag to change into for their lesson.

We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces on the day.

Head Lice

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. Please follow the link for further guidance: www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

Cost of a coffee...

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. If you would like to make a one off or regular donation to support our school, then please contact the office for details.

Mobile phones

Please could we remind parents and carers to keep their phones in their pockets during drop-off and collection times. This helps us to ensure that everyone is fully present, children are supervised safely and these busy times remain calm and focused on the children. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Food given to children at collection times

Please could we ask that any food or snacks given to children at collection time are eaten once you have left the school premises, rather than whilst walking through the playground on your way out. This helps us to keep the playground clean and safe for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Safeguarding at St Paul's



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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.

Running on Becca Energy



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A huge well done to Mrs Wingrove, Mrs Walker, Miss Harkcom and Miss Sims for taking part (and completing!!) the Oxford half marathon in October in memory of Miss Jones who sadly

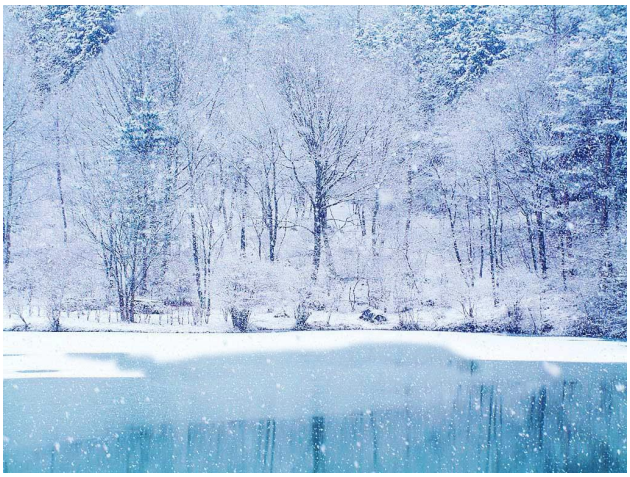
died early this year. They have raised over £4,300 and we are all very proud of them. Thank you to all our wonderful families who donated to support Cancer Research UK.

The link is here if any parents or carers would like to donate:

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.

Donations and Second-Hand Uniform



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As we head into the winter months, we would be very grateful for any donations of everyday school essentials such as tissues and liquid hand soap. These items are always in use across school and any contributions, however small, are very much appreciated.

We would also like to add some winter coats to our second-hand uniform collection. If you have any good-quality coats that your child has outgrown and you would be happy to donate, we would love to make these available to families who may need a little extra support. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for looking out for one another in our school community.

And any glue stick donations are always appreciated!

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
- Friday After School Club 15:15-17:00 at £12 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

Travel Training Programme

A new Travel Training programme has been launched, supported by a series of seven engaging videos that will be released via a YouTube channel. Developed in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council and Talkback, these resources are designed to help young people build the skills and confidence needed to travel more independently. As many of our Year 6 leavers will be using public transport/school buses/trains to get to school in September, please do take some time to review the guidance and look at the resources available to support the children as they become more independent with their travel.

https://talkback-uk.com/blog/travel-training-programme-and-video-launch/

Young Carers Bucks





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

County Lines Awareness Talk



Bourne End Junior Sports Club - Have a Go Day

Bourne End Junior Sports Club is holding a Have a Go Day on Saturday 21st November from 2pm–5pm. It's a chance for families to come along, find out more about the activities available at the club, meet group leaders and discover how they can get involved.



Santa Visit in Wooburn Green



Church Bell Ringing at St Paul's Church

Discover the sound, skill and tradition of Bell Ringing at St Paul's Church.

Practice evenings every Wednesday 7-8:30pm.

For further enquiries and to arrange joining us, please call John Walton on 07740 187272.