

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

May 2023

Healthy Schools Award



We are currently in the process of

compiling our evidence to achieve a Healthy Schools Award. We care passionately about the health and well-being of our children and staff, and firmly believe that we promote a healthy lifestyle.

The Student Council and Sports Leaders will be promoting active travel and healthy eating with all classes. Look out for details about how you can support us to achieve this award.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome to the May edition of our monthly newsletter. It is amazing to think we are so far through this school year—how time flies!

The children are working really hard and should feel proud of their continuing achievements. Our Y6 children showed great determination and self-belief when they did their SATs recently, and our Y2s are currently doing the same —well done everyone; great confidence, resilience and self-belief on display.

You may have noticed some visitors in school this week at the beginning of the school day. We had a visit from our newly appointed Trust Deputy CEO, Nick Conway along with Elaine Dodsworth, our Trust School Improvement Officer. They were delighted to visit St Paul's and were very impressed with the positive relationships evidenced which are at the heart of our school mission and ethos. The children were brilliant, displaying excellent behaviour and talking confidently about their learning and all they enjoy about being part of our school family. Marc Scott, Chair of Governors also had the opportunity to speak to some parents one morning last week, and was so impressed by your positive comments. Thank you for your support; your children are a credit to you.

I hope you find this newsletter is helpful in keeping you well informed of what's happening at St Paul's. You will also find lots of additional information by following our Facebook and Twitter pages. There are some lovely photographs about school life and numerous achievements. There is always so much going on and the children really make us proud. As always, if you would like to discuss anything further then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Many thanks,

Sheena Sinclair—Head Teacher

Live Simply Award

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An important part of our faith is to care for creation and to develop respect for other people in the world. The 'Live Simply Award' is earned by communities and schools who can show how they have been living simply, in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation. The award celebrates what we have already done and inspires us to do more. It helps our community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully.

We are currently working towards achieving this award, supported by fantastic groups of children in our school. Thank you to the Stewards of Creation, the Mini Vinnies and our Y6 children working towards their Faith in Action award and to everyone who supports us.



We are delighted that 4 of our children in Y4 are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion on 10th June. Please keep them in your prayers. Please also remember that the children's liturgy sessions are held at Mass each weekend. All children are welcome.



Punctuality and Attendance

Punctuality and attendance are essential to ensure that your child makes the best progress they can. It also helps them to be settled and to feel included. A reminder that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school then you must notify the school office by phone by 9am on the first day of absence. If you know that your child is going to be absent then you must complete a leave of absence request form available in the porch. Requests for leave should be made well in advance. Holidays and routine dental or medical appointments should not be taken during school time. Please read the school attendance policy which is available on the website for further details.

Absence of 10 sessions or more (5 days) may incur a penalty notice fine.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Keeping children safe

Please remember to park safely, thoughtfully and legally around school. We encourage you to walk, cycle or scoot to school, however if you do need to use a car, then parking away from the school and walking a short distance is a great compromise! PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK.



For safety reasons, please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds. We also request that children do not use the play equipment on the field at the end of the day. Please also ensure that your child walks with you when arriving and leaving school; it is an extremely busy time of day and we do need to keep everyone safe.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. We have a growing assortment of lost property again and it is so easy to return items to their owner if they are labelled.

You are also welcome to make good use of our pre-loved uniform which is a great way of demonstrating our pledge to live simply and care for our planet.



National School Sports Week

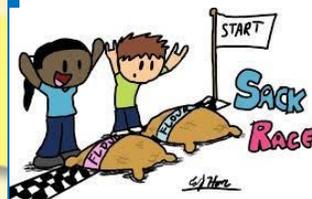
We plan to hold our Sports' day events on the following dates during National School Sports Week. We are delighted to be able to invite families to join us on the date of their child's event. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Monday 19th June – Y5 & Y6 (1.30pm)

Tuesday 20th June – Early Years (1.30pm)*

Thursday 22nd June – Y1 and Y2 (1.30pm)

Friday 23rd June – Y3 and Y4 (1.30pm)



*morning nursery children will be invited to attend the afternoon session



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Dates for your diary

4th July—Reception new starters meeting for parents 6pm

6th July—Whole school transition morning

w/c 10th July—End of year reports

Leavers Liturgy for Y6 pupils and families—date to be confirmed ASAP

