



26th March, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Parent Consultation meetings. Thank you for your time and support. It is always a pleasure to see so many families – apologies if I did not get chance to speak to you personally.

As we approach the end of the Spring term we feel it is a good time to gather your views about St Paul's. We very much value your partnership, and pride ourselves on the positive relationships we have with you.

The online survey on the link below will give you an opportunity to formally submit your views.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xL32mVz5f4>

As this survey is going out to all parents and carers of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, when you complete the survey it is important you choose the correct school from the dropdown list in Question 1.

The purpose of the survey is to ensure that all parents and carers have an opportunity to submit their views. Your responses will contribute to our school self-evaluation and will be most useful.

If you would like a paper copy of the survey then we can provide one. Please contact the office via email or phone.

Some other items of news or updates:

Staffing changes:

You will know from my previous email, Mrs Cooke is leaving St Paul's at the end of this term to begin new career opportunities.

Mrs Craft will be teaching Reception class full time after the Easter holidays. Mrs Davies will teach Y3 full time, and Mrs Tattersdill will teach Y1 on a Wednesday morning and Y2 on a Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Mrs Tattersdill will continue to teach PE in Y3 on a Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Ashley who is a trainee teacher returns to St Paul's. Mr Ashley taught in Y6 during the Autumn Term but has spent the Spring term at a different school to further develop his training.

Mr Ashley will be based in Year 4 with Mrs Pemberton for the remainder of the school year. Miss Rush, who is also training to become a teacher, will remain in Year 1 until her training is completed in June, working alongside Ms Bowes.



A lot of changes for St Paul's, but we have a fabulous team of staff who will ensure that the children continue to receive the best education and support.

Attendance:

I am delighted to let you know that our current whole school attendance is at 96.3%. This is really positive and very close to our aim of 97%. I am most grateful to you for supporting good attendance and for letting us know if your child is unable to attend school for any reason. Our school team work exceptionally hard to ensure that our school is a great place to be, so that children really want to be at school. In return, the children bring with them each morning their cheerful smiles and enthusiasm. A positive mind-set, self-belief, resilience, and confidence ensure that they will be the best they can be – well done children and thank you to our parents and families.

Please remember that requests for holidays cannot be authorised and therefore if 5 days (10 sessions) of holiday are taken then procedures must be followed as explained in our Attendance Policy. Unauthorised leave of absence will incur a penalty notice and the Local Authority may impose a fine.

All requests for leave of absence must be made using the correct leave of absence form. When a child has two named parents, both parents must sign the leave of absence request unless there is a specific reason not to.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform Policy:

Just a reminder - our uniform policy has been updated approved by Governors. Under the items listed as 'Accessories,' **school water bottles** have been added. This means that for children in Reception to Year 6, the only water bottles allowed at school are St Paul's School water bottles. After half-term, please do not allow your child to bring in a different type of water-bottle unless there is an exceptional reason. The water bottles are good quality and should be robust. They have been sourced and they are non-leaking bottles, which do not need caps to be opened and closed. If your child chews the top then unfortunately they may leak. Replacement bottles can be purchased at the school office at the cost-price of £3 (cash please).

We have been able to order some replacement lids so we are awaiting delivery. These cost 50p

Summer Uniform:

After the Easter holidays pupils may wear Summer uniform if they wish to:

- White/blue polo shirt
- Grey sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
- Grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Red checked dress
- Plain socks – white/black/grey
- Black shoes (no open toed sandals please)

Please have hair tied back if it is past shoulder length and keep hair accessories small and practical. Thank you.



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Dates for your Diary

This week:

Friday 28th March – Jubilee Pilgrimage Cross arrives. Juice and Biscuits for all children with a donation gratefully received to support our Parish SVP. Drop in opportunity for parents and carers to see the Cross 2.45-3pm

Wednesday 9th April – School Mass at 9.15am – everyone welcome

Thursday 10th April – Pre-loved uniform on sale – 3pm

Friday 11th April – Last day of Spring Term

14th – 25th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS
(children return to school on Monday 28th April)

Monday 5th May – BANK HOLIDAY

w/c Monday 12th May – Y6 SATs

26th - 30th May – HALF TERM
(children return to school on Monday 2nd June)

Fortnight commencing Monday 2nd June - Y4 Times Tables Check

w/c Monday 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.
Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you need to.

Your sincerely,

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Head Teacher



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