



Update from Miss Lee...

During these past six weeks, we have experienced a mix of weather here at school, but I must say, the children have demonstrated a great attitude towards their learning regardless of the conditions outside. It's been a delight to see their enthusiasm for learning and their attitudes to ensuring our values are part of everyday life at St Paul's. We have also had the opportunity to go on several educational visits, all which enhance our pupils' experiences beyond the classroom, inspiring them upon their return.

A big thank you to our ever increasing parent volunteers who have supported the school in many ways including: listening to readers; organising our Withington Walls walk; presenting talks to our classes; bidding for bike racks for school; supporting on visits; preparing our library and attending our workshops and stay and play.

It's wonderful to see families engaging with school in such a hands-on way and if you have any skills or time to support in the future please contact the office. Furthermore, I would like to express my gratitude to the PTA for all their hard work and organising the fantastic Easter hunt. The children had a fantastic time using the maps. Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you for our final half term.

Dates for Your Diary



- School is closed for half term – Monday 27th – 31st May and reopens on Tuesday 4th June. (Monday 3rd June is a Teacher Training Day)
- Year 1/2 Zoolab visit – Wednesday 5th June
- Year 3/4 Ancient Greek Day – Wednesday 5th June
- PTA Meeting – Tuesday 11th June, 6.00pm at school
- EYFS School Trip – Cockfields Farm – Thursday 20th June
- School Closes for the Summer holidays on Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Communication

There are a number of ways you can communicate with the school:

- Ring the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher or team leader.
- E-mail the school – please do not send emails direct to individual staff. Use the 'admin' email account.
- Come to the school office and they will ring your child's teacher to make an appointment.
- Ring or come in to see Ms Cyprys, our family worker if you need any support.
- Come to the office to make an appointment to see Miss Lee.
- If you have any concerns relating to special educational needs and disabilities, you can contact team leaders or Miss Power (SENDCO) via e-mail or ringing the school office.

We endeavour to communicate as much information with parents if any changes occur in routines or structures however there are times when unforeseen circumstances impact on the time in which we can communicate details.



The Green Team

Thanks to all your support for the PTA Valentines bake sale the children have bought seeds, propagators and gardening equipment available for every class in school. Each class have been growing seeds that we are going to plant in the garden in our playground. Thank you to the PTA for your support. The Green Team have been trying to increase the biodiversity of the playground and this week made posters to inform everyone of World Bee Day and why bees are so important.



St Paul's Kitchen

A big well done to our kitchen team for maintaining their score of 5 in their recent Food Hygiene Rating audit.



Try one of our popular school lunch menu items (suitable for freezing) ...

Courgette Muffin

Method

Ingredients	25 portions
Courgettes – fresh	370g
Plain Flour	400g
Baking Powder	15g
Salt	1 tspn
Cinnamon	5g
Caster Sugar	400g
Eggs	4
Almond Essence	Few drops
Orange Juice	60ml
Margarine - melted	135g

1. Pre heat the oven to gas mark 4, electric 180°C, Fan 160°C
2. Place muffin cases in muffin tins
3. Wash, dry and grate the courgettes, squeeze out any excess water with your hands
4. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon, mix in sugar
5. Whisk the eggs, add the grated courgettes and the orange juice, almond essence and melted margarine
6. Pour in the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients then stir until just combined. The batter will be lumpy but no dry flour should be visible. Do not over-stir
7. Spoon into the paper cases, approximately 1 level scoop using an ice cream portioner
8. Bake for approximately 20 minutes until top spring back when pressed gently

Year 3 & 4 Trip – Withington Swimming Baths

Year 3/4 visited Withington Baths to explore the opening of the baths and other local events of significance in the history of the baths. We then went on a building tour focussing on the features of the building and what they tell us about the history of the baths. Finally, we enjoyed an engineering workshop where the children were challenged to design and construct a water filling and drainage system similar to the construction of the baths. We had a wonderful time and it was so interesting to learn more about the history of a building that we visit so often for swimming!



Ghyll Head

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Ghyll Head, there were lots of challenges and adventures, lots of team building and we made some special memories.



Year 1 & 2 - Withington Walls

KS1 have been studying the graffiti artist Jean Michel Basquiat and went on a walk in our local area to see some artwork. We had a great time listening to Ed tell us about some of the stories behind the murals.



Early Years Extended Play Invite

In EYFS we invited our parents to a stay and play session to celebrate our learning this half term and to hear us sing a special song about a seed.





PTA News & Dates for Your Diary

Thank you to everyone who bought a Wonky Bar as part of our World Book Day event - We raised £636!

Next term we have several events planned.

PTA Meeting at School – Tuesday 11th June at 6.00pm – all parents welcome

Juniors School Disco on Friday 21st June at St. Paul's Church (St Paul's pupils only)

Year 3/4 18:30-19:30

Year 5/6 19:30-20:30

Tickets for £3 via school spider app. There will be a glitter stall and tuck shop available on the night for extra.

We love to raise money but we also love to spend it. In anticipation of our greenhouse project, every class now has their own propagators, seeds and gardening tools to grow plants. For national children's art week, Withington Walls will be running class workshops week beginning 25th June with a mural wall revealed at the end of the week.

Thursday 27th June – Non-uniform day in school – please bring donations of sweets, bottles or chocolates to the school office for the PTA Summer Carnival.

Our Summer Carnival will be held on Friday 5th July from 3:30-5pm. There will be food, toys, crafts, and games for everyone to enjoy! The kids will be invited to decorate an eye mask to parade around the playground, followed by our raffle draw. If anyone knows local businesses who are able to donate a prize towards our raffle then please email ptaadmin@st-pauls-pri.manchester.sch.uk or drop any prizes off at the school office. If you are having a clear out of toys, books or games over the half term break and they are still of good quality, then consider donating them to our Summer Carnival toy stall.

As always, parent helpers are needed to help plan and run these events so if you have some spare time for the PTA then do email me at ptaadmin@st-pauls-pri.manchester.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support and generosity this year.

From Rachel and the PTA team