



Update from Miss Lee...

It's hard to believe six weeks have flown by, and brighter mornings are just around the corner. This half term, we've had exciting opportunities beyond the classroom that highlight the values important to us at St Paul's. We celebrated Mental Health Week, focusing on the significance of wellbeing, and reflected on the valuable work of the NSPCC.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils' positive attitudes to learning. We are currently focussing on ensuring everyone feels calm and safe while moving around the school.

Our connections with parents continue to strengthen through our community coffee morning, the Stay and Play session for EYFS on Valentine's Day, and our open mornings on Fridays. These events are great ways to engage with the school and connect with other families.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or need assistance with your child's learning or experience at St Paul's, please feel free to reach out.

Have a wonderful holiday, Miss Lee.

Message from Miss Power...

Ms Power would like to thank parents and children for the many gifts, cards and thoughtful, kind messages she received on her retirement at Christmas. It was so appreciated.

Dates for Your Diary



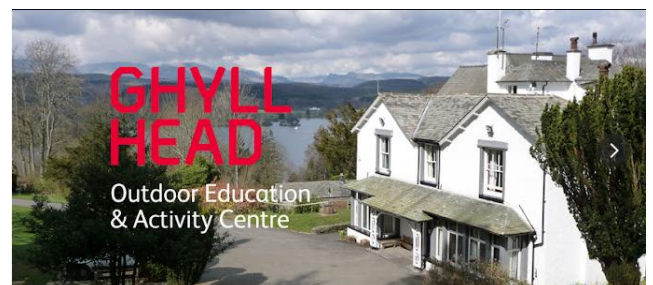
- School closes for half term on Friday 14th February and reopens on Tuesday 25th February. Monday 24th February is a teacher training day.
- Wednesday 26th February 5.30pm – SATs meeting for year 6 parents/carers.
- Wednesday 5th March 9.15am – Ash Wednesday Church service, Key Stage 2 pupils only. Parents/carers are welcome to attend
- Tuesday 18th March 9.15am - 10.15am - Year 5/6 Art Exhibition in the school hall (Parents/carers welcome)
- Parents evening – Week beginning Monday 10th March. Booking information to follow.
- School closes for Easter holidays on Friday 4th April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April. Monday 21st April is a bank holiday.
- Friday 25th April at 2.00pm – Easter Service at St Paul's Church. (Parents/carers welcome)
- Wednesday 30th April at 5.30pm – Ghyll Head meeting for current year 6 parents/carers.

Ghyll Head Trip

This year's year 6 residential trip to Ghyll Head Outdoor Education Centre in the Lake District will take place 21-23 May 2025. The trip for the following academic year, which is for the current year 5 pupils to attend when they are in year 6, will take place 20-22 May 2026.

There are still places available on both residential trips. Please see the school office for more information.

The children will spend two nights, three days away in the Lake District at the Manchester City Council Outdoor Centre; trained instructors will take groups out for various activities during each day. The course involves a wide range of outdoor physical activities some of which will include abseiling, canoeing, caving, gorge-walking and orienteering. This is a valuable opportunity for the children to experience adventurous activities in a magnificent setting. Skills such as working as part of a team and communicating will be drawn on during the days and they will keep up a reflective log of the events.



Eco Information

Just a reminder, that our eco-uniform rail is still up and running in the hanger area. Too frequently, uniforms that are in good condition can be thrown away because they no longer fit their child. However, this is wasteful and harmful to the environment as the majority of school uniforms are still in wearable condition for other children. Recycling them is an excellent way to reduce waste, help the community, save money and help the environment. With World Book Day coming up on Thursday 6th March 2025, many are thinking about which of their favourite book characters they will be dressing up as this year. We will be adding an extra eco- rail after the half term holiday for a fancy dress costume swap, offering families the opportunity to donate costumes and/or collect another costume to take home. Help us to reduce, reuse and recycle!

Rights Respecting

As part of our Rights Respecting Outright campaign 2025, the children have been discussing what it means to be a global citizen. We think that a global citizen can be defined as someone who believes in global justice and acts to make the world a safer, fairer and more sustainable place in which human rights are protected and respected. We talked about ways that the children at St Paul's protect the world such as banning micro plastics, recycling and reusing our school uniforms, Christmas jumpers etc
Over the holiday, have a discussion about what you do as a household to protect the rights of others and show you are global citizens.

St Paul's Kitchen

Try one of our popular school lunch menu items ...

Minestrone Soup - 25 portions

Vegetable Oil	30ml	Green Cabbage	500g
Onions	400g	Chopped Tomatoes	640g
Celery	90g	Garlic Powder	1 tspn
Red Lentils	300g	Mixed Herbs	2 tspn
Carrots	500g	Spaghetti	200g
Swede	500g	Water	3ltr 500ml
Potatoes	500g	Vegetable Bouillon	90g

Method

1. Prepare and finely dice all the vegetables
2. Heat the oil and soften onions without colouring
3. Add the celery, carrot, swede, potato and lentils together with the water, vegetable bouillon, herbs and garlic powder. Bring to the boil and simmer, gently stirring occasionally until the vegetables are almost cooked
4. Break the dry spaghetti into small pieces that will fit on a spoon
5. Add the chopped tomatoes, cabbage and spaghetti pieces, return to a simmer until the spaghetti is cooked
6. Additional water may be required
7. Adjust seasoning

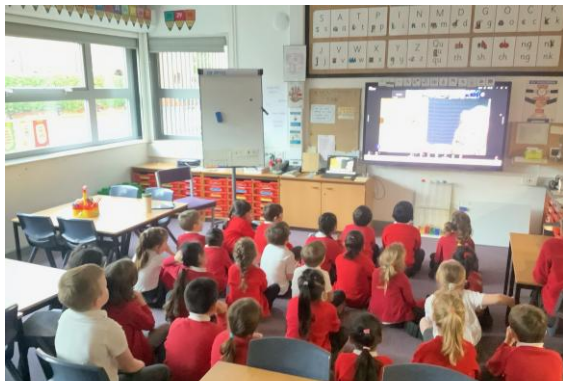
Number Day

We took in the NSPCC Number Day to raise money for the charity and to celebrate maths. Children came to school dressed up as numbers and throughout the day took part in lots of fun activities planned by their teachers. Thank you for your generous donations!

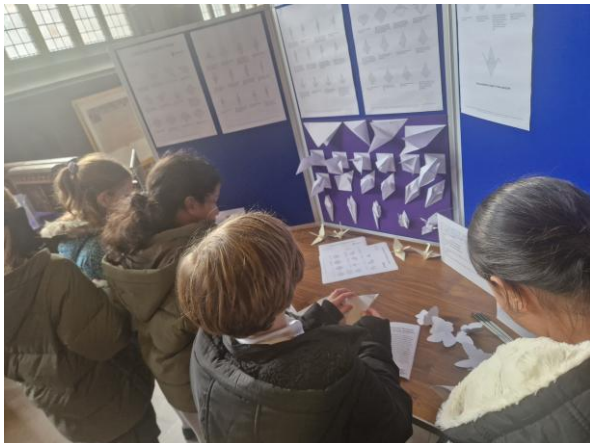


Key Stage 1 Zoom with Eileen Browne

KS1 enjoyed a special zoom from the author Eileen Browne to celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Handa's Surprise*. A big thank you to Manchester Library for organising and inviting us!



Year 6 Manchester Cathedral Visit



Year 6 children had a guest visit school to talk about his experience of family history on kindertransport. We then all created paper cranes to represent peace and filled them with words that we associated with peace. Some Year 6 pupils then visited the Manchester Cathedral on the opening of the Holocaust Memorial Exhibition, where our cranes were displayed.

Sports Tournaments

This half term we have been sending Year 5/6 on basketball competitions; we have done four in total. The kids loved it and were excellent representations of St Paul's School. Well done! There will be more opportunities for competitions in the summer term.



Early Years – Valentine's Morning



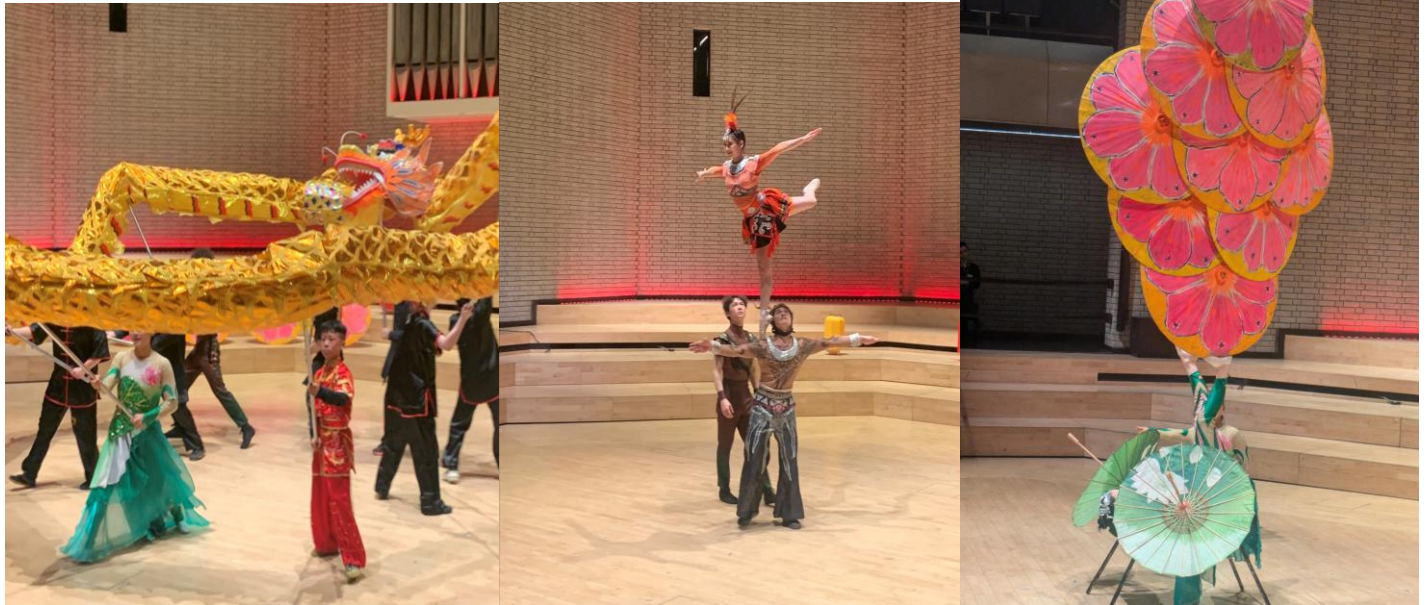
Chinese New Year

To celebrate the Chinese New Year 2025, the Year of the Snake, all the children at St. Paul's had a full day of activities planned on the theme. Early years had Chinese Dragon dance and Chinese New Year Song, Year 1 and 2 Chinese New Year taster and Folk Dance and Key Stage 2 had Calligraphy and Martial Arts workshops led by the teachers from the Confucius Institute at Manchester University. They also had various arts and crafts activities, games with their class teachers to learn about the Chinese New Year and experience the rich culture of China. Thank you to the school catering team who prepared a delicious Chinese themed school lunch menu for us to enjoy along with chopsticks and fortune cookies.



Chinese New Year Gala

As a part of our Chinese New Year celebration at St. Paul's, Year 3/4 went on a trip to RCNM on Feb 7th to watch the CNY gala brought by Jinlong Culture and Performing Arts. Our children thoroughly enjoyed their popular acts including dragon dance, Kungfu displays, Chinese acrobatics and folk dance. The children also joined in with the Kungfu learning and the Chinese New Year quiz.



Please find attached 'Family Fun Letter February 2025' and 'February Half Term Activity Pack' that contain lots of fun activities to keep you busy over the half term.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 25th February. (Monday 24th February is a Teacher Training Day and is closed to pupils).



Start Times:

EYFS & Key Stage 1 pupils start at 8.50am
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils start at 8.55am