

Newsletter

27th March 2023

Spring Term



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Easter Egg Raffle

Friends of St Pauls Cray are running an Easter Egg Raffle in your child's class NOW – children can buy 1 ticket each costing £1.00 and winners will be drawn on the last day of term.



Easter Services at St Mary's Church

We will be holding our Easter Services at St Mary's Church on Friday 31st March at the following times :

9.30am – Year R, 1 & 2

10.15am – Year 3 & 4

11am – Year 5 & 6

Parents/carers are welcome to attend these services.

If you are able to walk down to the church with your child's class, please do let the class teacher know.

PE Kit

Thank you to those parents/carers who ensure that children are in the correct PE kit; however we have noticed some children not in the correct kit so would like to remind you all again :

Compulsory P.E. Kit (boys and girls):

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trainers or plimsolls,

plain black joggers/plain black leggings or plain black shorts,

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Pringles Tubes

If you have any empty Pringles tubes or similar can you please donate them to the School as we are collecting them to make skittles for the children to use at lunchtime, you can drop them to the School Office.



Reception outside area

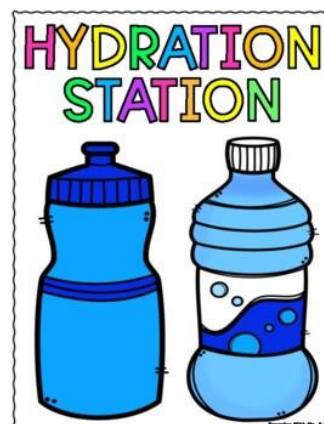
Can we please ask that parents/carers **DO NOT** let their children play with the equipment on the Reception playground when waiting for clubs to be dismissed from the hall or at the start/end of the day when dropping off and collecting children.

We have found toys and wheels moved from their places and this just creates more work for the Reception Team to tidy up.

Water Bottles in school

Just a reminder that EVERY child (except Nursery) should have a named water bottle with them in school every day, this should ONLY contain water.

We have recently had children bring in Prime bottles (with water in) but these are NOT allowed in school.



Body Positive

We would like to share the following website that may be of interest to some parents, this has advice on how to support your child to be Body Positive.

<https://bebodypositive.org.uk/>

Support for young people, parents, carers and professionals

The website covers things like:

- how to Improve eating behaviours and relationships with food
- Positive body image

Identifying concerns around body image and disordered eating



We are currently taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge - the JTA's have been to each class to speak to the children to encourage them to walk, wheel, park & ride or scoot to school!



In April we will be taking part in Brakes Beep Beep Day for the younger years. This is to help promote road safety and walking to school. Please do encourage road safety when out and about.



Nursery News

Nursery celebrated Mothers' Day with stories, drawings, heart biscuits and a song for their Mums. They made a beautiful butterfly which was created using their handprints and their Mum's. Their picture said:

I made you this,
with your hands and mine,
to tell you I love you,
all of the time.

They sang:
Thank you Mum for being you
Thank you mum for all you do
You cook and clean and wash up too
So many things you have to do
Thank you Mum for being you
I hope you know that I love you.

Thank you to Filip's Mum for making the beautiful macaroons for our Mums as well.





They are also learning about caterpillars and are watching their caterpillars change in the classroom. They are hoping to have some butterflies soon!



Nursery explored bubbles as part of science week.

Nursery are learning about farms and Spring at the moment.



Thank you also to the staff and students from St Olave's Secondary School who spent time with our children helping and teaching them how to carry out some science experiments.

Science Week

Science week was started off with a visit from 'Professor Bubbleworks' she first held a whole school assembly and then went onto every class having a session with her.

We have so many wonderful photos to share from the week but too many to share on the newsletter so these have been added to our website under 'Gallery' – please do have a look, you can see from children's faces how much they enjoyed themselves.



Year 3 News

Look at these wonderful hats and the Easter basket that the girls have made using paper. Bea designed this and they all made them together and then proudly showed us all. Well done girls - great achievement!



Year 5 News

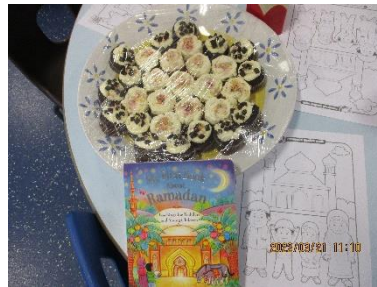


Archie has done this lovely drawing and was very proud to show Mrs Bennett.

Ramadan

Isaac's Mum brought in a lovely children's book, some cakes and colouring pictures for the children to help them to learn about Ramadan. Isaac was really proud to talk about this. Thank you to Isaac's Mum for the lovely resources she shared with the nursery.

Sonny coloured a picture for Isaac's family to say thank you.



Girls Uniform

Now Spring is here and the weather is warming up, lots of girls like to wear skirts or pink/white dresses, it is suggested that girls wear black shorts under these for their privacy, (especially when they are playing on the outside equipment).

Some parents have found that just cutting an old pair of tights or leggings to a shorter length works as shorts.

Phase Leaders

Should you have any queries or questions regarding your child in school you can speak to the class teacher or our phase leaders:

Early Years - Mrs Zegeling
KS1- Miss Bell

Lower KS2 - Mrs Jones
Upper KS2- Mrs Merredew

Family Worker

If you have concerns or worries about your child, you can contact Mrs Brindle who is our Family worker.

Call 01689 821993

PE Timetable Summer Term 1 - 2023

	9.00- 10.00	10.00- 11.30	1-1.40 HALL	1.40-2.20 KS1 PLAYGROUND	2.20-3pm KS2 PLAYGROUND FIELD
Monday			Year 6 (Cricket)		
Tuesday			Year 3 (Basketball coach)	Year 4 (Elms)	
Wednesday	Nursery Sport for Tots Hall		Year 1 /Forest School	Year 2	
Thursday				Year 5 Lacrosse	Year 4 (Rowans) (Swimming)
Friday			Reception (Gymnastic coach)		

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Children who are not in correct PE kit will be expected to change into the school's spare kit for the day.

School Attendance

At St Paul's Cray we take attendance and punctuality very seriously we have a whole school attendance target of 96%, our whole school attendance currently stands at **91.47%**

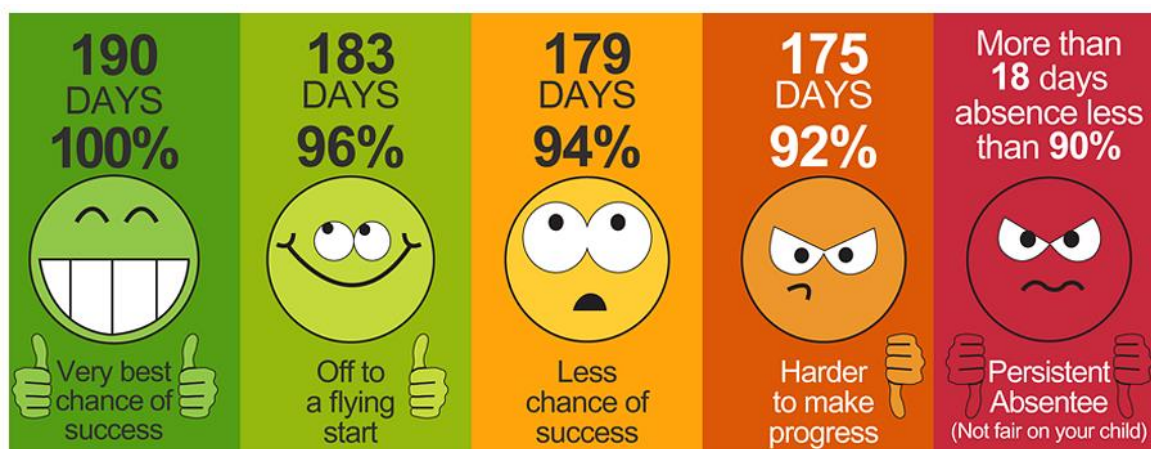
Breakdown of current class attendance for the year so far is:

CLASS	9/2	3/3	27/3						
Robins	90.41%	90.25%↓	90.26↑						
Kingfishers	90.37%	90.48%↑	90.59↑						
Puffins	93.05%	93.61%↑	93.79↑						
Maples	93.56%	93.33%↓	93.18↓						
Rowans	88.38%	88.56%↑	88.76↑						
Elms	88.88%	89.02%↑	89.35↑						
Ash	92.54%	92.73%↑	92.46↓						
Oaks	91.87%	91.86%↓	91.68↓						

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- Avoid taking any holidays during term times
- Keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (you can access attendance on the school app)
- Speak to school staff with any concerns. We have our family worker, Mrs Brindle and each Key Stage has a Phase Leader:
 - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) is Mrs Zegeling
 - KS1 (Year 1 and 2) is Miss Bell
 - LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) is Mrs Jones
 - UKS2 (Year 5 and 6) is Mrs Merredew
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is.
- **Please ensure your child is on time for school, any child arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late on the register and any after 9am will be marked as U and this is an unauthorised absence for morning registration and will affect your child's attendance percentage**

If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to report on 01689 821993. School will phone the parents of any children who are absent without reason.



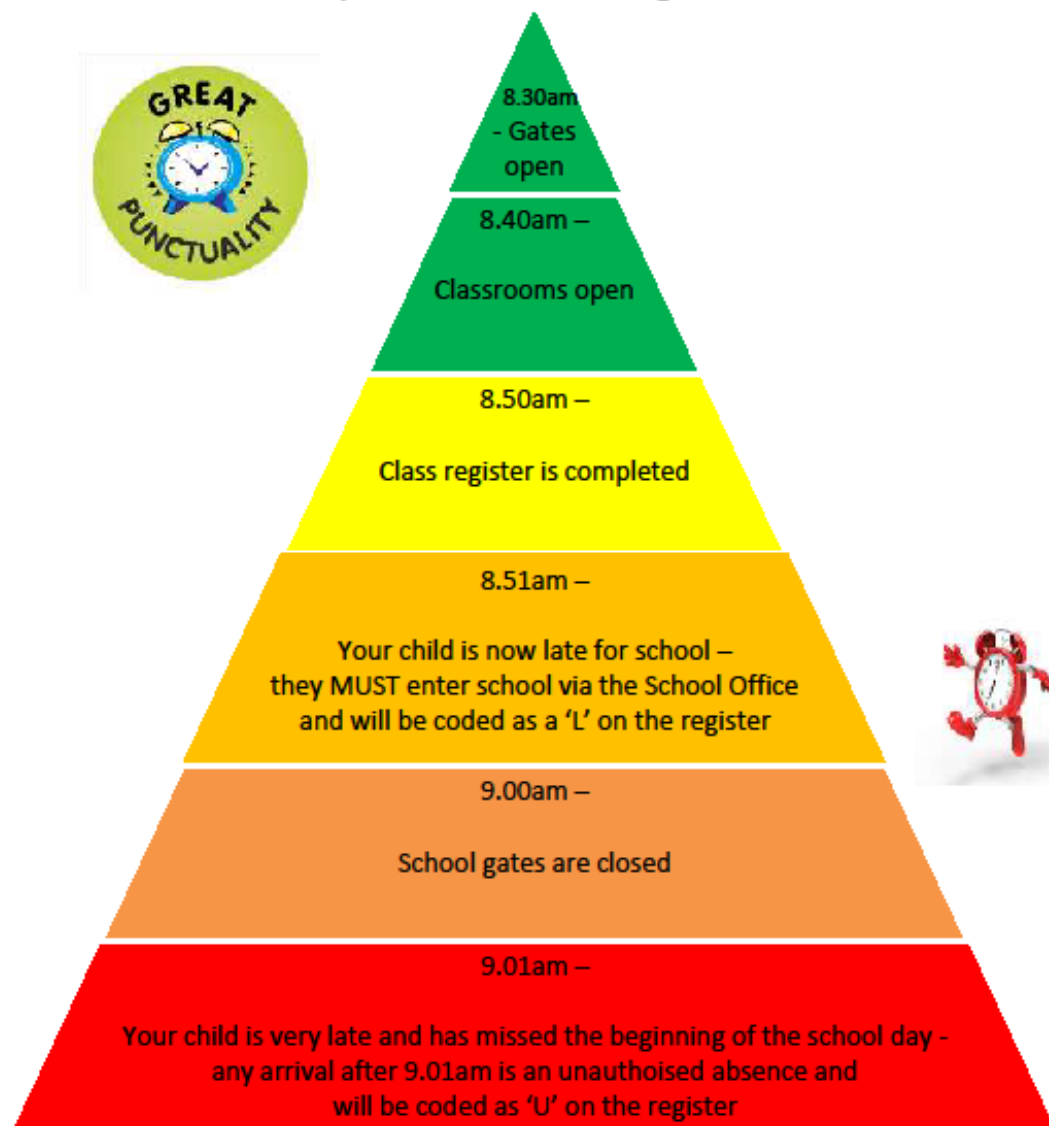
Important Events

Wednesday 29 th March	2.45pm	Year 6 parents/carers SATs and leavers arrangements meeting
Thursday 30 th March	AM	Nursery Buzz Zone - Nursery CLOSED AM only
Friday 31 st March	Services start at: 9.30am 10.15am 11am	Easter Services at St Mary's Church parents/carers welcome to attend Years R, 1 and 2 Year 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6
Friday 31 st March	11.45am 1.20pm 1.30pm	Early close 11.45 – Nursery no PM session or lunch Early close – Reception Early close – Years 1 to 6
Monday 17 th April		Return to school from Easter break
Wednesday 26 th April	All day	Beep Beep Day!
Thursday 1 st June		GRT History Month
Monday 5 th June	All day	World Environment Day
Tuesday 20 th June	All day	World Refugee Day
Thursday 29 th June	10am-12.30pm	Nursery Sports Event and picnic
Friday 30 th June		Sports Day – further details to follow
Wednesday 12 th July	All day	French Day
Friday 21 st July	11.45am 1.20pm 1.30pm	Early close 11.45 – Nursery no PM session or lunch Early close – Reception Early close – Years 1 to 6



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Every minute of learning counts!



Children find arriving at school late upsetting and disruptive, they also miss out on important learning opportunities.

Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school **every day and on time**.

Thank you

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2022 - 2023

SPRING TERM 2023

Spring 1 – Tues 3rd Jan – Thurs 9th February

Half Term – Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb

Spring 2 – Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar

SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer 1 - Mon 17th Apr – Thurs 25th May

Bank Holiday – Mon 1st May

Half Term – Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd Jun

Summer 2 – Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st Jul

STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)

Day 1 – Tues 30th Aug 2022

Day 2 – Weds 21st Dec 2022

Day 3 – Fri 10th Feb 2023

Day 4 – Fri 26th May 2023

Day 5 – to be confirmed



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM - 2023

Autumn 1 – Wed 30th Aug – Fri 13th Oct

Half Term – Mon 16th Oct – Fri 27th Oct

Autumn 2 – Mon 30th Oct – Weds 20th Dec

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring 1 – Weds 5th Jan – Thurs 8th February

Half Term – Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb

Spring 2 – Mon 19th Feb – Fri 28th Mar

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer 1 - Mon 15th Apr – Thurs 23rd May

Bank Holiday – Mon 6th May

Half Term – Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

Summer 2 – Mon 3rd June – Tues 23rd July

STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)

Day 1 – Tuesday 29 August 2023

Day 2 – Thursday 21 December 2023

Day 3 – Friday 9th February 2024

Day 4 – Friday 24th May 2024

Day 5 – Wednesday 24th July 2024

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