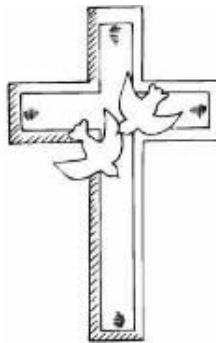
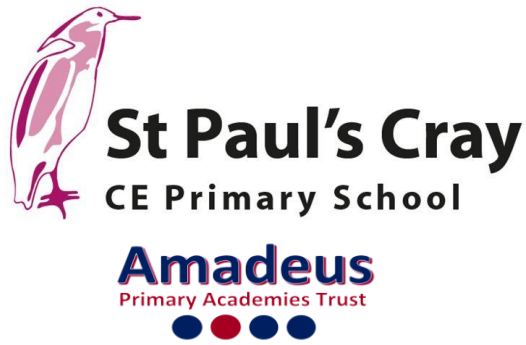


Welcome to Our School



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About Our School

Our core values are Honesty, Excellence, Appreciation, Respect and Teamwork and were chosen to sum up the expectations we have of all those working as part of a Christian community and as values which will contribute to our aim to send positive, determined and brave young people on to their next stage of education after St Paul's Cray.

We articulate our vision and core values through the words of Micah 6 – 8:
“What does the Lord require of me? To act justly, to love kindly, to walk humbly
(with your God)”

These phrases are used in various aspects of school life to remind and underline our Christian approach.

St Paul's Cray CE Primary School is a Voluntary Controlled Church of England Primary School for pupils aged 4 to 11. The children enjoy a stimulating environment with a wealth of resources. We also have a maintained nursery within a purpose built early years setting for children aged 2 to 4. Within our large beautifully kept school grounds, we have forest school provision, a wildlife area, and allotments.

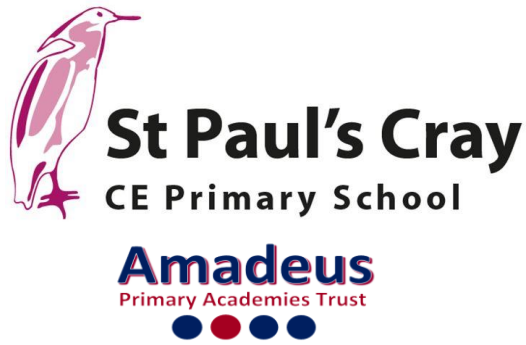
Curriculum

At St Paul's Cray CE Primary School, we want our children to embrace learning by providing a fun, creative and challenging curriculum using our school environment both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our school website has termly information about the curriculum for each year group. Visit www.st-paulscray.bromley.sch.uk

We are proud to offer an engaging curriculum, ensuring that children are highly motivated to learn and are equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding to move on to the next stage in their education.

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Background

The earliest recorded entry in the school log book was February 1875. At that time the school was located on Main Road, St Paul's Cray. The school was then a national school coming under school inspection. However it is thought that the school, founded by the church, goes back earlier than this. It is marked on a map of the village in 1860 and mentioned in archives in 1850. It became an infant school in 1947. Then in September 1982 the school moved to its present premises (which had previously been a secondary school) and became a primary school.

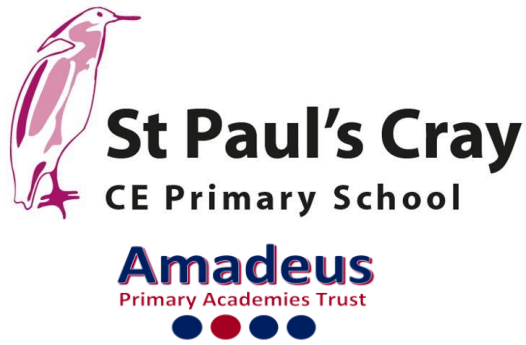
The school is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School, within the diocese of Rochester. This means that there are Foundation Governors who are practising members of the church. The rules of government are made by the local authority (Bromley) which is responsible for maintaining the school building.

The religious education in the school is taught in accordance with the Bromley agreed syllabus. Children attend collective worship each day. Parents have the right under the education act to withdraw their children from religious education and collective acts of worship.

The school values its close connection to the Church and throughout the year special services take place at St Mary's Church.

In April 2018, St Paul's Cray became a member of Amadeus Primary Academies Trust.

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Aims and Values

As a church school we are proud of our distinctive Christian characteristics. We recognise that God is at the heart of the school. We have a set of values which are reflective in every aspect of our school. In addition, Collective Worship has a high priority in the school's daily life and pupils understand how these values will help them develop. The school is a place in which pupils and staff are cared for and where they learn to care for one other. Our school values are:

- Thankfulness
- Friendship
- Trust
- Forgiveness
- Compassion
- Hope

Every member of staff and our governors are all striving to create an atmosphere where pupils thrive and succeed and are prepared for the next steps in their educational life.

In order to achieve this we provide a Christian setting in which:

- Home and school work together to maintain high standards of behaviour and learning.
- Our children work within a school built on self-respect and cultural tolerance.
- There is a caring, thoughtful and safe community in which our children feel confident and valued.
- Our children develop the skills that will support their lifelong learning.

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Attendance and Punctuality

The staff and governors at St Paul's Cray CE Primary regard good attendance and punctuality as high priority. We are committed to a whole school approach to attendance and punctuality. Our aim is to ensure our school works in partnership with parents and the local authority to support and promote good attendance and punctuality. We aim for whole school attendance to be above 95% for the year.

In order to achieve these aims the school will:

- Offer a safe and supportive environment, which welcomes children regardless of race, gender or ability.
- Establish clear and effective procedures for administration.
- Foster a climate where the school community, teachers, parents/carers, governors and pupils value attendance and punctuality.
- Comply with legal requirements.
- Ensure any child presenting poor levels of attendance and punctuality are noted, monitored and appropriate action taken.
- Have systems in place offering rewards and incentives for regular attendance and punctuality. These include Attendance Lottery, attendance prizes and weekly class reward of wearing their own clothes.
- Keep parents/carers informed about their child's attendance through established procedures.

The school expects its pupils to:

- To attend regularly and on time.
- To be prepared adequately for the school day.
- To comply with the school policies and procedures.

The school expects its parents/carers:

- To encourage their children to attend school every day, on time.
- To contact the school on the first day of absence.
- To arrange holidays and medical appointments outside school hours.
- To regularly update emergency contact details.

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Organisation and Safety

In our Nursery we have up to 52 places for 15 hours which are allocated in either the morning session, afternoon session or flexibly. Additional hours may be purchased at a cost of £13 per session (3-4 year olds). We admit pupils in the term after their third birthday. We charge £2 for lunchtime supervision if parents wish their child to do a full day. We have a limited number of spaces for 2 year olds and these sessions cost £15 each.

The school is divided into three stages.

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2-5 year olds
- Key Stage 1 (KS1) 5-7 year olds (Years 1 and 2)
- Key Stage 2 (KS2) 7-11 year olds (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Nursery Hours

Morning session 8.45-11.45am

Afternoon session 12.15-3.15pm

Full Day 8.45am-3.15pm

Start of the Day (Reception)

Children start school at 8.45am

KS1 and KS2

Children enjoy a staggered start to the day. They can come into class between 8.40am – 8.50am, this, we find, helps them settle into the school day.

End of the Day (EYFS)

Children finish at 3.15pm. Parents should collect children from the classroom door.

KS1 and KS2

Children finish at 3.20pm. Parents should collect children from the playgrounds.

Security

We place a high priority on safety and security and so the school has been fitted with CCTV which monitors the outside of the building. All doors are locked between 9am-3.20pm and each entrance is equipped with an entry phone. School gates are closed at 9.15am-3.00pm

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Early Years

At St Paul's Cray CE Primary School, our Early Years provision is situated in a purpose built Early Years building. The Nursery offers the statutory entitlement for hours as well as the opportunity to top up hours on a regular basis. The Reception Classes and Nursery curriculum deliver 7 areas of learning based around the government Early Years outcomes:

- Communication and language (listening, understanding and speaking)
- Physical development (moving and handling and self-care)
- Personal, social and emotional development (relationships, feelings and confidence)
- Literacy (reading and writing)
- Mathematics (number and shape)
- Understanding the world (investigating, other cultures and technology)
- Expressive arts and design (art, imaginary play and music)

Staff plan closely together taking into account the characteristics of learning they have observed (how your child learns) and how best we can support them to achieve their full potential.

The Early Years team comprises of qualified teachers in all three classes and assistants qualified at level 3 or above in childcare.

Outdoor learning is an important aspect of our Early Years delivery and both Reception and Nursery have purpose built outdoor areas which are planned for in all areas of learning. Learning is challenging and fun.

All staff make observations and assessments and parents are invited to look at these in their children's learning journeys. Parents are encouraged to be as involved in their children's early education as possible and regular meetings are held to support parents in helping their child to achieve and to be the best that they can be.

There is a stay and play session for parents with young children to attend (Tuesdays 2-3pm in the Nursery). This supports transition into school and/or Nursery and is free to attend.

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Church School Activities

Throughout the school year, children visit our local parish church St Mary's for celebratory services. These include Christmas and Easter. Our local vicar regularly visits us here at school for Collective Worship, Communion and Harvest Festival services. The school commemorates national anniversaries such as Remembrance and VE day.

We belong to a partnership of other church schools and take part in a number of regular activities as the children move through the school. These include an RE day at Bishop Justus when Year 5 children from partnership schools are invited to take part in a range of RE activities such as debating based around a Christian theme.

In Year 6, pupils take part in a partnership church school festival day with pupils from other church schools. This is again based on a Christian theme. We have strong links within the partnership and some of our children move onto Bishop Justus Church of England Secondary School when they leave here.



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Homework

Homework is an important aspect of children's learning and it helps to support and secure children's understanding. Parents play an important role in this and we encourage them to become involved in supporting homework.

Homework is usually given out on a Friday and the children have until the following Thursday to complete it. There are special homework books that the children use for spellings, and maths work involving tables and mental strategies. Children from Y1 upwards have weekly spelling and tables tests which are done in homework book so parents can monitor how well the children are doing.

We tell parents how well the children are doing with homework in the termly reports.



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Activities and Clubs

At St Paul's Cray CE Primary School, we offer a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities. These are after school. Some of the clubs are sports related, for example – football, cricket and multi-sports. There are a variety of other clubs offered such as cup stacking, reading, colouring and computing.

We encourage our children to take part in inter-sport competitions, these have included cross country at Crystal Palace, athletics at Norman Park and tri-golf at Chelsfield Lakes.

We support our children in learning how to swim in year 3 and provide extra top-up swimming sessions in Year 6 if they have struggled to reach the expected standard by then.

Forest School is an outdoor learning provision much enjoyed by all the children over a 2-3 year cycle. Our younger children in the Early Years attend Forest School on a more regular basis. Forest School teaches our children how to work cooperatively and imaginatively together in the outdoors. They learn about the wonder of the natural world and develop many skills through this creative and inspiring learning provision.

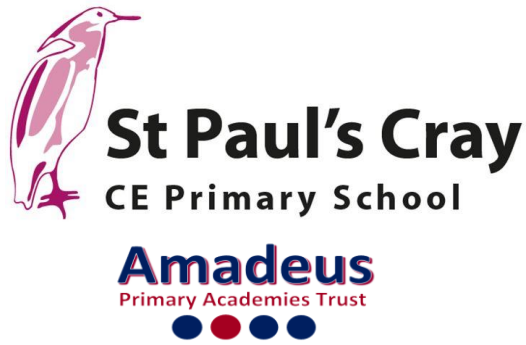
Breakfast Club

Children are welcomed into the school hall for Breakfast Club. We provide two different start times.

The early Breakfast Club where the children can relax and play before their breakfast. Early Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am (£3 per day) until the start of the school day.

There is a later Breakfast Club start time at 8:15am. The cost of this later start is £1.50 per day. Children are offered a wide range of breakfast foods prepared on site by our own cook. Children can choose scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, beans, orange juice or cereal and toast.

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Twixus Childcare (After School Club)

Twixus Childcare, based in Sandy Lane, St Paul's Cray, run our after school care, they collect the children from school at the end of the day and transport the children by minibus to their setting. There are lots of activities on offer for the children to do when at the setting and they are cared for by kind and friendly staff,

Costs: £15.00 from after school collection until 6.30pm.

Pupils with Additional Needs

St Paul's Cray CE Primary School is an inclusive school offer a range of provision to support children with communication and interaction, cognition and learning difficulties, social, mental and emotional health problems or sensory or physical needs.

The range of support deployed will be tailored to individual need following thorough assessment by internal or external agencies. It is designed to promote pupils working towards becoming independent and resilient learners.

Class teachers adapt and refine the curriculum to respond to strengths and needs of all pupils. Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivery of any additional support.

The schools Inclusion Manager is responsible for:

- Coordinating provision for children with AEN (Additional Educational Needs) and developing the school's SEN policy
- Ensuring that parents are:
 - Involved in supporting their child's learning and access
 - Kept informed about the range and level of support offered to their child
 - Included in reviewing how their child is doing

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- Consulted about planning successful movement (transition) to a new class or school
- Liaising with a range of agencies outside of school who can offer advice and support to help pupils overcome any difficulties
- Providing specialist advice and facilitating training to ensure that all staff are skilled and confident about meeting a range of needs.

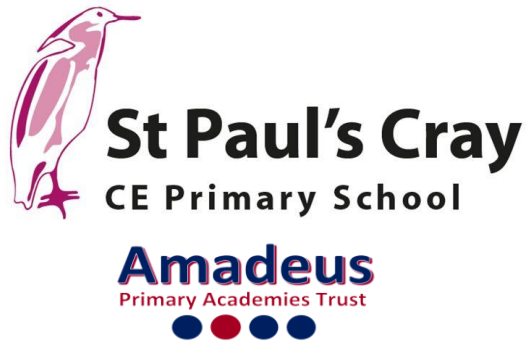
Behaviour

St Paul's Cray CE Primary has a central role in the children's social and moral development just as it does in their academic development. We measure academic achievement in terms of progress and development and we measure standards of behaviour in terms of the children's developing ability to achieve our behavioural goals. Children bring to school a wide variety of behaviour patterns based on different home values, attitudes and parenting skills. At school we must work towards standards of behaviour based on the basic principles of honesty, respect, consideration and responsibility. It follows that acceptable standards of behaviour are those which reflect these principles.

The aims of the school are:

- To create an environment that encourages and reinforces good behaviour.
- To define acceptable standards of behaviour.
- To encourage consistency of response to both positive and negative behaviour.
- To promote self-esteem, self-discipline and positive relationships.
- To ensure that the school's expectations and strategies are widely known and understood.
- To encourage the involvement of both home and school in the implementation of this policy.

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School Uniform

At St Paul's Cray we pride ourselves on our school uniform and on looking smart. It also reflects the high standards we place on all aspects of school life. Please see below the list of the uniform that our pupils are expected to wear.

Uniform for Boys:

Burgundy Sweatshirt with School Logo
White Polo Shirt or Collared Shirt
Grey Trousers (burgundy joggers are available for Early years only)
Sturdy Black Shoes (No Trainers)
Grey Shorts (Summer)
School Fleeces (optional) to be worn outside only.

Uniform for Girls:

Burgundy Sweatshirt or Cardigan with School Logo
Grey Tunic or Skirt (burgundy joggers are available for Early years only)
White / Grey Socks or Tights
Sturdy Black Shoes (No Trainers)
Hair accessories should be burgundy or black and not too elaborate.
Pink /White Summer Dresses
School Fleeces (optional) to be worn outside only.

P.E. Kit (boys and girls):

Black shorts or joggers / Plain white t-shirt / Black Hoody or School Jumper/
Black plimsolls

Swimming:

Girls - costume (1 piece)
Boy's trunks (not below the knee) for safety reasons
Swimming hat
Goggles (optional)
(Please contact Mrs Brindle via the school office should you have difficulty obtaining any of the uniform. All enquiries will be dealt with in strictest confidence).

School uniform is available from Graduates Schoolwear in Orpington High Street

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