

# Newsletter

25th May 2023

Spring Term



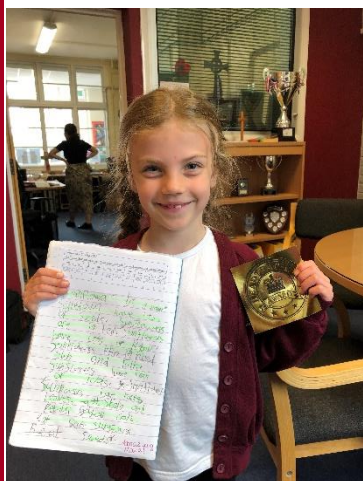
St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

## Principal Awards

Well done to Dua from year 5, Maya from year 1 doing great work – Mrs Bennett was very impressed!



## Family Worker

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

Call 01689 821993

## Own clothes – sensible choices

We love to hold own clothes days for the children, whether this be for a celebration or weekly attendance prize but we must remind parents/carers that children should wear shoes and clothing suitable for a school environment, please no crop tops, flip flops or sandals

Thank you for your co-operation.



## PE Kit

Please remember that ALL children should be in the correct PE kit on their PE days, this should consist of white t-shirt, black joggers or leggings, school jumper or black hoody along with BLACK trainers or plimsolls.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Parking

We have recently had complaints from our neighbours concerning parents parking badly, blocking driveways or private parking spaces/car parks. Can we please remind parents/carers to park correctly and be polite to our neighbours.

Please also DO NOT park

- on the yellow zig zag lines,
- on the roundabout
- in front of the school entrance gates – this could block emergency services getting through if needed.
- Over driveways
- In private car parks



## 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

## Nursery

Nursery have been building with the cupstackers. They learned about numbers within 4 and they took great care build a tall tower together..



Nursery used loose parts to create robots after reading 'Nobot Robot'.



## Robins

Robins Class enjoyed a visit to the Reading Room ... thanks to Mrs Tooke who had arranged a sunny spot to enjoy reading for pleasure. The children enjoyed sharing, looking and reading a variety of books.



## Kingfishers

Well done to Luna for her lovely piece of work this week.



Year 1 have had so much fun in forest school this half term.

We have made bug hotels, explored different habitats and counted numerous creepy crawlies. We even spotted a stag beetle larve which is just growing and growing! We have been true nature explorers!

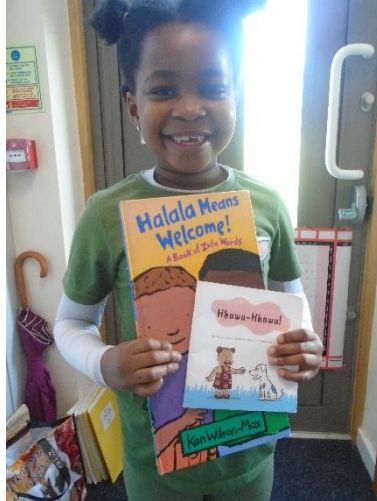


## Puffins

Well done to Year 2 Puffins for their hard work in SAT's week last week.

## Maples

Grace shared a Zulu language picture dictionary book from home. Some Year 6 were interested in how the words were pronounced and Grace is going to teach us – well done Grace!



## Elms & Rowans

Year 4 have enjoyed music and art & craft activities.







## Ash & Oaks

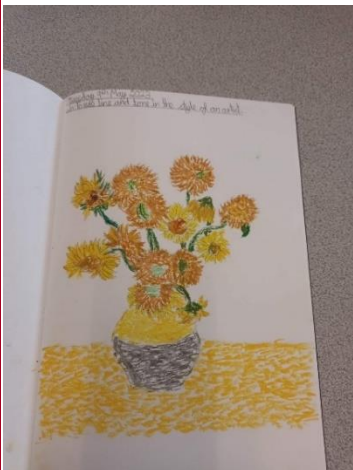
Well done to Ash and Oaks for their work on French and Music day yesterday – the link to the work they completed is below:

<https://diid.co/stpc>

## Oaks

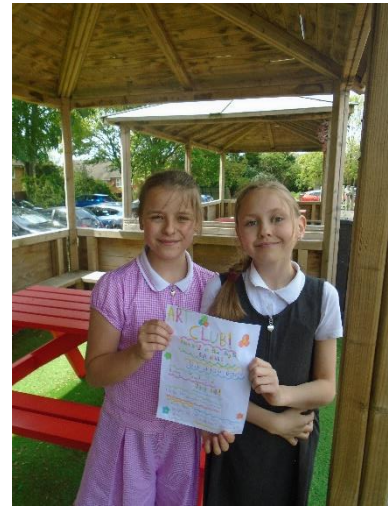
Well done to all of Year 6 for completing your SATs last week. You worked incredibly hard and showed excellent resilience. All the staff are proud of each and every one of you.

Year 6 have been looking at the artist Van Gogh this half term and have recreated his famous Sunflowers painting. Some children have also used oil pastels to draw the flowers used in the Coronation in the style of Van Gogh.



## Lunchtime Club Competition Winners

We had a lot of entries for the poster competition which made judging very difficult !.However, we have managed to reach a result . Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry and very well done to the following children who won - Katie and Gabriella (Yr5) ; Sophie G (Yr1), Esmae (Yr4 ) and Mia (Yr5). Their posters will go on display within the school.



## Year 6 Leavers fundraising fete

Year 6 parents/carers will be holding a fete on to raise funds for their year 6 leavers Prom, this will be on:

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

12 – 3pm

at St Mary's Church.

Stalls available will be:

- Raffle
- Gel Nails
- Bracelets
- Lucky Dip
- Tombola
- Guess the Envelope
- Cake sale

Please come along and support our Year 6 children and parents with their fundraising.



## Year 5 and 6 French and Music Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Oak and Ash classes spent a day with Mr. Nathan Timothy, a professional singer/songwriter. They were tasked with the challenge of writing a song by the end of the day, which was to be mainly in French, with a little bit of English thrown in as well! During the course of the day, in small groups, they wrote lyrics, composed melodies, made choices about musical sounds, and did a mixture of singing and

rapping. They also each designed their own CD covers. The result is a song which is entirely unique to them and to St Paul's Cray CE School.

Once Mr. Timothy has finished mixing the song to perfection, Mrs Taylor will receive a CD with 2 mixes of our song – a full singing version, and also an instrumental version for live use.

It will soon be available to download from the website:

[www.songwritingcharity.org](http://www.songwritingcharity.org)

and also from Spotify! The children will also receive access to an app, which will have a link to our song, together with the lyrics and their artwork for the CD covers.

The children have all contributed to a fantastic day, and we are very proud of the work that they have produced.

Merci beaucoup to all of the children and to the other staff who have helped us throughout the day!

Mrs Taylor



## Hayfever

If your child requires Hayfever Medication please make sure you give this to them at home before school.



## Healthy Start

**Get help to buy food and milk - (Healthy Start)**

If you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4 years old, you could get help to buy milk, fruit and vegetables.

<https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/apply-for-healthy-start/>



## Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with them at all times.



## Sun Cream and hats

As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child has a hat with them and apply sun cream to them in the morning before school.



## ChatGPT

What do I need to know about ChatGPT? A guide for parents and carers:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-chatgpt-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

## Omegle Guidance – Internet Matters

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Omegle : On first glance the site is a simple internet chatroom, reminiscent of platforms from the internet's early years. It has no registration or account system. Being designed with the originally innocent objective of getting strangers to talk to each other, this allows under-18s to easily use the platform, without needing parental assistance, money or even an email address. This already creates a dangerous situation to young pupils, but its insistence on users needing a webcam to chat puts anyone underage in an extremely vulnerable place. To find out more about Omegle and the risks it poses, please follow the links below:

Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-omegle-key-things-parents-and-carers-need-to-know/>

## BYMT – Les Miserable Auditions

We would like to advertise the fantastic opportunity to take part in BYMT's next Musical Theatre production. It is going to be Les Miserable.

Shows are always with live orchestra/band (30 strong orchestra on this occasion), professional lights and sound, staging, costumes, choreographer, music director and of course a director.

If people sign up using the link below, they are only signing up for the auditions. They would only be charged if they then actually take part from September.

All the details are on the site, following this link: <https://ukbromley.speedadmindk.com/registration#/course/164/0/0/162>

## Friends of St Pauls Cray



De-clutter your wardrobe and bring all your unwanted clothes to school for collection: the more you collect the more your school will get! Collection bin is the car park

**They can take:**

**Women's, men's and children's clothing**

**Paired shoes and trainers**

**Handbags, belts, hats and accessories**

**Bed linen, towels and soft toys**

**They cannot take :**

**Duvets**

**Cushions**

**Off Cuts**

**Used underwear or socks**

**Carpets or curtains**

## PE Timetable Summer Term 2 - 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
<b>Monday</b>			Year 5 (Cricket)		
<b>Tuesday</b>			Year 4 (Basketball coach)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nursery Sport for Tots Hall		Year 1	Year 1/2 Forest School	
<b>Thursday</b>				Year 6 (Lacrosse)	Year 4 (Swimming)
<b>Friday</b>			Year 3 (Gymnastic coach)	Reception Forest School	

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

Children are to wear PE kit on their PE days all day. This should consist of:

**Black trainers or black plimsolls,**

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

plain white t-shirt,

plain black hoodie or school jumper

**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 **91.71%**

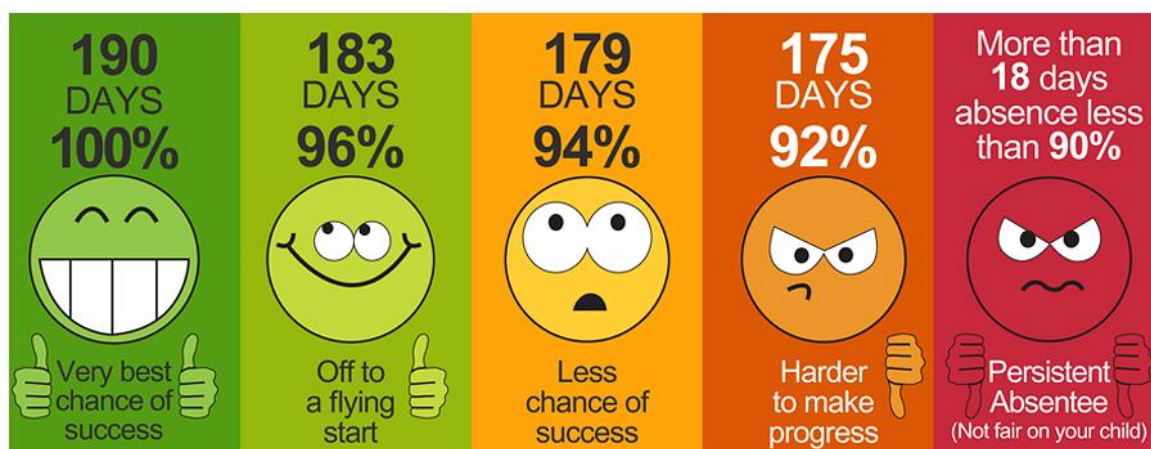
Breakdown of current class attendance for the year so far is:

CLASS	9/2	3/3	27/3	4/5	25/5				
Robins	90.41%	90.25%↓	90.26↑	90.63%↑	92.36↑				
Kingfishers	90.37%	90.48%↑	90.59↑	90.30%↓	90.56↑				
Puffins	93.05%	93.61%↑	93.79↑	93.68%↓	93.51↓				
Maples	93.56%	93.33%↓	93.18↓	93.35%↑	93.88↑				
Rowans	88.38%	88.56%↑	88.76↑	89.24%↓	88.36↑				
Elms	88.88%	89.02%↑	89.35↑	89.80%↑	89.00↓				
Ash	92.54%	92.73%↑	92.46↓	92.64%↑	92.31↓				
Oaks	91.87%	91.86%↓	91.68↓	92.02%↑	91.69↓				

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

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	<b>Inset Day – School Closed</b> World Environment Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Nursery trip to Swanley Park – Nursery closed all day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	World Refugee Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	All Day	Year 6 Rochester Cathedral celebration
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	All day	Reception trip to Hastings aquarium and beach
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 5 Church Schools Festival
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10am-12.30pm	Nursery Sports Event and picnic
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day – further details to follow
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Representation from Bromley to discuss Secondary Transfer with Year 5 parents/carers
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	French Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>11.45am</b> <b>1.20pm</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	Early close 11.45 – Nursery no PM session or lunch Early close – Reception Early close – Years 1 to 6

## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

**2022 - 2023**

### **SUMMER TERM 2023**

Summer 1 - Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank Holiday – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Bank Holiday – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half Term – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun**

Summer 2 – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jun – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023