

Newsletter

21st June 2023



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Principal Awards

Well done to Ariya and Sammy-Jay for their hard work shown to Mrs Bennett recently.



Family Worker

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

Call 01689 821993

Gypsy Roma Traveller Month

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM).

With celebration, education and efforts to raise awareness of the histories and experiences of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people, GRTHM helps to tackle prejudice, challenge myths and to amplify the voices of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people.

There are many different people and groups who fit under the umbrella term 'Gypsies, Roma and Travellers' used in society. This can include Roma people, Romany Gypsies, Irish Travellers, Scottish Gypsy Travellers, New Travellers, Liveaboard Boaters and Travelling Showpeople.

As part of this celebration, Year 6 will be working alongside specialist Art teachers and students from Harris Academy Orpington to create a collaborative piece of work which can be displayed at both schools.



What is Bullying?



Bullying is used very loosely in schools and within everyday life. Bullying is not simply when people fall out, have a disagreement or annoy each other. Bullying is much more than that.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as: **The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'.**

It is the word **repetitive** which is important to note - bullying is not an isolated incident. We need to make sure we are all using this term appropriately and that includes educating our children with regards to what does and doesn't constitute bullying.

It is worth watching the short clips on the ABA website. The website also looks at baiting and banter and where to draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable language.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/what-bullying>

We do not tolerate bullying in St Paul's Cray in any form.

Litter on playground

We have noticed a lot of litter building up on the playground. If your child has a snack before school, after school or at break time can you please remind the children that the wrappings from this should be placed in the bins provided and not just dropped on the floor. 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.

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 learning about breakfast this week. They had a breakfast bar in the classroom where children had to use good manners and full sentences to choose what they would like. They had cereal, raisins and toast. They spread their own butter and jam and poured their milk.

They listened to the stories 'Dave's breakfast blast off!' which they thought was very funny!



Nursery harvested their potatoes. They designed chef hats and made potato salad. It was delicious! They then enjoyed the story 'The enormous potato'.



Nursery had a visit from Annabelle's kittens. They loved stroking them and feeding them treats.



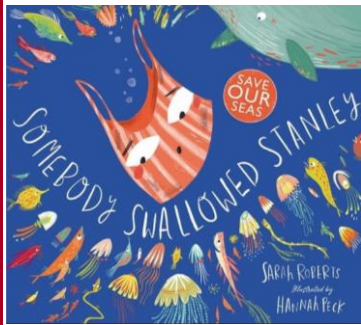
Nursery enjoyed their trip to Swanley park and had 3 train rides around the park!



Robins

Environment Day

Robins Class read the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley.' It showed us how a carrier bag could harm creatures in the sea. We then used carrier bags to paint with!



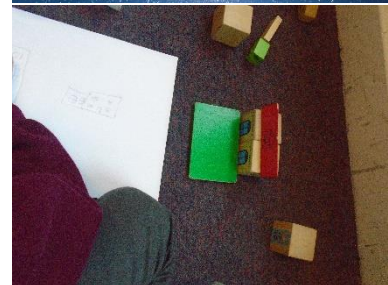
Kingfishers and Fledglings

Fledglings have been working hard using non-standard units of measure. We have had fun measuring a range of objects and comparing them.



Maples

Year 3 have been busy working on the skill of drawing a sketch map in Geography.



Reading for pleasure

The school continues to have reading as it's central focus and with the lovely weather, children are enjoying reading for pleasure and sharing books with their friends throughout the day. Here are some pictures from Miss Tooke's lunchtime Reading area.

If your child would like a book recommended to them, ask them to go and visit Mrs Tooke at lunch time.



Summer Reading Challenge

To celebrate your children's reading achievements this academic year in school, and the launch of our new house colour teams, we will be running a summer reading challenge over the next four weeks, starting Monday 19th June and ending Friday 14th July 2023.

Pupils will gain 5 house points every week day that they read. Bonus points will be awarded for weekend reading. The challenge sheet (see reverse) needs to be signed **by an adult** each time a child reads as **points will be counted daily**. At the end of the week, the house colour team in EYFS/KS1 and in KS2 will be announced and anyone in that team will receive an extra playtime with an ice pole lolly. In addition, pupils who have read for more than three times in that week, and who are in the winning house colour team, will be put forward for a weekly voucher prize.



NHS Message

Important message for Parents:

The best way to keep your child safe and protect them from severe illness from polio, measles, mumps, rubella and other childhood diseases is to keep them up to date with their routine vaccinations.

In London vaccination rates have been falling, with one in four London children now behind on their routine vaccinations. There has also been a concerning [rise in measles cases in London](#) this year. This means children are at risk of becoming seriously unwell and why it is important to ensure their children are up to date with their childhood vaccinations.

The current campaign is focusing on under-vaccinated children aged 1 to 11 years who are least protected and at the highest risk of becoming seriously unwell with preventable disease such as polio and measles. Some schools have been contacted by the School Age Immunisation Service to run clinics after school, and there will also be additional community-based clinics during the school holidays.

Parents whose children are not up to date with their routine immunisations, are advised to call their GP to make an appointment or arrange an appointment at a community clinic by calling 020 8487 1730 (08.30-4.30 Monday to Friday) or email hrrch.immunisationcallcentre@nhs.net

For more information visit: [Polio and MMR vaccination - Transformation Partners in Health and Care Oxford University Vaccines Knowledge Project](#) [[## Preventing Accidents with Children:](http://Vaccinations%20-%20NHS%20(www.nhs.uk)]Vaccinations - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</p></div><div data-bbox=)

The National Fostering Group has published a page on their website, aimed at informing adults on the top causes of childhood accidents. The information there is an excellent start point, for educating children on household dangers and how to avoid them.

https://www.nfa.co.uk/story/story_category/10-common-childhood-accidents-and-how-to-avoid-them-in-your-home/

Hayfever

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

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.



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
Monday			Year 5 (Cricket)		
Tuesday			Year 4 (Basketball coach)		
Wednesday	Nursery Sport for Tots Hall		Year 1	Year 1/2 Forest School	
Thursday				Year 6 (Lacrosse)	Year 4 (Swimming)
Friday			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 t-shirt in your child's house colour,
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 **92.07%**

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

CLASS	9/2	3/3	27/3	4/5	25/5	21/6			
Robins	90.41%	90.25%↓	90.26↑	90.63%↑	92.36↑	91.00↓			
Kingfishers	90.37%	90.48%↑	90.59↑	90.30%↓	90.56↑	90.77↑			
Puffins	93.05%	93.61%↑	93.79↑	93.68%↓	93.51↓	94.07↑			
Maples	93.56%	93.33%↓	93.18↓	93.35%↑	93.88↑	93.56↓			
Rowans	88.38%	88.56%↑	88.76↑	89.24%↓	88.36↑	90.27↑			
Elms	88.88%	89.02%↑	89.35↑	89.80%↑	89.00↓	90.42↑			
Ash	92.54%	92.73%↑	92.46↓	92.64%↑	92.31↓	93.07↑			
Oaks	91.87%	91.86%↓	91.68↓	92.02%↑	91.69↓	92.12↑			

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

Friday 23 rd June	All Day	Year 6 Rochester Cathedral celebration
Friday 23 rd June	All day	Reception trip to Hastings aquarium and beach
Wednesday 28 th June	All day	Year 5 Church Schools Festival
Thursday 29 th June	10am-12.30pm	Nursery Sports Event and picnic
Thursday 29 th June	All day	Year 6 at Harris Academy Orpington for GRT History Month
Friday 30 th June		Sports Day – further details to follow
Tuesday 4 th July	9am	Representation from Bromley to discuss Secondary Transfer with Year 5 parents/carers
Wednesday 12 th July	All day	French Day
Wednesday 19 th July	AM	Year 3 outing to Crofton Roman Villas
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

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES - 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023:

Tuesday 29 th August	<u>Staff Training Day</u>
Wednesday 30 th August	<u>Staff Training Day</u>
Thursday 31 st August	Pupils return

Half Term – Monday 16th to Friday 27th October

Monday 30 th October	Pupils return
Tuesday 19 th December	<u>End of term – 1.30pm</u>

SPRING TERM 2024:

Wednesday 3 rd January	Pupils return
Friday 9 th February	<u>Staff Training Day</u>

Half Term – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Monday 19 th February	Pupils return
Thursday 28 th March	<u>End of term – 1.30pm</u>

SUMMER TERM 2024:

Monday 15 th April	Pupils return
Monday 6 th May	<u>Bank Holiday “May Day”</u>
Friday 24 th May	<u>Staff Training Day</u>

Half Term – Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Monday 3 rd June	Pupils return
Tuesday 23 rd July	<u>End of term – 1.30pm</u>
Wednesday 24 th July	<u>Staff Training Day</u>