



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus." (I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Spring Term 1, Week 1

21st April 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Confidence / Determination

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and built lots of happy family memories! The children came back to school with a brilliant manner and right from day 1 were ready to shine and try their best! It was great to see them all and hear about their Easter adventures!

I hope you all received the paper copy of the key dates for this half term that was sent home on Tuesday so that you know what is coming up. As always, it will be a very busy term as there are some big national events going on for some of our children so I am sure you will all join me in wishing them good luck!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Miss Hayes

HCPT Group 74



During the Easter holidays Joel, Grace and I joined HCPT Group 74 for a fantastic pilgrimage to Lourdes in the south of France. We spent time at the shrine to Our Lady, joining in Masses with over 4000 people singing lots of joyful songs and ended with a fabulous trip to the beach!

Joel said his favourite part was making new friends and scoring goals at football.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance overall was 93.37%, and attendance so far 93.71% (Sept - Mar)

Attending school on time and every day is such an important part of your child's learning process.

This week's class attendance:

KS1 - Nursery:	92%	Reception:	92%	Year 1:	88%	Year 2:	95%
KS2 - Year 3:	90%	Year 4:	94%	Year 5:	93%	Year 6:	95%

The winners of KS1 and KS2 were Year 2 and Year 6 who will receive extra playtime next week for their attendance last week.



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Year 3

Year 3 has had a fabulous start to the new term. They were really enthusiastic about Ancient Egypt, looking for facts and were astonished to learn that in those days, children from 12 were working full time! They were equally intrigued by the beliefs about the after life and how pharaohs were buried with lots of belongings for the after life.



Year 4

In **Science** this week, we learnt about the characteristics of living things! We used the MRS GREN rap song to help us remember!

Characteristics of living things

Movement
Respiration
Sensitivity

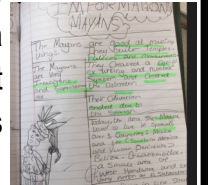
Growth
Reproduction
Excretion
Nutrition

MRS GREN



In **P.E.**, we started our new topic of badminton! We practiced our passing skills using the racket and shuttlecocks.

In **History** we started our new topic of the 'Mayan Civilization.' We created a fact page of everything we learnt about them in our first lesson, such as who they were and where they lived.



St. Paulinus Wellbeing Champions



Our new 'Wellbeing Champions' will start their duties on Monday.

Twenty children will patrol KS1 and KS2 playgrounds at break and lunchtimes promoting a positive mental health for all. Our champions have been trained to have positive and kind conversations, be approachable, friendly and good at listening and help others understand where to go for help if needed.



Year 6

On Monday of this week, Year 6 had a workshop (led by Julia from MHST) on dealing with exam stress. They were able to share their thoughts and feelings in the lead up to their SATs in May and were given tips on how to deal with stress. They learnt strategies for keeping healthy (eat well, plenty of sleep and to stay active), who to ask for help (teachers, grown-ups at home) if they are feeling a little overwhelmed and that talking about their worries can help. Finally, they practised a variety of breathing exercises they can use in any challenging situations.



IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Year 6 Parents Invite: Supporting your child through SATs / Parents workshop with Debby Murphy (Parent Co-Worker)
Tuesday 25 April 09:00 - 10:00

May Day / Bank Holiday
School closed
Monday 1 May

Home Learning Day (as mentioned in previous newsletter)
School closed
Polling Station
Thursday 4 May

National Bank Holiday for King's coronation
School closed
Monday 8 May

Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 9 - Friday 12 May

Year 2 SATs week
Tuesday 16 - Monday 22 May

Mary Day (please bring flowers)
Friday 19 May

Parents Invite: Mary Day Liturgy
Friday 19 May
09:00 KS2
14:15 EYFS & KS1

Pentecost Day
Non-Uniform - dress in white
Friday 26 May

School Calendar 2022/2023



Term 3 - Summer

Start	Mon. 17 Apr. 2023
Half Term	Mon. 29 May - Mon. 5 June 2023
Restart	Tues. 6 June 2023
End of Term	Fri. 21 July 2023

Occasional Days - School closed

May Day	Mon. 1 May 2023
King's Coronation	Mon. 8 May 2023
INSET Day	Mon 5 June 2023
INSET Days	Mon. 24 & Tues. 25 July 2023

Parking

There have been numerous occasions this week where cars have been parked on the yellow zig-zags and bus stop area, along with blocking the car entrance.



Please find an alternative parking space and walk to school if you are unable to find a safe place to park your vehicle.



There are traffic enforcers on patrol and you may be given a fixed penalty fine to pay.

Summer Term 1 - PE Days

- Nursery / Reception : Wednesday & Thursday
- Year 1 : Wednesday & Friday
- Year 2 : Thursday & Friday
- Year 3 : Tuesday & Wednesday *1
- Year 4 : Tuesday & Friday
- Year 5 : Thursday & Friday *2
- Year 6 : Monday & Thursday



*1 Class 3J will also have PE with Dan Batty on Thursdays

*2 Class 5W will have swimming on Fridays (W/C 20 Feb - 21 July), whilst 5SI will do PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

Kit comprises of : White t-shirt (no brands or patterns) / Plain black or dark grey Jogging bottoms / leggings / shorts & School grey PE Hoodie. They will also need a pair of trainers.

As the weather improves, they may also bring a cap and a bottle of water, plus sunscreen.

Supporting your child through SATs



Aims

- To look at what stress and anxiety are.
- How to spot the signs and symptoms of stress and anxiety.
- Where the pressures come from.
- Ideas on how to support your child who might be struggling with SATs stress or anxiety.

Tuesday 25 April, 09:00 am
 Looking forward to seeing you
 Debby Murphy