



News from St Paul's Walden

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a lovely week full of festivities! We would like to say well done to our Willows and Rowans classes for their wonderful Nativity performances on Monday and Wednesday. We are so very proud of all of the children. We would also like to thank our teaching staff for putting the production together. The PTA raised £42.13 in collections across the two performances.

We are all now looking forward to our KS2 sing-a-long performance on Wednesday 18th December, starting at 6:30pm.

On Tuesday morning, members of the school choir from year 2 onwards visited the Sue Ryder Home in St. Paul's Walden to sing Christmas Carols.



The Vicar and other members of the Parish Church came in during the afternoon session to give the children a Christingle service. All of the children made their own Christingle orange in class, which we then lit during the service.

On Friday, we all went along to the Fellowship Hall for the pantomime performance. The children had a fantastic time all dressed in their fantastic Christmas jumpers!

Before and After School Clubs Timetable Autumn Term 2019	
Monday	8.00am Tech Club 3.15-4.30pm Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm Football Training (Yr 3-6)
Tuesday	8.00am Choir 3.25-4.25pm Netball (Yr 2-6)
Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm Archery
Thursday	8.00am Craft
Friday	8.00am Streetdance 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports

Mindfulness & Wellbeing

Your brain is like any other body part or bone, it needs to stay healthy to be resilient.

Take a break
& do one thing at a time

Eat Well
& keep active

Focus
on what you are doing

Sleep well
to be alert & rested

Be curious
set realistic goals

Be able
to laugh at yourself

Do something creative

Asking for help

Mental Health is important to us all.
We offer impartial and confidential advice
Supporting Mental Health in Schools and Colleges

So, what's playing on your mind? To manage your stress you can:
 Eat Well - Learn new skills - Talk about your feelings - Take a break - Care for others -
 Value yourself and others - Ask for help - Do something creative - Keep physically active - Be curious -
 Do one thing at a time - Understand that things come and go - Don't avoid emotions - Listen -
 Challenge your own beliefs - Reward yourself - Set realistic goals - Keep a positive attitude - even
 if all else are trying to put you off - Be able to laugh at yourself - Be present when listening - Focus
 & Most of all, Enjoy being you!



Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the week for next week are:

Willows - Angel

Rowans - Theo S

Silver Birches - Charlotte

Oaks - Lexi

This is a time for your child to shine and share with the school things that they are proud of achieving. We feel that it is important that all children get the opportunity to be proud of what they can do. Last year some children shared a Lego model that they had completed and brought it in to show the school, we had pictures that they had created or they may want to talk about an activity that they enjoy doing.

The children will be sharing their achievements in our weekly assembly. Thank you for your support.

Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say well done to the following children for receiving a Gold Book Certificate this week:

Carrie, Ben, Lisa-Lou, Olivia, Jonty

Mathletics Certificates

Silver Mathletics Certificate

Lachlan, Matthew M, Jonty

Achievements Out of School

If your child has any certificates or accomplishments that you would like to share please bring them into the school office and we will give them a special mention in the newsletter.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you for all of your pasta sauce donations for the Hitchin Partnership Hamper Appeal, which will help to provide hampers to families in the local area this Christmas.



Attendance

Our attendance this week is 98.6% well done everyone!

Please endeavour to get children to school promptly by leaving home in plenty of time to get to school by 8.50am. Children should be at school between 8.50am-9.00am where they can take part in early morning learning. Late attendance is also regularly monitored by the Attendance Officer, and affects your child's school attendance record.

Registration is at 9.00am, and registers close at 9.15am. Doors into school and the Willows gate are both locked at 9.00am. If your child arrives after 9.00am, please sign your child in at the school office.

Contacting the School

In order that the appropriate person can deal with any queries you may have in the most timely and efficient manner, please direct all general enquiries to the school office by telephone 01438 871241 or email: admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk. This should include any absence notifications, pupil collection or pick up information, absence requests and details of medical appointments.

Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you need to speak about your child's learning or happiness at school.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Best wishes

Nancy Adshead & the Staff at St Paul's Walden Primary School

Nancy Adshead
Headteacher



ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL - Diary Dates 2019

Wednesday	18	December		School Christmas dinner New
Wednesday	18	December	6pm	KS2 Sing along performance
Friday	20	December	2pm Finish	Last day of term
Monday	6	January		Inset Day
Tuesday	7	January		Children start back at school
Thursday	16	January		Indoor Athletics completion year 5 & 6 New
Thursday	13	February		Year 6 Reports
Monday	17 —21st	February	Half Term	
Monday	30	March	3:45—6pm	Parents consultations
Wednesday	1	April	4:00—7pm	Parents consultations
Thursday	2	April	11am—2:30pm	tag Rugby Years 3 & 4 New
Thursday	2	April	2PM	Finish for Easter
Friday	3	April		Inset day
Wednesday	23	April	3:30– 6pm	Quicksticks hockey year 4, 5 & 6 New
Friday	8	May		Bank Holiday VE Day 75th anniversary
Tuesday	19	May		Kwick Cricket Year
Monday	18th –22	May		Sports Week
Friday	22	May		Sports Day



ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL - Diary Dates 2019

Monday	25—29	May		Half Term
Monday	15—19	June		Food revolution week
Monday	29	June		KS2 dress rehearsal
Tuesday	30	June	6-7pm	KS2 Performance
Thursday	2	July	6-7pm	2nd KS2 Performance
	6,7,8	July		Hitchin Festival TBC
Friday	10	July		Reports sent home (except year 6)
Wednesday	15	July		Whole School Trip
Friday	17	July	2pm	Last day of term

In addition to the above dates, we would also like to warmly welcome parents and grandparents to attend our weekly Celebration Assemblies on Thursdays at 2.45pm.



St Paul's Walden School

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Staff Inset Training Days: Monday & Tuesday 2nd & 3rd September
School starts for pupils: Wednesday 4th September
Half-Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Last Day of Term: Friday 20th December finishing at 2pm

Spring Term 2020

Inset Day: Monday 6th January
School starts for pupils: Tuesday 7th January
Half-Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Last Day of Term: Thursday 2nd April finishing at 2.00pm
Inset Day: Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

School starts for pupils: Monday 20th April
Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May
Half-Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
Last Day of Term: Friday 17th July finishing at 2.00pm
Inset Day: Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July

The school office will usually be open on Staff Training Days but check the current newsletter for confirmation. However, members of the teaching staff will not generally be available.

These dates have been fixed in consultation with the Pre-School. We will endeavour to keep these dates fixed but occasionally new or unavoidable circumstances could arise which would mean that a training day or the "occasional day" has to be rescheduled. Such decisions are not taken lightly and any such change will be communicated to all families in good time.