Reception Bulletin

Friday 18th September 2026



Reception children are settling in beautifully at St Paul's school. It is wonderful to observe the children coming in independently with a smile on their face in the morning. It has been a very positive start to the new academic year - thank you to all parents for your wonderful support with the transition.

It was great to welcome some EYFS parents this morning for the curriculum meeting. Thank you so much for your support. Next Wednesday, there will be an opportunity for EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents to attend a Phonics & Reading workshop in the hall at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

We are sending home a collection form for parents to complete detailing who can collect your child after school. We would be grateful if these could be returned next week.

As always, if you have any questions, please do come and speak with us.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend,

Miss Woodger & Mrs Styles
Reception Class Teachers

Communication, Language and Literacy
Phonics: This week we began learning the following phonemes (sounds) – s, a, t, p. Please find the Little Wandle Home Learning sheet in your child's bookbag. On these sheets, you will find the new phonemes taught and the formation phrases should your child wish to practise writing the graphemes. There is no need to return this sheet just the handwriting sheet.

Today we have sent the home learning folders with homework for your child to complete. They will have a phonic sheet with one grapheme to practise writing. Folders will be given on Thursday and should be returned on Tuesday. Your child will also receive their key word book which has the new sounds that they have been learning added each week. After a few weeks, we will include words that they can begin to learn to read and write.

Maths
This week we have been practising different nursery rhymes with counting. Encourage your child to count to ten with some objects at home, remembering to tap each object as they say one number name. It is a good idea to move the objects into a line to ensure correct one-to-one correspondence.

Physical Development
The children have been enjoying their "Busy Finger" activities with their animal group each morning to help develop their fine motor skills.

The children also had their first PE lesson with our sports coach Mr Chivers this week. They practised running, jumping and they enjoyed the games they played too.

At home, can the children practise dressing and undressing independently. We have been encouraging them to place their clothes in their PE bags to avoid mixing them up with another child's clothing. Perhaps they could show you at home this weekend. It may be a good time to practise zipping up coats and jackets now in preparation for the colder weather!

Understanding the World
We have been learning to recognise out names. During CIL the children have been encouraged to have a go at writing their names.

Expressive Arts and Design
This week, we have been continuing with portraits. The children have been looking at themselves in a mirror and experimenting with charcoal to draw their portraits.

REMINDERS:

- **Please make sure all of your child's clothing and water bottles are labelled.**
- You may wish to add one small keyring to your child's bookbag so they can find it easily in their animal boxes.
- Please cut up any small food items in packed lunch boxes such as grapes and blueberries.
- Please can you make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school and their PE kit.
- We will be visiting the farm next Tuesday at 9.15am.