

Through the love of God, we protect our school community. Together we trust, hope, persevere and flourish on life's great adventure.

A heartfelt good bye from Mrs Palmer...

The decision to leave St Pauls was a very difficult one. I have been very privileged to have had the role of Headteacher for a number of years here and I have worked with some fabulous staff, parents and pupils. Together we have been through a lot; Ofsted and SIAMS inspections and not to mention the covid pandemic. Through all of this, the St Paul's community has united and supported one another. It has been challenging at times but we have found strength by building trusting relationships and focusing on our joint purpose. The St Paul's vision of hoping, trusting, persevering and flourishing is at the core of my professional practice and will continue to be so as I move on to a role where I can guide and support other Bradford Headteachers; impacting on the many pupils and families that they serve. I will really miss St Paul's and all the fabulous people I have met on my journey. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all the support and dedication you have shown throughout my time as Headteacher and a very big thanks for the wonderful gifts and cards I have received this week. I wish the St Paul's community every success in the future!

Cath Palmer

And hello.....

Mr Daniel Chapman will be joining us as interim head for the upcoming Autumn terms. Mr Chapman is an experienced Head Teacher of an Academy School and comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge. We look forward to welcoming him to St Paul's in September.



September reminders

School reopens for the new academic year on **Tuesday 03 September 2024**.

Following our recent consultation the **school day will now start at 8:30am each day**. The **finish time will be 3:20pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** and **1:45pm on a Friday**.

In September	Class Teacher	Entrance for drop off in am and pm pick up
Class Wibsey (Reception)	Mrs Evans and Mrs Dean	Reception playground
Class Keighley (Year 1)	Miss Briggs	Current Year 1 and 2 entrance (Double doors next to the trim trail)
Class Shipley (Year 2)	Mrs. Burke	Current Year 1 and 2 entrance (Double doors next to the trim trail)
Class Manningham (Year 3)	Mrs Keaney	Current Year 3 and 4 entrance (Entry door in the old Reception playground)
Class Saltaire (Year 4)	Mrs Speight	Current Year 3 and 4 entrance (Entry door in the old Reception playground)
Class Haworth (Year 5)	Mrs Carroll	Current Year 5 and Year 6 entrance (Double doors next to the football pitch)
Class Broad Ford (Year 6)	Mr Verma	Current Year 5 and Year 6 entrance (Double doors next to the football pitch)

September reminders

Breakfast Club:

If your child attends breakfast club, they should enter the building at the current year five/ six entrance, on the main playground.

Breakfast club will recommence on Tuesday 03 September. Current bookings will continue unless we are notified otherwise. Please ensure any outstanding balances for this are cleared before returning in September. If your account is in arrears unfortunately, we will not be able to guarantee you a space in September.

Rainbow Squad:

Our Rainbow Squad childcare provision will recommence on Tuesday 03 September. Current bookings will continue unless we are notified otherwise.

The Rainbow Squad childcare is available every Monday to Friday, 3:20pm to 5pm at £6 per day. To reserve a new place, or to amend your current booking, contact the school office.

Late pupils:

Children must arrive promptly at their classroom doors between **8:25am** and **8:30am**. At 8:30am the gate at the top of the playground will be locked. If pupils arrive after this, they will need to go to the school office with their parent/guardian to be signed in and provide the reason for lateness. Pupils should be dropped off at the office and a member of staff will take them to their classroom or to the hall for collective worship.

Collective worship:

In September, we are continuing to start each school day with Collective worship. The worship has a different theme every day -reading and singing for example and is a great way for all pupils and staff to come together as a 'St Paul's family'.

Lunchtimes:

Children can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or have a dinner prepared by school. The school lunch choices can be viewed on <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk/>. We would ask that as usual, children bring a water bottle each day; this must be clearly labelled with their name and is for their use only. In September, we will continue to use the school hall for pupils to eat their dinners.

End of the school day:

Pupils can be collected at **3:20pm Monday-Thursday** and **1:45pm on Fridays**. If your child walks home on their own, they will leave classrooms at **3:20pm**. We ask that parents be patient during home time routines as staff want to ensure pupils leave their care safely.

After School Clubs and Friday afternoon childcare:

We will be continuing with our full offer of after school clubs from the autumn term for children in Years 1-6. Varying clubs will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reception pupils will be able to attend clubs later in the school year.

More information about the after-school clubs will be sent home when the autumn term begins. We will continue to offer childcare for those families who require their children to remain in school on a Friday afternoon until 3:20pm.

These childcare places are limited and are currently only available to families where both parents work. If you do not currently use this provision, but would like to apply for a place, please contact the school office for an application form.

September reminders

Uniform:

Children should wear full school uniform when they return in September and continue to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day, PE days will be confirmed in September. Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, family hoodie and black or navy jogging bottoms. ***There will be class rewards for classes who all wear the correct uniform to school.*** If your child arrives to school wearing the incorrect PE kit we will send a reminder message about the correct uniform via ClassDojo.

Equipment:

Due to limited storage space we ask that pupils only bring **small book bags to school** Any educational resources that your child needs will be provided by school; they **do not need to bring in pencil cases or stationery**. Only children in Years 5 & 6 should be permitted to bring mobile phones to school and these must be handed to the class teacher each morning

School milk

If you would like your child to receive milk from September 2024 this can be ordered directly from Coolmilk.com. Milk for the under-fives is free until the beginning of the term in which the child turns five, if your child will turn 5 during their first term at St Paul's, and you would like them to receive milk, this will need to be ordered and paid for via the website above.

Toast time

We will be continuing to serve toast during break time each day. If you would like your child to receive toast for the Autumn Term 1, please pay via ParentPay by Tuesday 27 August. Please be reminded we cannot accept late orders due our bread delivery set up.

Free toast and milk for pupils.

Free toast and milk will continue to be provided to pupils in receipt of income based free school meals and does not need to be pre-ordered. To check if your child is eligible for income based free school meals please visit:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

Collection from the office

We have an increasing number of families requesting children to be waiting in the school office ready to be collected early for various reasons. Please be aware due to the open plan nature of this area we can no longer have children waiting here for extended periods of time due to confidentiality. If you need to collect your child early, we will collect children from class when you have arrived.

Attendance

New Government guidance regarding school attendance will come into effect in August 2024. Upcoming changes will include a higher penalty notice for unauthorised absences from school (this includes holidays in term time, persistent lates, unauthorised time off for repeated illnesses that cannot be evidenced or any other absences without a valid reason)

We will continue to work with parents and the local authority to avoid families receiving penalty notices, where possible, by providing support through our Early Help network.

Families with ongoing attendance concerns, who have exhausted all other support measures may be referred to Bradford Council who may conduct a criminal investigation and consider whether to instigate legal proceedings for an offence under Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act:

“If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, their parent is guilty of an offence.”

In total this academic year **61 pupils took time off due to going on holiday during term time**. These pupils collectively **missed 233 days of school**.

This not only disrupts your child’s learning but also the learning of classmates due to needing to provide these pupils with catch up sessions on the work/explanations of work they have missed.



Walking Home permissions for years 5 and 6

If you would like to provide consent for your child in Year 5 or 6 to walk home from school without an adult, please request a consent form from the school office.

If you have previously provided consent please be aware we will require a new form to be completed for the new academic year.

Summer Reading Challenges

Children can get creative with this year’s Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers! The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. Just pop in to your local library to sign up.

This year’s Challenge is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there’s something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library.



The Challenge starts on Saturday, 6 July, for further information please visit:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-people/summer-reading-challenge-2024>

Summer Fayre

Our summer was held on Friday 12 July 2024. Families enjoyed events such as henna tattoos, tombola, lucky dip, hook a frog and car racing.

We also had lots of delicious bakes and food for sale along with ice cream and slushies.

We are extremely grateful to the parents who helped us on the day to prepare activities, help on stalls, make delicious cakes and clean up at the end of the day.

Despite the weather being overcast we had a great turn out and raised a total of £1155. Well done to Year 4 who raised the most money individually with a total of £222.65.



Sports Day

We enjoyed an action-packed day of sports at Buttershaw Cricket Club. Pupils took part in several events which culminated in class running races. It was lovely to see so many parents/families attend and support the children on the day. Well done to all the parents who also took part on the day!

Year 6

Goodbye to all our Year 6 pupils. We look forward to seeing how each one of them will continue to flourish in secondary school as they take the next step on their learning journey. Whilst there is sadness in seeing them all move on, we are all very proud of them all, safe in the knowledge they are equipped with the physical, academic, emotional and social skills they need to thrive on the next stage of their adventure. Good luck year 6 and keeping flourishing!



Class Trips

Year 6 visited Flamingo Land



Year 4 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park



Year 5 visited the Jorvik Viking centre in York



Year 1 visited the Industrial Museum in Bradford



Year 2 visited Ponderosa Animal Park



Reception Farm Visit



Autumn Term 1 Class Trips

Our class trips for Autumn term 1 have now been finalised and letters detailing the outline of the trips have been included with your child's school report.

To help support the smooth organisation and planning of these trips we kindly ask payment contributions and consents are made promptly.

If you are having difficulty paying please contact the school office at your earliest convenience to discuss the support we can offer.



Help and support

fyi.bradford.gov.uk/ is a **free, impartial website offering advice, information and signposting to children, young people and families within the Bradford district.**

Here you can find information and advice pages for all aspects of family life, a service directory and a guide to local activities and events.

This also includes details of events and support available in Bradford South:

<https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/familyhubsandstartforlife/what-is-family-hubs-and-start-for-life/south-family-hub/>

If you require support with accessing low cost food or food banks please visit:

<https://bradfordfoodbanks.org.uk/>

Summer holiday events

Discover family friendly events and activities to keep the children entertained during the school holidays in Bradford & district. Visit Bradford Museums for an exciting showcase of exhibitions, take an adventure with the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, get excited for nature walks, spend time together as a family. There is a long list of exciting events taking place across Bradford to keep the children entertained this half term, visit

<https://www.visitbradford.com/whats-on/half-term-fun> for more information.

Free Holiday Activities

Children on benefits-related free school meals are eligible for a free place at a HAF holiday club during the Summer school holidays.

HAF clubs provide free fun activities and a healthy meal for eligible children, including children with SEND or additional needs.

Places are limited on the clubs so please book early to avoid missing out.



Bookings are now open for summer so don't delay, secure your child's place now at:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/haf-holiday-activities-and-food-programme/haf-holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>

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SUMMER

Enjoy your break, we will see you all again
on Tuesday 03 September!