



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back after the summer break it is a joy to see you all back in school!

A huge welcome to our new reception class and other new starters for September at St Paul's. We hope your journey with us, will be a happy one, and that you get to experience our school vision, which is: For all in our school to flourish in body, mind and spirit and to experience, 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) in a nurturing community, rooted in our Christian values. Our core Christian values are: love, respect, compassion, forgiveness, courage, perseverance and truthfulness. We explore these values throughout the year.

New School Rules

From September we will have updated our whole school rules. Our three new rules are:

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Throughout the start of term and across the whole year we will be exploring with the children about what it means by: to be ready, to be respectful and to be safe. We would encourage all to be involved in discussing what this means and reinforcing the importance of our school rules in all aspects of your children's life.

House Points

From September the smilies reward system we had in school will no longer be used. Instead we are very excited to be introducing a new house point system into school. We will be talking the children through this at the start of term, so if they start talking about getting house points please do not be surprised.

The children and staff (with the exception of Mr Wright) have been organised into houses. Our four houses are named after our four patron saints:

St Andrew	St David
St George	St Patrick

House Points can be earned one at a time for many different reasons. This could be for showing our school rules: ready, respectful, safe. It could be for completing classwork to a high standard, excellent effort in lessons and making a positive contribution to a lesson. House points may be earned for excellent behaviour at playtimes and lunchtimes and as the children move around school. It could be for completing homework to a high standard and much more. It could be for demonstrating our Christian values in action of love, respect, compassion, forgiveness, courage, perseverance and truthfulness.

House points will be awarded one point at a time. The headteacher (Mr Wright) and our assistant heads (Mrs Moorhouse and Mrs Regan) will also award 'Golden House Points' Worth 10 points to anyone who shows exceptional work or behaviour. Those who receive a golden house point will have shared their achievement with the head or one of our assistant heads. They will receive a certificate in celebration worship as well as the ten points for their house.

Each house will have two-year 6 house captains. This is an important role within school with additional responsibilities. House Captains will be role models for their houses.

Each week the House point scores for that week will be announced in Friday celebration worship in the hall. As well as this weekly winner, there will be a half termly award for the house with the most house points. There will also be an annual award for the house with the most house points collected. If a pupil is in a house and their choices are persistently not in line with their house or school expectations it may mean they do not participate in termly or annual house awards.

We hope that all will enjoy this new whole school reward and recognition system. We hope also that it will give opportunities for children to get to know each other across the whole of school.

Reminder: Holidays in Term Time

Parents have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term-time. This can lead to Penalty Notices. Multiple Holidays taken in Term Time could result in Prosecution. Thank you for your continued help and support in ensuring excellent attendance.

Save The Date

Friday 5th September
2025 Freddy Fit

Wednesday 17th
September 3.20pm Year
6 residential Meeting in
the year 6 classroom.

Individual Photographs
Weds 8th October am
2025

Friday 10th October
World Mental Health
Day

Thursday 16th October
Year 6 Safe Squad (This
is in school)

School Closes for half
term at 3.15pm on
Friday 25th October
2025

School reopens on
Monday 3rd November
2025

6th November 2025 Intra
health flu vaccination

Anti-Bullying Week 2025
Monday 10th - Friday
14th November (Odd
socks Day Monday 10th
November

Term Dates 25/26 [St
Paul's C of E Primary
School, Stalybridge:
Term Dates](#)

School Uniform: If you need to check our [school uniform expectations](#) they are available by clicking on the link. Just a reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. Please note the only item of clothing we expect a school logo on is jumpers/cardigans.

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'Life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)