



Friday 8th December 2023

Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thank You

We had great fun with our Christmas jumpers yesterday. We had sparkly jumpers, jumpers with bells, jumpers with Christmas trees, reindeer, Christmas puddings and many, many more. Through collections on the gate we raised £157.69, which we shall send on to Save the Children, for their work with children in need of help across the world. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

PFA Christmas Discos

The PFA discos will take place in the St Paul's playground next week. Children will only be admitted to the discos for their year groups – older or younger siblings in the opposite year groups will not be admitted. All children attending the disco must be supervised by a responsible adult for the duration of the disco. If you have siblings who cannot attend, please make alternative plans for their care during the discos – often parents team up together with friends to supervise those attending the disco, whilst providing care for those who cannot attend.

On the day of their disco, children may wear their disco clothes to school (no jewellery or make up) and bring £1 to put in the bucket on the school gate in the morning. This pays for their entry to the disco later in the day. Please be aware that the school day will take place as normal with outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes, so children will need warm clothes.





Year 3&4 Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 14th December, 10am, St Paul's Church

This Christmas, Years 3 and 4 will be leading the school's Christmas celebrations with a carol service for parents and friends of the school. The service will be held in St Paul's Church at 10am on Thursday 14th December.

Foundation Stage Nativity - Friday 15th December, 10am, St Paul's Site Hall

The children in Nursery and Reception will be retelling the nativity story to their parents on Friday 15th December. The Foundation Stage Nativity will be held in the St Paul's site hall.

Christmas Parties – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 19th December

The children in Foundation stage and Infants will have their Christmas parties on Tuesday 19th December. Nursery will have their party in the morning. The other classes will have their parties after lunch. On the day of their party, children can wear party clothes to school. Next week, in readiness for the parties, teachers will ask you to sign up to contribute to the party food. Each family is asked to make a small contribution guided by the class teacher. As we have children with allergens, we need to guide the food selection carefully. We are a nut free school. The party food contributions are brought to school on the morning of the party.

Christmas Parties – Years 3,4,5,6 – Wednesday 20th December

The children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday 20th December. They will have their parties after lunch. On the day of their party, children can wear party clothes to school. Next week, in readiness for the parties, teachers will ask you to sign up to contribute to the party food. Each family is asked to make a small contribution guided by the class teacher. As we have children with allergens, we need to guide the food selection carefully. We are a nut free school. The party food contributions are brought to school on the morning of the party.

Extra-curricular after-school clubs – Spring term 2024

I am delighted to share our Extra-curricular activities brochure for the spring term with you. Enrolment for these clubs and peripatetic instrument lessons opens on ParentPay on Monday 11th January at 4.30pm. Please find the brochure attached and sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

Calling all Nursery Parents – Reception Admissions close 15th January 2024

All families with children in nursery need to make an application to Reception class using the eadmissions portal through the school admissions department of the local authority in which you reside. Applications can be submitted at any time, but need to be submitted by 15th January 2024 at the latest. If you have any queries, please ask at the school office. There is further information on the <u>Hounslow School admissions</u> page.

Final Day of Autumn Term - Thursday 21st December - Early Closure 1:30pm

The final day of the autumn term is Thursday 21st December. On this day the school closes for pupils from Reception to Year 6 at 1:30pm. Please note that there is no Aftercare club on Thursday 21st December 2023.

First Day of the Spring Term – Monday 8th January 2024

The school reopens to all pupils, after the Christmas holidays, on Monday 8th January 2024 at the usual time.

Academic Performance 2022-23

The finalised primary school results for the 2022-23 academic year will be published by national government. Once again, our pupils throughout the school have achieved very good results.

Our results show that children at St Paul's School achieve well.

For many years we have met and exceeded national averages at all stages in the school, due to the hard work of pupils and teachers. The school's commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum promotes good academic progress for all pupils, without an over focus on assessment at the expense of learning.

Year on year, we have specific areas to celebrate, this year it includes:

- 97% of pupils in Year 1 passing the national phonics screener this is 22% above the national average. Secure phonic knowledge at an early age promotes confidence in reading independently and a life-long love of reading.
- Attainment at the end of Year 2 (Key Stage 1) matched or was above national averages in all subjects. We are particularly pleased with pupil attainment in reading which as 12% higher than national averages. Our children are well placed to take the next step of the learning journey in the juniors.
- Strong exceeding (higher attainment) results in Year 6 (Key Stage 2). Teachers' ambition for all their pupils is strong and the performance of our most able pupils matches that expectation, ready for the next step to high school.
- 7% above the national average for the percentage of pupils leaving our school at the age-expectation in reading, writing and maths. Pupils are well prepared across all the core subjects for the move to Year 7, helping them to make the transition confidently.

2022-23

Early Years – End of Reception Class

66% of pupils achieved the *Good Level of Development* in 2022-23. This is in line with the National average of 67%.

Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check

97% of pupils achieved the phonics screening check standard. The national average in 2022-23 was 79%. Pupil achievement at St. Paul's was outstanding and much higher than National averages.

End of Key Stage 1 – Phonics Screening Check

93% of pupils leaving year 2 in 2022-23 achieved the phonics screening check standard. The national average in 2022-23 was 89%. Pupil achievement at St. Paul's again is excellent. 71%, 5 out of 7 pupils, who hadn't secured the standard in year 1 secured it in year 2.

Key Stage 1 – End of Year 2
The school's results (2022-23) are set out below:

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Reading, Writing & Maths
Exceeding	20%	14%	20%	14%
Expected Standard				
Expected Standard	60%	59%	51%	51%
Working towards	20%	27%	29%	35%

Expected standard	80%	73%	71%	65%
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National Expected	68%(2023)	60%(2023)	70%(2023)	Currently not
standard +				available

<u>Key Stage 2 – End of Year 6</u> The school's results (2022-23) are set out below:

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	Reading	Grammar,	Mathematics	Writing
		Punctuation		
		and Spelling		
School percentages at				
national Standard	70%	72%	74%	75%
National percentages				
at National standard				
(2023)	73%	72%	73%	71%
School vs National				
Variance	-3%	Ш	+1%	+4%
School average scaled				
score	103.2	102.8	103.6	n/a
National average				
scaled score	105	105	104	n/a
School vs National				
Variance	-1.8	-2.2	-0.4	n/a

Pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, **Writing and Mathematics**

School Percentage	66%
National Percentage (2023)	59%
School vs National Variance	
	+7%

Pupils reaching a high level of attainment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics

School Percentage	9%
National Percentage (2023)	8%
School vs National Variance	
	+1%

Menu

Next term we have a new lunch menu. I have attached the full menu to this round us. The menu for the first week back is below:



Christmas Lunch - Monday 18th December 2023

The school's annual Christmas lunch will take place on Monday 18th December. The menu for the lunch is below:



Christmas in the Parish of Brentford



CHRISTMAS IN BRENTFORD

Services & Events at St Paul's Church, Brentford, TW8 OPN

7th Dec Remembering Loved Ones / 6:30pm / St Paul's

14th Dec Carols in The Butts / 6:30pm / The Butts TW8 8BJ

16th Dec Experience Christmas / 10am-1pm / St Paul's

Festive activities for all the family

17th Dec Jump in Nativity! / 10:30am / St Paul's

Join our all-age nativity

Traditional Carols by Candlelight / 6:30pm / St Paul's

24th Dec Holy Communion / 8:30am / St Paul's *No 10:30am service

Christmas Eve All-Age Service / 5pm / St Paul's Midnight Communion / 11:30pm / St Paul's

25th Dec Christmas Day Service / 10:30am / St Paul's

Services live streamed on YouTube.com/@PoBrentford Full details at parishofbrentford.org.uk St Paul's Church, St Paul's Road, TW8 OPN

Phone **020 8568 7442**

Registered charity number 1128611







HAF eligible Pupils



Skillz4Life Christmas Holiday Club



Other Pupils



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