St Paul's
Primary School

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term – September 2026

Welcome back to school

Welcome to a new academic year! I hope you had a lovely summer break full of fun and relaxation with friends and family. I am really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. We have a lot of exciting learning ahead in the Juniors and I am excited to be back working in Year 3 again! As this is the first newsletter of the year, it contains quite a lot of information. I hope you find it useful.

Our Learning this half term:

Please see the attached Curriculum Overview for more specific details about our learning this half term. Also attached is a yearly overview for Year 3.

Important dates:

Autumn 1

Monday 14th September: Extra-curricular clubs begin this week
Wednesday 23rd September: Individual and sibling photos
Monday 19th October: Black History Week
Friday 23rd October: Last day of the half term

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November: INSET DAY- School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd November: Parents' Evening (SP Site)
Wednesday 4th November: Parents' Evening (SP Site)
Monday 9th November: Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Routines and dismissal:

For afternoon collection, the Alex House gates will open at 3.25pm for a 3.30pm collection for Year 3. Please line up on the main playground (not on the steps directly outside) and I will dismiss your child from the external classroom door.

If there is going to be a change in who is collecting your child, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

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Reading Records and Homework:

Reading is an essential part of your child's learning, as well as an activity that can be enjoyed greatly. Reading regularly with an adult allows children to develop inference skills, expand their vocabulary and feel connected to others. All are key skills for many areas of learning.

Some children in Year 3 will bring home an Oxford Reading Tree banded book, as well as a book from the class library. Book bags will be kept in school each Tuesday to be changed, and returned on Wednesdays. Please ensure they are brought to school on Tuesday, along with reading records. If your child is, or becomes, a free reader, they will be able to select a book to bring home and only their reading record will be collected on a Tuesday.

We ask that parents comment and sign the reading record at least once a week; however, at this age, children should be encouraged to read for 20 minutes a day. Your child should also begin to record their own comments about their reading. (We will practise this in class too.) Reading records are checked every week by the class teacher and should be handed in with the book bags on a **Tuesday**. If you require any support with reading at home, please let me know.

Maths, Number Facts and Spelling homework will be sent home on Fridays, starting at the end of the first full week back. It should be returned in the purple homework folder on Tuesdays.

PE:

We will be continuing to allow children to come to school in their PE kit doe their main PE lesson each week. For year 3, this is on **Thursday**. On this day, children should come to school in their full PE kit. In colder weather, a plain white t-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (children can wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts and remove for PE if they wish), a black sweatshirt and non-marking, sports trainers.
Please ensure there are **no** large logos or slogans on their clothing, and that the tracksuit is black. Earrings must also be removed for PE days.

Educational Visits:

We hope to visit Butser Ancient Farm as part of our history learning this term. At this point I am seeking final prices for travel. As there would be a cost for this trip, further details will be shared very soon in a separate letter if the booking goes ahead as planned.

I am available briefly at the end of each day after I have dismissed the class. I can also be contacted via the school email, which is: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Thank you, and here's to a fantastic year!
Mrs Little.

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