



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

December events at St Paul's

Thank you to everyone who has supported all the events in school this half term- it's been a really busy time! In line with our school vision, our whole school community have had lots of new experiences and have flourished through a range of experiences including the following:

Class presentations

Classes Wibsey, Keighley, Manningham, Haworth and Little Germany have all performed their 'Our Bradford' class presentations to parents and completed the family quizzes linked to their special area of Bradford. Class Shipley and Class Saltaire look forward to their presentations in January.

Pantomime

Pupils in school thoroughly enjoyed the festive production of 'Sleeping Beauty' performed live in school this week by West Midlands Theatre Productions. This was a real Christmas treat and enabled our pupils to see a traditional story brought to life.

Christmas performances

Our whole school Christmas performances were a fantastic success, and the pupils did themselves proud, well done to all the children for all the hard work they put into the rehearsals and performing on the day. It was clear to see their love of the performing arts and confidence growing as the week went on.

The Reception Nativity was also fabulous and our youngest pupils showed great courage and trust by performing to a large audience and re-telling the Christmas Story beautifully.

Christmas Fayre

Thankyou to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre in school this week. The children and families enjoyed a wide variety of games and stalls at the fayre along with delicious refreshments and a special visit from Santa Claus himself! In total we raised £820 from the event and this will go towards further enhancing our resources within school to support our pupils.

All tickets to the Fayre included entry into our school raffle and all winners have been contacted to collect their prizes from the school office.

Each class also sold Rainbow Raffle tickets during December to raise money towards a charity our Bridge Builders will choose. Pupils were also invited to submit entries to our decorate a decoration competition, one winner from each class was chosen to win a prize, thankyou to everyone who took part.

Well done to the Rainbow Raffle winners:

Reception: Maddison

Year 1: Matilda

Year 2: Isabella

Year 3: Lily

Year 4: Cohen

Year 5: Ava

Year 6: Cohn



Well done to our decoration winners:

Reception: Mila

Year 1: Oliver

Year 2: Isabella

Year 3: Cohen

Year 4: Grace

Year 5: Joseph

Year 6: Minnie



Non-uniform day

We held a non-uniform day in November in aid of Children in Need and raised a total of £92 for the charity.

Popcorn challenge

Our first group of winners in our Reading challenge enjoyed a trip to the cinema to watch the musical version of the Roald Dahl classic- Matilda. Our pupils persevered with their daily reading and were rewarded with popcorn and refreshments too- well done and watch out for the popcorn challenge next term!

Rainbow worship

Following pupil feedback, we have now begun to have a weekly Rainbow Collective Worship. Pupils experience this in their school families and build stronger relationships with pupils and staff from across the school enabling them to grow in confidence and make connections with the school community

Bag2school

We also collected bags of unwanted clothes and textiles this month as part of the Bag2school initiative. As a school we received payment based on the total weight of everything brought to school that day and raised £92.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this

Sports

A group of determined Year 3 pupils represented St Paul's at a local schools golf competition and achieved first place. Some of our year six pupils also attended a Dodgeball tournament at BBEC- Well done to all those involved!

Enrichment day

We enjoyed our first 'Enrichment Day' at St Paul's this month- it was a real adventure. Pupils joined in with a wide variety of music and craft activities run by Junior Jam. In line with our school vision, this gave our pupils the opportunity to flourish by experiencing new challenges and playing a number of traditional instruments from around the world.

Community

All of our pupils have made Christmas cards and decided where they would like them to be sent. We have now delivered the cards to the local food bank, Salvation Army, Care Home and given them to families, staff and governors. We are proud to share our kind thoughts through this gesture at this special time of year.



Attendance

We are finishing this half term with an overall school attendance of 91%

The class with the best overall attendance was Year 3 followed by Year 5

We have 26 pupils who have maintained 100% attendance so far this school year!

We appreciate there was unavoidable absence this half term due to sickness and we thank parents for their understanding and patience whilst we rescheduled events in school to ensure everyone was kept safe.

As a school, we have started additional monitoring of attendance to ensure we are providing the correct support where required to aid pupils to attend school as often as possible.

If you feel you need any additional support with any attendance issues please contact the main school office to speak to Miss Moore

Unfortunately, we continue to have children taking time off from school for unauthorised leaves of absence. Please be reminded this not only disrupts your child's learning but can also lead to a fine from the local authority being issued.



Governance

Our young leaders in school have recently met with our retired Chair of Governors, Mr Paul Bland. We thanked him for his valuable contribution to our school over the last twenty years and presented him with gifts and cards from our pupils and staff. He has worked with many Governors and five Headteachers over the years and shared some of his experiences with our pupils. Mr Bland has played a significant part in shaping St Paul's and we value the work he has done tremendously. He will truly be a valued friend of the school for many years to come.

Our Chair of Governors is now Mr Bryan Harrison and we will be finding out more about him next term.



Staffing

On behalf of the pupils and staff I would like to thank Mrs Davis, Mrs Broadbent and Mrs Raza for their hard work at St Paul's as they move on to different roles in their chosen fields.

Mrs Raza has been supporting St Paul's as Acting Deputy Headteacher, whilst Mrs Timms is on Maternity Leave, and now she is moving on to work in a similar role at Lidget Green. We wish them all every happiness and success in the future.

Mrs Westbury has joined our staff in the office as Finance Assistant and Mrs Wilson will be joining us in January, supporting pupils and teaching in Key Stage 2, in the first instance. Miss Bi, Mrs Malik and Miss Beaumont are also recent valuable additions to our flourishing staff team.



Bridge Builders

Bridge builders is our innovative approach to school council to enable more pupils to be involved in the decision making in school and to have 'a voice'. Our late Queen, Head of the Church of England, who said that we should 'build bridges to the future', inspired this initiative.

Bridges are the symbol of 'communication' and 'unity' and we have therefore created 'Bridge Builders', who work on developing our school and shaping our future. Through initial class discussions, 2 Bridge Builders are elected who then attend a meeting with a teacher within school. This is an opportunity to hear from each class and to pave the way forward. Children discuss aspects they are proud of and suggest elements they would like to change.

Together, as Bridge Builders, we discuss and agree on the way forward, electing project managers to oversee the initiative across the school. Opportunities for reflection are built into the conversations and once the new ideas are launched and embedded the Bridge Builders meet again to discuss the impact of the changes, considering what has worked well and what could be improved further.

So far this year we have led 2 Bridge Builder initiatives

1. Collective Worship
2. Positive Relationships in school

Our next project will be linked directly to 'courageous advocacy' and will give our pupils the opportunity to share their ideas about charities/ causes that are important to them locally, nationally and globally. It will also prompt discussions around what actions we can take alongside fundraising.



Communication from school

Please be aware we will no longer be using the Teachers2Parents text messaging system in school from January 2023. All communications regarding events in school, important updates and notifications regarding absences will now be sent via ClassDojo. If you have not yet activated your parent account or need a copy of your activation code please speak to the school office. Please be reminded up to 2 parents can be linked to each child's Dojo account to ensure important information is not missed. To help ensure no important messages or updates are missed please ensure you have the latest version of the App installed and allow notifications within the settings.

We will also continue to add important information and updates to the school website and TWITTER. Please do not send messages via text to the school as these will no longer be received.



TWITTER

Don't forget to follow us ON TWITTER to see our day-to-day activities and lessons we hold in school each week: [@StPaulsBradford](https://twitter.com/StPaulsBradford)

Please speak to the school office if you have not provided consent for your child's photo to appear on our social media but would like them to now be included.



Payments to school

Please be reminded payment for Breakfast Club should be made in advance on a weekly basis. Payment for clubs is also required weekly or can be paid for in full at the start of each half term.

Due to high demand for spaces in both provisions we will be unable to allocate places to families who have any outstanding amounts on their accounts unless this has been agreed via the school office.



Recipe Book- Request for any budget recipes!

We are putting together a recipe book of low costs meal and snack ideas which we can then share with members of the community accessing our Warm Space provision and the whole school.

If anyone has some recipes they would like to share with us for inclusion in this book please email liane.moore@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk with the names of the meal/snack, ingredients and cooking instructions.



School Uniform

We continue to have children wearing incorrect PE kits to school. Please be reminded the required clothing for PE days is:

- Navy shorts, (warmer weather) white round neck T-shirt
- Family zipped hoodie
- Plain navy or black track suit bottoms and trainers

Family hoodies can be purchased from <https://maduck.co.uk>, Tel: 01274 410816 or search for Mad Duck Ltd on Facebook.

For any family finding it difficult to purchase a family hoodie, please speak to Miss Moore as a payment plan can be set up, to help.



Family Hub
Come along to our
Warm Space Sessions
Every day at Reevy Hill Children's Centre
Monday 19th December to Friday 23rd December
12:00 - 4:00pm
For further information please contact
the Bradford South Family Hub on 01274 434940

City of BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sound of the Season



Free Christmas Crafts
Reevy Hill Children's Centre – Bedale Drive BD6 3ST

Tuesday 6th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 13th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 20th December 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Music
Drinks
Biscuits

Come and join in the Festive fun!

Chess Club

Wibsey Junior CHESS Club: Wibsey Library
Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Ages 6 to 15

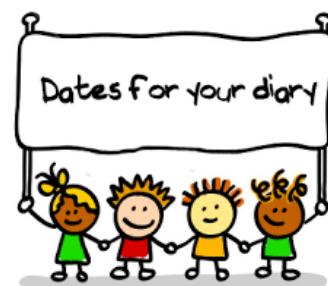
- Join at any time
- Parents welcome to stay and join in
- Club run by experienced chess player and teacher

Contact: David Barlow 07504 095 398
Please note this club is not affiliated with St Paul's C.E. Primary School



Dates for your diary

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| 05 January | Class Shipley- Class Presentation |
| 05 January | Young Voices performance at Sheffield Arena |
| 06 January | Whole school Rainbow day |
| 09 January | Class Saltaire- Class Presentation |
| 11 January | Bridge Builders Road Safety Morning |
| 23 January | Chinese New Year themed lunch |
| 09 February | Flouride Varnish Team visiting Reception and Year 1 |
| 21 February | Shrove Tuesday themed lunch |



We would like to wish all our families at St Paul's a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 03 January 2023.

