Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,

The end of what is feeling like a very long and busy half term. As usual lots of really positive things happening and a raft of sharing assemblies showing off (in the best possible way) all the learning and activities the children have been taking part in since we started the year.

Just a couple of key and critical points to raise…

Attendance

We were the most improved attendance school in Camden last year, that is down to all of our work in trying to get the children to school as many days as they possibly can be. Attendance is looking good so far this year, but please avoid holidays in term time, they will most likely be fined.

Spelling, times tables and basic number facts

We are noticing increasing numbers of children needing help and work on knowing spellings, timetables and basic number facts. These are critical building blocks for further learning. We do a lot to support the children in learning these skills, however we really need you to be practising, checking, learning and rehearsing these skills at home too.

Thanking Mr Lucas Duggan for his work with us over the past year and a term. Lucas leaves us at this time to start a new job outside of education and we wish him well. Mr Issac Blaug will join us after the half term break.

Have safe and restful half term breaks.

See you in November,

Clive Hale

Events and Class News

Our First Fun Run

Well done to all the students for participating in the first fun Run of the new academic year. A special thanks to the parents for a fantastic turn out showing support to the students and to cheer them on.

CSSA Cross Country 2026

Well done to all the students who participated in the 2026 cross country at Parliament Hill. A special shout out to our two medal winners for finishing in the top 10.

Year 4

In year 4 Art we have been making our own coil pots out of clay. These are inspired by Anglo-Saxon coil pottery which we have been learning about in History.

Reception

Welcome to the new Reception Class who have been enjoying the lovely weather in the Reception garden. Here they are running a Vets Surgery and experimenting with gravity!

Rights Respecting Champions

Our new Rights Respecting Champions have been elected by the students in their classes. Their job is to represent the student voice across the school, help promote children's rights, raise awareness around issues locally and globally and to be a role model to others.

Here are some of the rights we are focusing on this term:

- Article 12 – Right to express their views (Council elections)
- Article 6 (Harvest) – Right to Life
- Article 38 (Remembrance Day) – Right to not be involved in war
- Article 19 – Protection from violence abuse and neglect
- Article 23 (International Day for persons with disabilities) – The right for children with disabilities to live with dignity.

Healthy Snacks

Article 24 of the United Nations Charter on the Right of the Child tells us that the children have the right to nutritious food:

Our Rights Respecting Champions designed our snack list to be as varied as possible and it was agreed that we would widen our previously limited snack list and update to saying:

- No chocolate
- No crisps
- No sweets
- No nuts

We encourage the children to be sensible within these rules - there is a vast difference between bringing two biscuits to an entire pack but we are hoping that this allows the children to enjoy a wider variety of nutritious food than previously. Please support us with promoting this with your children.

On Saturday 5th December, we will be holding our St Paul's Craft Market and we are keen to hear from local Crafters who might like a table. If you would like to book a space, please contact the office for more information.

Otherwise save the date and come along. Our event coincides with the Saturday Farmers Market and the Design Fair at the Church, making it a perfect weekend for Christmas shopping and a day out in the local area.

Please also remember to check the Diary Listings on the school website as new dates are added regularly.

Monday 2nd November
First day of term

Monday 2nd – 13th November
Year 5 Swimming (afternoons)

Wednesday 4th November
Year 6 Camden Junior Citizenship Scheme

Thursday 5th November
Parents Evening

Friday 6th November
FOSPA Meeting

Thursday 12th November
Year 2 Trip – Lambeth Palace

Friday 13th November
Year 5&6 Interhouse Swimming Gala

Friday 13th November
Year 5 Snack Sale

Friday 13th November, 9:15am
Year 4 Class Assembly

Tuesday 17th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception-Year 6)

Thursday 19th November
FOSPA Meeting

Thursday 19th November
Year 5&6 Trip – Science Museum

Thursday 19th November
Christmas Movie Night

Friday 20th November, 9:15am
Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 23rd November
Year 2 Trip – St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 23rd November – 4th December
Year 6 Swimming (afternoons)

Thursday 26th November
Year 3&4 Trip – The Place

Friday 27th November, 9:15am
Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 4th December
FOSPA Meeting

Saturday 5th December
St Paul's Crafts Market

Friday 11th December
Christmas Fair

Tuesday 15th December, 2:00pm
KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 16th December, 2:00pm & 6:00pm
KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 18th December, 9:00am
Carol Service

Friday 18th December, 2:30pm
Children break up for Christmas

St Paul's
CE Primary School

Christmas FAIR

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Elsworthy Road, NW3 3DS

Games and Entertainment • Festive Food & Drinks • Raffle • Tombola • Silent Disco • Crafts Face painting

11 DEC
5-8PM

FREE ENTRY

ONLINE FOOD ALLERGEN & INTOLERANCE FORM

At Caterlink the safety of our pupils is our number one priority, and we take catering for customers with food allergies and intolerances very seriously.

The below information details how to complete our online form for pupils who require a special diet menu due to allergens, intolerances or medical conditions.

STEP 1 You can request a special diet menu by completing our online Allergy & Intolerance Form – CTL – Food Allergy & Intolerance Form V2

This needs to be submitted with supporting medical evidence from an NHS professional (a GP/consultant or registered dietitian). This can be a letter, copy of medical notes, an Allergy Action Plan signed by a medical professional or a screenshot from the NHS app. Medical evidence is an industry-wide requirement, recommended by the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA).

Please ensure that when you enter the school name that the unit number and postcode listed are correct for your school.

STEP 2 Whilst waiting to see if a special diet menu has been approved any children with food allergies or intolerances can be provided with a 'safe meal' – jacket potato with baked beans, vegetables and fresh fruit salad (if suitable for the pupil's allergies).

If you would like your child to have a 'safe meal' please let your school know.

STEP 3 The Caterlink team will review the request and check that it is safe to cater for using the LACA Special Diet Risk Analysis Process for Caterers where required. The risk analysis looks at the pupil's requirements, the medical evidence, the capability of the kitchen facilities and the school environment to determine if the request is low, medium or high risk.

STEP 4 If deemed safe to cater for by our Caterlink nutrition team will then develop the special diet menu, with at least one suitable meal option daily. This can take up to four weeks from receiving all of the information required.

LACA

Risk Assessment Process Tool for Cater

For the provision of Allergen-Managed Medical diet

Should your child's allergies or intolerances change, you should request the link from the school and choose 'Updated Request'.

If your child has become allergic or intolerant to additional foods, please ring the school immediately and request a safe meal.

ACTIVE CLUBS

AFTER SCHOOL

WRAPAROUND CLUBS!

RECEPTION - YEAR 6

WE OPERATE ON A WEEKLY THEMED TIMETABLE WITH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- ☑ STEM
- ☑ DRAMA
- ☑ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ☑ SPORTS

FREE SESSIONS

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PORTAL & BOOKINGS

St Paul's CE Primary School

"LOVELY STAFF. MY DAUGHTER LOVES COMING HERE. THEY ALWAYS HAVE LOADS OF DIFFERENT THINGS TO DO..." RBKC PARENT

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Term dates for 2026/27

	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term 2026 Half term 1	Wednesday, 2nd September	Friday, 23rd October
School Holiday	Monday, 26th October	Friday, 30th October
Autumn Term 2026– Half term 2	Monday, 2nd November	Friday, 18th December*
School Holiday	Monday, 21st December	Friday, 1st January
Spring Term 2027 – Half term 1	Tuesday, 5th January	Friday, 12th February
School Holiday	Monday, 15th February	Friday, 19th February
Spring Term 2027– Half term 2	Monday, 22nd February	Wednesday, 24th March*
School Holiday	Thursday, 25th March	Friday, 9th April
Summer Term 2027 – Half term 1	Tuesday, 13th April	Friday, 28th May
School Holiday	Monday, 31st May	Friday, 4th June
Summer Term 2027 – Half term 2	Monday, 7th June	Wednesday, 21st July*

*school finishes at 2.30pm

Bank Holidays:

Friday 25th December 2026 (Christmas Day)
Monday 28th December 2026 (Boxing Day substitute)
Friday 1st January 2027 (New Year's Day)
Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)
Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)
Monday 3rd May 2027 (May Day)
Monday 31st May 2027 (Spring Bank Holiday)

INSET DAYS:
Tuesday, 1st September 2026
Monday, 4th January 2027
Thursday, 25th March 2027 (To be taken as twilights)
Monday, 12th April 2027
Friday 25th June 2027