

Rusthall St Paul's Primary School Newsletter



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Growing together, learning forever

As we draw the curtain on a successful school year at Rusthall St Paul's, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements, growth, and the many memorable experiences we have shared.

This year has been remarkable in many ways. Our children have excelled academically, with notable improvements in reading and writing across all year groups. Special congratulations to Year 6 for their outstanding SATs results. The implementation of our new reading approach has seen enthusiastic participation and impressive discussions from the children. This has been commented on by our outside visitors. We have done several visits this year including the pantomime, Knole park, Safety in Action and the library to name a few. We are always particularly proud of the feedback around our children's behaviour as they demonstrate how amazing we can be! Our clubs and teams have shown exceptional spirit and skill, participating in the local gymnastics and cheerleading competitions. The school choir delivered a stunning performance at the Christmas concert and I look forward to our next big performance at Young Voices in January. The year 5 and 6 children put on an epic performance of Grease this year and excelled in their acting and singing. There are many more but these are just a few of the highlights.

The next school year promises to be even more exciting. Here are a few things to look forward to:

- The introduction of the use of Teams to support home learning (our online learning platform)
 - The use of experiences to ignite our children's learning
- We are aiming to expand our after-school clubs, with new options to give a more diverse experience
- Planned renovations to our infant playground to create a more engaging and safe environment for our children.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, our supportive parents and guardians, and most importantly, our wonderful children. It is your hard work, support, and enthusiasm that make our school a special place to learn and grow. Thank you all for welcoming me with open minds and ongoing support – it has made my first year at Rusthall an absolute joy and I am so excited to see how we continue to flourish.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. Please take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another fantastic year.

Mrs Smurthwaite
Head of School

Dates for the new academic year

Inspire Federation - Term Dates 2024/25

Term 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET
	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Start of Term for Children
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Last Day of Term
Half Term	Monday 28th – Friday 1st November 2024	
Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024	Start of Term 2
	Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025	
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Start of Term for Children
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last Day of Term
Half Term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025	
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025	Start of Term for Children
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term
Easter Holiday	Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025	
Term 5	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Term 5
	Monday 5 th May 2025	Closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last Day of Term
Half Term	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025	
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Start of Term for Children
	Thursday 17 th July 2025	End of Term for Children – Finish at 1:30pm
	Friday 18 th , Monday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	INSET DAYS

PE kit changes

I have sent out a letter to all families regarding PE kit. In Key Stage 2 only, children will need to bring a full PE kit in a bag (all named please) and this will be sent home at the end of the term. This will allow for greater flexibility with our PE slots. It should also mean that all children have a proper PE kit.

Please get in touch if for financial reasons you are having difficulties sourcing a school PE kit.

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Attendance Policy

From September, the DfE publication of "Working Together to Improve School Attendance" will become statutory. This means that schools must follow the regulations set out in this document. This includes the change to holiday absence. Head teachers are no longer allowed to approve any holiday requests.

In the summer, I will send out the updated policy which will reflect these changes in preparation for the new academic year.

CELEBRATIONS!

Head Pupils: Hitha and Yasin

Orange Awards: Teddy W, Yasir, Daniel

Yellow Awards: Charlie W, Lacey W, Daisy P, Bella, Ettie, Martha, Teo, Violet, Daisy L, Olly M, Oliver T, Callan, Tabassum, Joseph, Charlie B, Harley, Lola, Dolcie



Green Rainbow Awards: Charlie W, Daisy P, Ettie, Martha, Daisy L, Olly M, Oliver T, Charlie B, Joe W, Toby W, Isabella M, Betsy

Blue Rainbow Awards: Grace, Eliza, Hunter, Aidan, Fraser, Noah, Jack, Haron, Taylor, Joseph H

Indigo Award: Tyler, Maisie, Amelia W

Reading Stars: Rochester Class – Alfie SM, Durham Class – Nicola, Exeter Class – Bella, Winchester Class – Stepan, York Class – Hunter and Tyler

Reading Awards: Rochester – Jack, Durham – Aidan, Exeter – Victor, Winchester – Amelia W, York - Tamanna

Golden Book: Rochester Class – John and Amelie, Durham Class – Josh F and Agnes, Exeter Class – Grace and Oliver T, Winchester Class – Holly F and Asher, York Class – Leo M and Eli

100% Attendance Summer Term: Tabassum, Betsy, Charlie B, Ruby, Lyla, Ben, Archie, Bella, Amelie P, Evie P, Maria, Emily P, Alfie SM, Jacob, Oliver T, Teddy W, Ivy W

100% Attendance ALL YEAR: Tabassum, Josh F, Bella, Oliver T

House Point Winners – St Patricks