

Newsletter 2024-2025 No.37 - 22nd July

House Points

Congratulations to Red Eagles for winning the overall House Point Cup this year.

Eagles (Red) earned 5601pts

Kestrels (Blue) earned 5509pts

Falcons (Yellow) earned 5282pts

Hawks (Green) earned 5231pts



Well Done to All!

Diary Dates

September

1st - TD Day - school closed to pupils

2nd - First day of Term 1

Music Presentation

Thank you for coming to our Music Presentation last week. It was a relaxing and informal afternoon and lovely to listen to the variety of class and solo performances.

Summer Fete

A huge Thank you to all the FOSPERS who helped prepare for the Fete and/or ran stalls and helped set up on the day. Well done to the Choir for performing their selection of songs - not easy to sing outside - but you sounded fab. We raised £670 - so thank you for coming along and supporting the event. We have been so fortunate with the weather at all our events this year.

School of Pop - Let's Rock

A very big WELL DONE to the Y6s for their wonderful performance last week. The play itself was an excellent choice - so many funny moments. The children sang and spoke their lines brilliantly and the acting performances were a delight to watch. We know that the audience thoroughly enjoyed it and many were surprised to see what their child was capable of. So many brave and wonderful performances - well done to you all. Thank you to all the staff who supported the children and the amazing props and scene changes!

Thank you to Mrs Lambert

We say farewell to Mrs Lambert who has been teaching in Brunel this term. We are very grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm she has shown to our school and especially to Brunel Class during this term. We are sorry to be saying farewell after such a short time with us, but equally glad she has been part of our school community.

Thank you Bluey

We are so grateful for Bluey who made the time to visit the children in Neeld and Fox Talbot this afternoon. It was such a lovely moment - thank you to those who made this visit possible for the children.

Silver Leaves

Congratulations to Marley, Jenson, Evelyn and Lacey for achieving their Silver Leaf this week.

Gold Leaves

Congratulations to Oscar, Eoin, Harriet, Lilly and Pandora for achieving their Gold Leaf this week.

Reading Award

Congratulations to Lilly for achieving the reading award this year. Mrs Sadler - an ex member of staff - has provided a £10 voucher to be awarded each year to a pupil who has made exceptional progress. Well done Lilly for winning it this year. She has continued to make excellent progress during this year.

KS1 Superstars and Y3 Seedling

Congratulations to Richard and Lola for being chosen for the KS1 Superstar award this year. Congratulations also to Ruby for the Y3 Seedling award. Both awards recognise the work, attitude and consistent performance throughout KS1 or Y3.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has started and we would like as many children as possible to participate and complete the challenge. It will end on Saturday 6th September. We will celebrate their successes in September. Please register at Chippenham Library. The 2025 theme is: Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, which will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. When registering children will receive their own Story Garden sticker booklet to record their reading and as they finish reading books - will receive stickers for each one read, plus a certificate a badge on completion.

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Farewell to Our Year 6s

Today we said farewell to our Year 6s and we wish them all the very best as they take the next step into Secondary school life. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing them grow and develop into the children they are today - the video in assembly of their reception photos compared to now was great, accompanied by what they would like to be when they are older! Thank you to FOSP for providing them all with their lovely Hoodies. Thank you to the staff in helping them put their scrap books together - a lovely memory of their primary school days. Thank you to the parents for being part of our Leaver's assembly today - some of whom will have made their last visit having been part of our school for many, many years. Thank you to all the staff over the past 7yrs who have supported our Y6s and especially to Mrs Ward, Mrs Evans, Ms Sandry, Mrs Gernonn and Mrs Merrett for providing them with an amazing final year.

Thank you to our amazing St. Paul's Community

THANK YOU to everyone who makes our school what it is - with Kindness, Creativity and Pride. We are proud of our community and thankful for all the adults who play their part in a variety of roles - each having their own impact on the school and children in different ways.

This has been a rewarding year where the efforts and contributions by everyone has been rightly recognised. Among other things we celebrate:

- the opening of our new Resource Base classes
- achieving Platinum OPAL award
- achieving 'Good' in all areas of the Ofsted inspection

Thank you to all the staff, Governors, Piano Pete, FOSPERS, our volunteer readers, Student helpers, Elin and Eira, sports providers and all parents/carers for your continued support and partnership.

Summer Building Works

We are really looking forward to the refurbishment of our KS2 toilets over the Summer. This is a much needed project and we know the children will be very happy about this.

Thank you for your Kindness and Generosity

On behalf of all the staff - THANK YOU - for your kind gifts, cards and messages - it is very much appreciated.

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Year 6 Award Winners

Outstanding Contribution Award

Alice

Headteacher Award

Sophie

Outstanding Progress

Draman

Highly Commended

Lataiyah and Arabella

Kindness and Friendship

Oscar and Harriet

The Courtesy Cup

Pandora

Highly Commended

Teddy, Akye and Eoin

Music Award

Charlie and Sophie

Forest School Certificate

Marley and Lilly

Outstanding Achievement in a subject

Charlie and Shamelia

Kindness to younger children

Demi

Improvement in Attitude and Progress

Sophie

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2025

MULTI SPORTS COURSE

- Wed 23rd - Thur 24th Jul 2025 (9am-4pm) 2 days
- Mon 28th - Thur 31st Jul 2025 (9am-4pm) 4 days
- Mon 4th - Thurs 7th Aug 2025 (9am-4pm) 4 days
- Mon 11th - Thurs 14th Aug 2025 (9am-4pm) 4 days

- Our popular Multi Sports Programme is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-13 and offers a fantastic variety of sports & activities each day.

Sports include Archery, Inflatable obstacle course, Football, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Martial Arts, New Age Kurling, Street Dance, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Team Building Challenges along with daily competitions, prizes and certificates.

Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere.

- HARDENHUISH SCHOOL**
Hardenhuish Lane
Chippenham
SN14 6RJ

- £34 per day
£64 for 2 days & £125 for 4 days

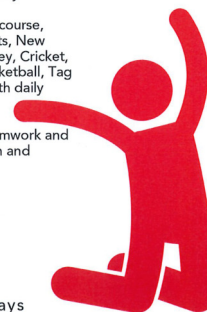
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A message from the governing board

As the school year draws to a close once again, on behalf of the governing body I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful staff, volunteers, pupils and parents who continue to make our school such a thriving community.

Each year as a governing body, we reflect on the achievements, challenges and developments of the past year. This year a major milestone was obviously our Ofsted inspection in March in which we retained our "Good" rating in all areas, of which we are extremely proud. Other highlights have been the successful opening of the first Resource Base class and the school's retention of its OPAL Platinum award. Congratulations to Mr Upton and all the staff on these achievements and the well-deserved recognition of all the hard-work put by everyone to make St Paul's a place where our children build their knowledge and have happy and active playtimes.

This year marks the end of an era on the governing board, as Mel Collins is stepping down from the board after nine years. Mel has been a hugely important part of the governing board, serving as chair for six years and as vice-chair for the last two, and has helped support the school with her knowledge, passion and time in innumerable ways over the years. We asked Mel to reflect on her time on the board, and her message is below. She will be sadly missed from the board, and we are extremely grateful for all she has contributed.

Wishing you all a restful summer break,
Janet Serevena,
Chair of Governors

A message from Mel:

At the end of term 6, I went to my last board meeting as a governor at St Paul's, after almost 9 years on the board, including around 6 as Chair of Governors.

I have been reflecting on the impact that the board has had, and how this impact has looked during my (almost) 9 years. Governor impact is a tricky thing to measure - the board's role is strategic, so the difference that our work makes is generally quite slow-burning. More importantly, the work to deliver the board's strategic vision is carried out by the whole school community - so it's hard to find the right balance between talking proudly about our work and giving full credit to the people involved in achieving success.

However, being able to spend 9 years on the board means that I'm able to see how the school has grown and identify the role of the school's governing board in that journey. When I first visited St Paul's as a potential school for my oldest son, it was clear from the way that Mr Upton spoke, that the school was inclusive and focused on the importance of wellbeing, recognising that people learn best when they feel settled. However, in the early days of my time on the board, it sometimes felt as though other aims were pulling the operational work of the school in different directions - for example the pressure of published outcomes, and financial pressures stemming from dwindling birth rates in the town. A couple of years into my time on the board, the board became clear that a focus on growth was needed, to counter the financial pressures, and that a clear, achievable vision was absolutely central to delivering this growth. As part of this journey, the board also identified a need to change the role of the SENCO to someone who works full time within the school, and following this, the opportunity to develop a resource base within the school. Both of these ambitions have now been achieved and are showing signs of positive impact.

I believe that the school is now in a really strong place. Every governor visit report that we see shows clearly to me that the school's vision of kindness, creativity and pride is resonating through every single part of school life - and this positivity seems to be landing well with the school community, too - our numbers have been steadily growing over the past few years.

No governor would ever say that the school has achieved perfection - even aside from the need for continuous improvement, we live in an increasingly rapidly changing world, and I'm sure that the board will need to continue to work hard to ensure the pupils at St Paul's have the positive school experience that they deserve. But I am confident that I'm stepping down and leaving the school and its governing board in a strong position.

And for those of you whose children enjoy seeing the therapy dogs - don't worry! I'll still be visiting with Elin or Eira every Friday morning - they are not eligible to be school governors.

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Creative Activities at Chippenham Museum

Get creative in style! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10.30am to 3.30pm, for free 'fashionable' activities inspired by our summer exhibition *Threads: Clothing, Memory and Identity*.

Week 1: Setting the Style

Tuesday 29 July & Thursday 31 July

Week 2: Fibre to Fabric

Tuesday 5 August & Thursday 7 August

Week 3: Shapes and Colour Palettes

Tuesday 12 August & Thursday 14 August

Week 4: Function to Fashion

Tuesday 19 August & Thursday 21 August

Week 5: Finishing Touches

Tuesday 26 August & Thursday 28 August

Relaxed sessions run from 9am to 10am before the drop-ins. Spaces are limited, so booking via Eventbrite is essential.



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Chippenham Town Council

9-10 Market Place, Chippenham, SN15 3HF
01249 705020
heritage@chippenham.gov.uk
www.chippenham.gov.uk/chippenham-museum



This Summer at Chippenham Museum

Threads: Clothing Memory and Identity

Free entry, Saturday 19 July - Saturday 1 November

Celebrate all things fashion in our summer exhibition and explore ideas of memory and identity through the clothes we wear.

Festival of Archaeology

Free, Saturday 19 July, 10.30am - 3.30pm

Kicking off our *Threads* exhibition is a special day exploring what archaeology reveals about clothing in the past, with pop-up displays, activities, and re-enactors bringing history to life.

Waste-Not-Wednesday

Free, Wednesday 20 August, 10.30am - 3.30pm

Join us for day of workshops and activities dedicated to slowing down fashion. Learn hints, tips and tricks to reuse, repair and repurpose unloved clothing to create new sustainable fashion.

As-We-See-It-Saturday

Free, Saturday 30 August, 10.30am - 3.30pm

A day celebrating all things photography! See examples from the collection, share your own images, discover the latest work from the museum's Photo Club, and join in our collective photo artwork.



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LITTLE THINKERS SUMMER CAMP

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9:00 AM - 3:00
at SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CAMPUS
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Please contact Emily:
Emilystethridge@gmail.com
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WEEKLY PLAN:

MONDAY
Baking and arts, and crafts

TUESDAY
Science experiments

WEDNESDAY
Sports day

THURSDAY
Maths (problem solving and team building)

FRIDAY
Musical and Performance

Additional workshops and activities will be advertised on our socials!

Please note that while each day has an underlying theme, there is still a wide variety of activities, ensuring that there is something for everyone. Your child will never have to participate in anything they don't want to. This plan encourages those who wish to push themselves out of their comfort zone to explore and do so in a safe and supportive environment. Our main goal is to make sure that everyone feels included and confident.

£30 a day!
15% sibling discount
20% discount if you book 5+ sessions

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'Team Builders'

Registration & Consent Form. One for each child please.
Tuesday 29th July – Friday 1st August 2025

Child's full name:
What does your child like to be called?
Parent's Email Address:
Parent's Postal Address:
Parent's Phone Number:
Child's Date of Birth: Child's Gender:
School Year Group (at Jan 2025):
Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:
GP's Name & Phone number:
Any known allergies, conditions or additional needs?
 I would like to be kept informed of any future children's events.
(To change your preference, contact admin@sheldonroad.church)
I confirm that the above details are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the unlikely event of illness or accident, I give permission for any necessary medical treatment to be given by the nominated first-aiders. In an emergency, and if I cannot be contacted, I am willing for my child to receive hospital treatment, including anaesthetic if necessary. I understand every effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.
Signature _____ Date _____

TEAMBUILDERS

For 5-11 Year-olds

Tue 29th July – Fri 1st August
10.00am – 12.00pm
Sheldon Road Church,
Chippenham.

£2.50 each day / Family

Plus a special 'Team Builders' celebration
for all ages will take place on
Sunday 3rd August at 10.30am



For more details phone 07593 393653
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- ✓ Storytelling

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Waste Not Wednesday

T-Shirt Bag Activity

Transform an old t-shirt into a unique bag in our free drop-in session for Waste Not Wednesday. Join us for a simple no sew activity, where you'll learn a fun way to give an old t-shirt a new life. We'll have some materials for use on the day, but to make the most of the activity bring along your own pre-loved t-shirt from home. Suitable for ages 4+, under 10s must be accompanied by an adult

Wednesday 20 August, 10.30am-12.30pm
Free, drop-in

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WILTSHIRE CRICKET SUN-SATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL!

MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 2025 **10:00 TILL 14:00**

VENUE - URCHFONT CRICKET CLUB (URCHFONT, DEVIZES SN10 4RJ)

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