

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVEY

We are so very nearly there! Tomorrow we say farewell to the children in Year 6. It is going to be tough. They are a fun year. They have worked hard and have made us proud on so many occasions. I know that they will face their new chapter with courage and resilience and all the many other character traits they have acquired over the years. I feel privileged to have been part of their story, albeit in a very small way. I hope to hear of their journeys as the years go by and I know that they will delight their new teachers and peers.

I would like to thank so many people for supporting us at SPW as we have faced joy and tragedy. It has been a very challenging time in many ways but it has also been momentous, joyous and brimming with laughter.

Please enjoy the holiday but may I repeat my request of making sure that your children are reading in whatever form that takes. It may be that they prefer audiobooks, graphic novels, comics or blogs and podcasts. The more exposure to varied vocabulary the better.

Mrs Davey



Dates for Autumn Term 1A

September 2025		Reminders: Term 1: INSET for staff Tuesday 2nd September School term: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24 October				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		STAFF INSET	CHILDREN BACK Reception children collected at 12	Reception children collected at 12	Reception children collected at 12:45 Parent drop in 3:15-3:45	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Fist full day for reception		Phonics meeting for parents 6pm -7pm		Willows coffee morning; 9am	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			CURRICULUM EVENING information for parents 6pm – 7pm		2:30 pm KS2 Class assembly	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Silver Birches coffee morning: 9am	SATS information evening	Rowans coffee morning: 9am		
28	29	30				
		Oaks coffee morning				

October 2025		Reminders: Term 1: Monday 1 September – Friday 24 October				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Autumn Census	Rowans class assembly 2:45pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Harvest assembly				World Mental Health Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Willows class assembly	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Parent consultations 3:30-6pm Booking via arbor		Parent consultations 3:30-6pm Booking via arbor			
26	27 HALF TERM	28	29	30	31	

July is here!!



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR APPLICATION TO TESCO STRONGER STARTS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND OUR PROJECT WILL BE PUT FORWARD TO A CUSTOMER VOTE IN TESCO STORES. VOTING WILL COMMENCE IN STORE FROM THE FIRST WEEK IN JULY 2025 UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2025

We applied for Funding for equipment to start, build and grow our garden and Forest School. This will allow the children to help garden, grow and provide fruit and vegetables to our school.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 , the second placed project £1,000 , and the third placed project £500
Stores which will vote on our project

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project.

2202 Broadwater Stevenage Superstore SG2 8DT

3213 Stevenage Extra SG1 1ES

4775 Woolmer Green Express Express SG3 6FP

6131 Old Stevenage Express Express SG1 3EF

6546 Stevenage Chells Express Express SG2 OLU

6565 Hitchin Station Lyon Express Express SG4 9SP



To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:
<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Please do sign up for this wonderful camp. I would very much like to build up netball alongside dodgeball in this school.

Netball is a sport for everyone. Even I play it!

LEARN. TRAIN. PERFORM. EXCEL.

NETBALL CAMP

2 DAYS OF NETBALL TO EXCEL YOUR GAME!

28TH & 29TH JULY | 9AM - 3PM
OPEN TO PLAYERS AGED 7 - 11 | BOYS AND GIRLS

Learn the game in a fun and supportive environment.
Learn the technical and tactical elements of each position.
Mini games and Match Play!

ST PAULS WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, HITCHIN

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SCAN & BOOK NOW

NET CAMP
THIS ISN'T JUST A GAME



This week two children from each year group who have worked consistently hard all year were rewarded with an extra special Paul Walden Certificate of Excellence. All the teachers found it very difficult to choose just two children. A big well done!



This week the recipients of the St Paul's Walden Certificate of Excellence are:

Willows: Reception

Rowans: Year 1

Year 2

Silver Birches:

Year 3

Year 4

Oaks: Year 5

Year 6

Tommy and Olivia

Jessie and Jaxx

Abigail and Max

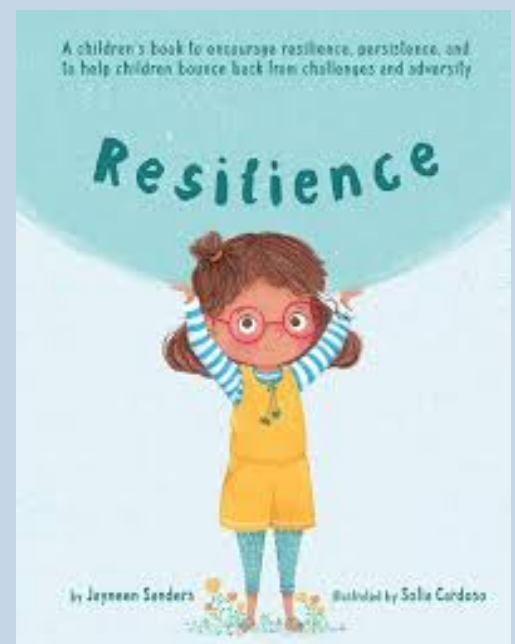
Mudiwa and Logan

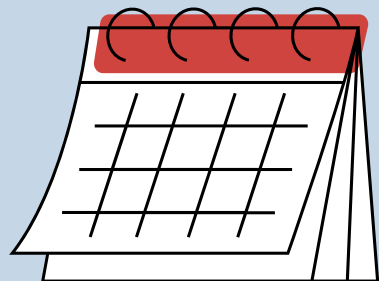
Monty and Lilly

Matthew and Isabelle

Ferne and Aarian

This year we have thought about





Dates For Your Diary



TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

3RD SEPTEMBER	Autumn Term begins for children
27TH - 31ST OCT	Half Term week
28TH NOVEMBER	INSET DAY, no school for children
1 ST DECEMEBER	Occasional Day, School closed to staff and children
19TH DECEMBER	END OF TERM 2PM

SPRING TERM 2026

5TH JANUARY	Spring Term begins for children
16TH – 20TH FEBRUARY	Half Term week
27TH MARCH	END OF TERM 2PM

SUMMER TERM 2026

13TH APRIL	INSET Day, no school for children
14TH APRIL	Summer Term begins for children
25TH - 29TH MAY	Half Term week
16TH JULY	END OF TERM 2PM
17TH JULY	INSET Day, no school for children
20TH JULY	INSET Day, no school for children
21ST JULY	Occasional Day, school closed to staff and children

ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2pm on 16th July 2026. No absence will be authorised at the end of the summer term.