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Autumn Term
 Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term
 INSET Day:
 Monday 5th January 2026
 First day of Term:
 Tuesday 6th January 2026
 Half Term:
 Monday 16th February to Friday 20th
 February 2026
 Last day of Term:
 Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term
 First day of Term:
 Monday 13th April 2026
 Bank Holiday:
 Monday 4th May 2026
 Half Term:
 Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
 2026
 Last Day of Term:
 Friday 17th July 2026

School Attendance 25-26

TARGET	97.0%
2024-25	96.5% (1687)
Autumn 1	96.6% (357)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
03/11	97.6% (27)
10/11	98.2% (25)
17/11	94.6% (75)
24/11	96.6% (48)
01/12	94.7% (74)
08/12	95.5% (60)
15/12	
Total:	96.4% (666)



Family Points

433

377

434

386

IN TOUCH

Friday 12th December 2025

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

I'd like to start with a huge thank you to our parent/carers body for a fantastic Christmas Fair last week. Pictured below is the magical Santa's grotto which parents created in the Eco Classroom. They have been kind to leave most of the decorations up so that the children can enjoy them in the run up to Christmas. I would like to say a very special thank you to our Co-Chairs Danielle, Rochelle and all of the FoSMS Committee for the hard work that went into planning and executing the event. I would also like to thank all of the parent/carers who helped, either by setting up stalls, running stalls, clearing up or all three and to all the families who supported the fair — THANK YOU. It was a really festive evening which brought us all together and it was wonderful to see the excited faces of the children.

I am very grateful to our governors, many of whom were in school for a working morning today. They joined us for worship, a presentation from the Religious Education (RE) Subject Leader, the children at break time and an RE Learning Walk across the school followed by a discussion. Thank you to those in attendance for making the time out of your busy schedules to be with us.

Next week is the last week of term and we will finish early at 2.30pm on Friday 19th December. Friday is our Christmas Jumper day and we invite children to come to school in a Christmas Jumper on top of their usual uniform or any Christmas outfit and, in exchange, to make a contribution to The British Red Cross. Children do not need anything new—a bit of tinsel over a plain jumper will be very Christmassy! Also on this day we are all looking forward to our Christmas dinner. Baggie and her team always do us proud on this day and we are looking forward to seeing what they will cook up for us this year.

Before I sign off a further thank you and a request... Thank you to St. Paul's School for hosting our Year Sixes for a workshop on liquid nitrogen this morning. They came back buzzing and full of questions—including Mrs Rinaldi!

...Unfortunately our grand piano in the hall is coming towards the end of its life. If you know of anyone looking for a home for a good piano—please let us know.

We hope your weekend is not too busy and you all have time for a rest and recovery over the two day break. We look forward to seeing you for the final week of the Autumn Term at the usual time on Monday. Until then, best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

