



As God's family, together we achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Autumn Term School Progress Report

As we reach the end of the autumn term, we are delighted to share highlights of our pupils' achievements and progress. Across the curriculum, pupils have demonstrated exceptional effort, with noticeable improvements across their learning in foundation subjects, particularly History and DT. Their engagement in classroom activities and home learning has been commendable, showcasing their dedication and resilience.

This term has also seen enthusiastic participation in extracurricular activities. Pupils took part in our **Elf Enterprise Week**, where they showcased their creativity and teamwork while learning practical skills such as design, costing, and promotion. Festive events, including the **Christmas Carol Concerts** and **Nativity Plays**, allowed children to shine, highlighting their talents and enthusiasm for performing arts.

Our pupils have also shown great generosity and compassion through community initiatives. Fundraising efforts for **The Christmas Mission** were a resounding success, with the whole school coming together to support this worthy cause. A special thank you goes to the Values Committee for leading meaningful worship services, which have fostered a positive and caring school ethos.

In addition to their academic progress, our pupils have embraced new challenges and social opportunities, developing their confidence and collaboration skills. School initiatives, such as sports and music programs, have further enhanced their holistic growth, providing valuable experiences beyond the classroom.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this term's successes. With the continued support of our school community, we remain committed to fostering a nurturing environment where every pupil can thrive and achieve their best. Thank you for your support, and we wish you all a peaceful and joyous festive season.

Class Pages

We'd like to remind parents and carers to regularly check their child's class page on our school website for weekly learning updates and images: [Class Pages - St. Paul's Hoddlesden](#).

Each week, our children and staff take the time to share highlights of their learning journey, including key activities and memorable moments. These updates provide a wonderful insight into the classroom and are a great way to stay connected with your child's progress and experiences.

These are a great way to understand what your child has been learning in school that very week. Learning Blogs have now been in place for over 5 years and document the learning and skill learning from the children. It is a great way to see how far our children have come!

Ofsted

Thank You for Your Support During Our Ofsted Inspection

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our parent community for your responses on Parent View during our recent Ofsted inspection. Your feedback is invaluable and helps us continue to provide the best possible education and care for your children.

A special thank you must also go to our wonderful pupils, who were a true credit to the school throughout the inspection. They welcomed the inspectors with enthusiasm and shared their learning experiences and favourite aspects of school life with pride and confidence.

The inspection has now concluded, and the inspectors will be drafting their report in the coming weeks. We anticipate sharing the final report with families following the Christmas break, likely within the first couple of weeks of January 2025.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Your contributions and encouragement mean so much to us and make a significant difference in ensuring our school remains a nurturing and inspiring environment for all.

Communication

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers who have shared positive feedback through our questionnaires. We are aware that a small number of comments have suggested that communication could be improved. I encourage everyone to review our comprehensive **Communication Plan**, available on our website: [Keeping in Touch - St. Paul's Hoddlesden](#).

This plan outlines the variety of ways we keep you informed, ensuring transparency and regular updates about school life and your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued engagement and support in fostering a collaborative and informed school community.

PTFA

What an incredible term it has been for our PTFA! They have hosted two sold-out **Chocolate Bingo events** and our exceptional **Christmas Fair**, which has been a treasured collaboration between our church and school community for over nine years.

The Christmas Fair was nothing short of amazing—what a day! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and supported this event. Special thanks go to our wonderful children and Rev Ben for opening the fair so beautifully, and of course, to the lovely man in the red suit for bringing festive cheer.

We are thrilled to share that we raised an incredible **£1,358** from the Christmas Fair, which will be shared with the church! This success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and community spirit of everyone involved.

With two terms left before the end of the academic year, we want to acknowledge and thank our long-standing PTFA representatives who will be stepping down in July 2025. Their dedication and hard work over the years have been instrumental in creating so many wonderful events and opportunities for our school community. The additional funds that are raised by these wonderful events are needed now more than ever!

To continue the great work of the PTFA, we are encouraging parents, carers, and community members to get involved. If you are interested in supporting the PTFA and helping to carry on their amazing efforts, please reach out via their Facebook page: **St Paul's Hoddlesden PTFA**.

Your involvement, no matter how big or small, makes a real difference to our children and the wider community. Let's keep this fantastic legacy going!

Church



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Rev Ben and Rev Matt for their unwavering support throughout this term. Their inspiring leadership in worship has deeply enriched our pupils' understanding and learning about Jesus Christ.

Their presence—both physically and in prayer—has been a constant source of encouragement, particularly during the festive season. Whether guiding us in meaningful worship services or sharing in the joy of Christmas celebrations, their contributions have been invaluable.

We are truly grateful for their dedication to our school community and the spiritual growth they help to nurture in all of us. Thank you, Rev Ben and Rev Matt, for walking this journey with us.

Staffing Update

As shared with you all over the term, we have a number of staff that are leaving at the end of this term.

Our Year 3 Teacher, Miss Sivill will be leaving us to pursue a new teaching role much closer to home from January. Miss Sivill has been a Student Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Class Teacher and Subject Leader during her time with us at St Paul's. A truly talented and inspirational teacher that has made many children feel extra special. With a bright future in education, I am sure that we will continue to see Miss Sivill grow from strength to strength.

Another home-grown educator leaving us is Mrs Matthews. Mrs Matthews and her family begin their adventure of a life-time, emigrating to Australia! We wish them all the best and look forward to pictures and post cards from their adventures.

Finally, we said farewell to Mrs Clark in the school office last week. Taking up a new role in Ashleigh Primary School, we have all missed her fondly. Mrs Clark has been the face of St Paul's for many, many years and she will be missed very much by us all.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas holidays. Stay safe, continue to make family memories and I cannot wait to see you all in the new year. Once again, a huge 'thanks' to the staff, children and families for making this another successful term for us all.

Take care and God Bless,

Mrs Bass-Head of School

Mr C Dugdale-Executive Headteacher