



St Paul's Newsletter 16th March 2026

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This weeks Merit and Hot Chocolate Winner photos are at bottom of page

Term Dates

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St Paul's Landing Page

A mobile page with St Paul's most used links. There's a QR code on the notice board and main entrance, Scan with your phones' camera and then tap on link or link [HERE](#).

Maths Resources and Times Table Practice

[Click HERE to access the resources](#)

St Paul's Catholic Junior School Safeguarding Team

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March - 20th Century Music- Benjamin Britten and Francis Poulenc.

Composers of the Month.

Every morning that you come into school this year, you'll hear music filling the corridor! Each month we'll travel back in time to a different musical world and meet two exciting composers. Get ready to discover new sounds, tap your feet, and maybe even find a new favourite tune!

March – 20th Century music

20th-Century Classical Music is full of **new sounds, bold ideas, and musical experiments!** 🎵+ Around the early 1900s, many composers wanted to **break away from old traditions** and explore fresh ways of writing music. Instead of always sounding smooth and predictable, the music could be **surprising, colorful, mysterious, or even a little strange.**

Composers began trying **new rhythms, unusual harmonies, and exciting orchestral sounds.** Some music feels energetic and powerful, while other pieces create dreamy soundscapes or sharp, dramatic moments. It's like stepping into a world where **anything is possible in music!** Sometimes it tells a story, and sometimes it creates interesting patterns and sounds that make you think and imagine.

👂 **Things to listen out for:**

📉 **Unusual melodies and harmonies** that may sound surprising or unexpected

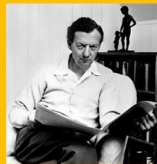
🔊 **Strong, exciting rhythms** that make the music feel energetic

🎛️ **New and colorful sounds** from different instruments

⚡ **Sudden contrasts** between loud and quiet or fast and slow

🎭 **Music that creates moods or sound pictures**, sometimes mysterious or magical

20th-century classical music is **creative, bold, and imaginative.** It's like stepping into a world where composers are **exploring brand-new musical landscapes** and inviting you along for the journey! 🎵🌟



Born: 22nd November 1913

Died: 4th December 1976

Musical Period: 20th Century (c. 1900–2000)

20th-century music explored many new sounds and ideas 🎵+🌟

Composers experimented with unusual harmonies, strong rhythms, and different ways of writing music. Some pieces sound dramatic and powerful, while others feel mysterious, playful, or surprising.

Benjamin Britten

He was a composer who wrote music that tells powerful stories through sound 🎵📖

He lived in the 1900s and was one of the most important British composers of his time.

Britten loved writing music for voices, especially operas and pieces for choirs. Many of his works tell dramatic stories about people, emotions, and big ideas like peace and friendship. His music can sound mysterious, playful, gentle, or very powerful!

He was also great at using the orchestra in colourful ways – sometimes with sparkling high sounds, sometimes dark and dramatic ones. Britten often wrote music that feels very clear and expressive, helping listeners imagine the story or mood behind the music.

👂 **Things to listen out for:**

Music that tells a clear story or creates a strong mood 🎵📖

Beautiful singing melodies and expressive voices 🎤

Interesting instrument sounds that feel mysterious or magical +

Moments that suddenly change from calm to dramatic

Music that feels thoughtful, emotional, or a little spooky 🕯️👻

Britten's music is like a musical theatre in sound — full of characters, feelings, and imagination, as if the music itself is acting out a story! 🎭🎵



Francis Poulenc

!!! What did Francis Poulenc do?
Francis Poulenc was a French composer who wrote music that is lively, expressive, and full of character. He wrote many different kinds of music, including pieces for piano, choirs, chamber groups, and operas.
Some of his music sounds playful and light, while other pieces are calm, thoughtful, and deeply emotional.

!! What was his music like?
Poulenc's music often mixes beautiful, simple melodies with surprising harmonies. It can quickly change from cheerful and humorous to peaceful and serious. He especially loved writing for voices, creating music that feels natural and expressive.

© Things to listen out for:
Bright, clear melodies !!
Playful or witty musical moments
Beautiful choral singing
Sudden changes in mood or colour
Music that feels elegant, expressive, and sometimes surprising +
Poulenc's music feels full of personality — sometimes playful, sometimes peaceful — like a musical story. 🎵

Born: 7th January 1899
Died: 30th January 1963

Musical Period: 20th Century (c. 1900–2000)
20th-century music explored many new sounds and ideas !!+
Composers experimented with unusual harmonies, strong rhythms, and different ways of writing music. Some pieces sound dramatic and powerful, while others feel mysterious, playful, or surprising.

Year 5 Ski Trip to Bormio

Congratulations to all the children who participated in our ski trip to Italy last week. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. All photos have been uploaded to our X/Twitter account [@spcjliverpool](#)

Northwest Football Finals

Good luck to our Year 6 boys team who play in the Northwest finals on Thursday. The winners will go on to represent the North of England.

Amazon Wishlists



Thank you so much for purchasing vital resources for our children. We are so lucky to have such supportive families in our school community.

A special thank you to our most recent donors:

- **Carrick Family (Year 6)**
 - **Currans Family (Year 3)**
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: St. Paul's Amazon Wish List

We are writing to you as we have set up a St. Paul's Amazon Wish List. As you will be aware schools are facing tighter budget restrictions at the moment and we are no different. As a result, we kindly ask that if any of you, your extended families, friends or business associates could possibly purchase some of our priority items we require for this term, we would be enormously grateful. There is no expectation for anyone to purchase anything, but any help towards funding some of our key resources would be appreciated.

SEND Equipment:

<https://amzn.eu/hDsd8Y9>

Pritt Sticks:

<https://amzn.eu/6vvWnrE>

Please click on the appropriate link where you will be redirected to your Amazon Account.

1. Add any items to your basket and click 'proceed to checkout'.

2. Choose Delivery Address:

3. Leave a Message:

Pay and Confirm!

Thank you in advance,

Mr Luck

Headteacher

PE Kit and Clubs

If your child is participating in a club run by school staff they are to come into school in their school PE Kits. If they are participating in an afterschool club run by an outside agency ie SLCC they can come to school in their own kit if you so wish.

Live Simply



As part of our Live Simply journey, St Paul's is committing to sharing what we have with others in our community. From today we will be collecting donations for the North Liverpool foodbank. A box for donations will be in our reception, along with shopping lists of specific needs for the foodbank. Thank you for your continued support.

School Lunches:

Reminder – meal patterns are set for the term. If you do require a change, please call the office to avoid errors on your Arbor account. The cost of a school meal is £2.00 per day or £10 per week. If your child's dinner account is in arrears you may be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is cleared. All dinners should be paid for in advance.

Free School Meals:

If any parents' or guardians' circumstances have changed during these uncertain times, please be aware you may now be entitled to free school meals. You can check your eligibility via the link below:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>

Hardship Payments:

For any parents/carers who may be struggling in these uncertain times, there is a government website that can be accessed for guidance. Please follow the link below.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/test-and-trace-support-payments/test-and-trace-support-for-isolating-children/>

Child Friendly Policies:

All pupils are encouraged to look at our child friendly policies. The attendance policy can be found at <https://www.spcj.co.uk/attendance/> and the equality policy can be found at <https://www.spcj.co.uk/equality-and-inclusion-at-st-pauls/>

New Translated policies:

We are delighted to announce that we now have our Equality, Attendance and Admission policies translated into Romanian, Polish and Spanish. Please find them on our school website.

Safer School App:



The Safer Schools App is your school's **digital safeguarding communication and training toolkit**. It has been designed by safeguarding professionals to help make our entire school community safer online. Please see attached letter for specific pupils and parent's downloads.



1 - [For Apple](#)



2 - [For Android](#)

Labeling of school uniform:

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing including coats a labeled. If they are labeled, they are easily returned.

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A graphic illustration of ten stylized hands raised in a gesture of agreement or voting. The hands are arranged in a slightly overlapping row, each with a different bright color: pink, blue, green, orange, purple, magenta, orange, green, blue, and purple. The hands are simple, flat shapes with visible fingers and thumbs, set against a plain white background.

Attendance is MANDATORY for all pupils unless they are unwell. If your child is absent from school without authorisation parents will be fined by the Local Authority.

All appointments should be arranged outside of the school day. If your child has an urgent medical appointment which cannot be rearranged, you will need to provide medical evidence before that absence will be authorised. This can be in the form of an appointment card, a letter from a GP, dentist, walk in centre, or hospital, or medication issued from that appointment, etc.

This week's Attendance figures 16th March 2026

3C 90.88%

3D 94.84%

3G 92.41%

3T 93.9%

4L 95.82%

4P 98.13%

4R 96.03%

4W 92.9%

5F 92.5%

5O 93.36%

5S 91.94%

5T 93.55%

6C 95.07%

6F 90.91%

6G 91.82%

6OC 95.67%

Whole school - 93.56%

Merit and Hot chocolate Winners 16th March 2026









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