

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 10.05.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Thank you so much for your support today. You donated a magnificent £615.73 and the children did a brilliant job of breaking as many rules as they could. This is a good start to our fundraising for the purchase and installation of our Wellness Gym and we will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of this half term, Friday 24th May, to see if we can raise this total to £1000. We are hoping that fundraising will support the development of the playground and outdoor space in the way that the children would like. If you work for a company that funds projects for the local community, please do mention what we are trying to achieve as we would welcome any corporate donations to boost our efforts.

Not only did 3B look amazing in their Anglo Saxon and Viking outfits this morning, they also wowed their audience with lots of fascinating facts and information about the history they have been learning this term. The children 'rowed' us to far off shores with their singing and we even glimpsed a wolf chase a deer across the hall. It was a brilliant start to the day!

The pool is up and running, thanks to the efforts of Mr Walker, Mr Roseweir, Miss Osborne, Mrs Deen, Mrs King, and Mrs Tilson, all of whom have been carrying out water testing, pool checks and monitoring the temperature of the water to ensure conditions are perfect for the children to swim.

Our fabulous Year 6 children are now on the home straight for their SATs next week. It is an important time for the children as from Monday to Thursday, they will be sitting test papers each morning. Please do not drop any items off at school to avoid disturbing Y6 who will be under exam conditions in the hall. Tests or no tests, Y6 are a credit to the school and have worked so hard up until this point. Thankfully, things will return to normal for them by Friday and their teachers have relaxing activities planned to end the week. For those Y6 coming early for the SATs breakfast, entry to school will be via the Oxford Road entrance from 8.20am onwards. **Reminder: no clubs will run next week.**

For those of you able to help assemble our new benches, we will see you on the playground at 10.30am this Sunday.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Year 3 Viking Workshop

Year 3 spent a thoroughly enjoyable day going VIKING under the watchful eye of Scott the Legbiter of Ufton Court. After choosing a Viking name and swearing an oath to Odin, they learned various battle techniques including forming a shield wall and a circle defence to protect their yar! Battle ready, the young apprentices were then taught how to row a Viking longboat in time to the drum. Next it was time to pillage and plunder the shores of North America, Greenland, Russia and Germany.



Here is what our young Vikings felt about their day:



"we made a human longship"
"I could pretend fight people"
"we trained to be Vikings"
"we raided and invaded different countries for gold, money, honey, spices and land"
"we loved playing toga (tug of war)"
"I loved it because I got to shout and it was fun to learn how to fight"
"I got to play with other people and I like history"



Volunteer Readers Sought

As part of our continued efforts to raise the standards of Literacy in school, we are hoping to encourage parents and other family members to come into school and help pupils with their reading. Reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children can make with this vital skill. Typically, volunteer readers work one-to-one with two or three children spending time with each child discussing the book and listening to them read. If you would like to volunteer, please email office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk and we provide you with more information.

Samuel and Evan – Wokingham & Emmbrook Footballing Success



Samuel and Evan's Wokingham & Emmbrook football team played in the ESF tournament last weekend at Butlins. The team were unbeaten in 9 games, conceding 1 goal and winning the final on penalties. Jon Barnes presented the impressive and heavy trophy.

As winners of the tournament, the boys will now get to play at the home of England football at St George's Park in June, in a competition to become the Champion of Champions!

Well done Samuel and Evan, and all Wokingham & Emmbrook u9s! Best of luck for your next match!

Get Extra Support For Your Child

Registering for free school meals if you're eligible means you can help your child have a healthy lifestyle. This support helps feed millions of children in schools across the country every day and thousands locally. Your circumstances may have changed, which means you could now register for free school meals. To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school. [Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

Congratulations to Oliver



We love it when we welcome a new member into our school family!

Congratulations to Oliver (3B) and to his mummy and daddy on their new arrival, Daniel. We were lucky enough to meet Daniel this morning at 3B's assembly and he is an absolute cutie! Oliver is already proving to be the kind of big brother that everyone would love to have – lucky Daniel!



Sophia – Jui Jitsu Competition



Well done to Sophia (5K) for performing brilliantly in her first Jui Jitsu competition. She has now been promoted to a grey belt!

PTA Summer Fair – Estate Agent Boards

The Summer Fair will be held at St Paul's Junior School on Saturday 6th July 2024. If you could help advertise this event by having an Estate Agent's sign outside your house, please email PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. Our chosen agent is once again Northwood – they would display the sign for a couple of weeks prior to the Fair. This has worked very well in the past and hopefully will continue to do so this year.

Many thanks in advance.

PTA

Bake Sale – Friday 17th May



We hope you will join us for our bake sale next Friday, 17th May.

Please provide baked donations at morning drop off. If you are able to help us with setting up and selling at the sale please let me know – we are very much in need of a few more volunteers 😊

Email us at PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Silent Disco – Friday 7th June

Tickets are selling fast for the Silent Disco on **FRIDAY 7TH JUNE** 😊

Remember, the only way to buy tickets will be **ONLINE** – there will be no late entries allowed on the door on the evening. **Ticket sales will close 5 DAYS prior to the date of the disco.**

PLEASE – DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO BOOK

The price will include, crisps & drinks as well as sweets and glowsticks - so the children don't need to bring any money with them. The price per ticket is £6. The cost of setting up a silent disco is a lot more than a traditional one however we are still trying to keep the ticket price as low as possible.



Tickets ARE ON SALE NOW

Y3/4 - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulswokinghampta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=78932>

Y5/6 - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulswokinghampta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=78933>

**** IMPORTANT **** Please understand that our absolute priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of the children whilst in attendance – buying tickets in advance means we know exactly who will be attending. We will not be able to admit any children who turn up on the night without a ticket.

As always, we will only be able to run this event if we have sufficient volunteers. Please let us know ASAP if you will be able to help. Thank you to those who have already volunteered 😊 we'll still need a few more, especially for the Y5/6 disco!

Many thanks
PTA

PTA Vacancy – Treasurer

The PTA are looking for a new treasurer to join their committee as soon as possible. Ideally, they need someone who is good with numbers and used to handling cash. This is a vital role in the small, friendly and supportive team. For an informal chat, please contact the PTA directly: PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Swimming

Pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. We ask that swimming trunks are close fitting and not long, baggy Bermuda style shorts and that girls wear a one piece suit. Swimming hats can be purchased from school.

Mondays			Tuesdays			Wednesdays			Fridays		
5D	3D	3H	5K	3B	4P	5M	6B	4B	6T	4R	6S

Class Assemblies

Just a reminder about upcoming class assemblies, the majority of which will take place on Friday morning. These events last approximately 15 minutes and start promptly at 9.00 am. Parents of the class performing are welcome to join us for these occasions and should **enter the school via the Oxford Road entrance.**

17/5	24/5	14/6	21/6	28/6	5/7	12/7	19/7
4P	5D	3H	4B	5K	3D	4R	5M

Forest School News



It has been a busy week in the sunshine at Forest School. The children have been tending to their seeds and are delighted to see many of their seedlings thriving.

The children have been busy learning how to use a flint and steel to light a fire, the skill of whittling a piece of wood and

have spent time in our pond area exploring the wildlife. They have been using our school values of being determined and resilient, having a voice and listening to others and making our world a better place.

During our reflection, the children used the sentence stem, "In the woods, I can be..." and spoke about being calm, a good friend, a team-player and an explorer.



Although the weather is improving, please remember to send your child to Forest School with long trousers as the nettles and brambles are growing at a tremendous rate too!

13/05	20/05	17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	09/07	15/07	16/07
4P	3H	6B	3D	6S	5D	4R	6T	3B

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 8.15am on each day of the absence. Please ensure you give your child's name, class and symptoms: stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

Next Week at School

13 th – 17 th May	Year 6 SATs
NO CLUBS RUNNING	
Friday 17 th May	4P Class Assembly
Friday 17 th May 3.30pm	PTA Bake Sale (after school)
Diary Dates	
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 20 th May	Class Photos
Friday 24 th May	5D Class Assembly
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Friday 7 th June	PTA Silent Disco
Thursday 13 th June	Sports Day 9.00pm – 1.00pm
Friday 14 th June	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	PTA - Bag to School and Frozen Thursday
Friday 21 st June	4B Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	5K Class Assembly
Friday 5 th July	3D Class Assembly
Saturday 6 th July	PTA – Summer Fair
Friday 12 th July	4R Class Assembly
Friday 12 th July	PTA – Frozen Friday
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 19 th July	5M Class Assembly
Friday 19 th July	End of Term – 2.00pm finish



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU
TO OUR 2ND

BAKE SALE & FRESH FRUIT KEBAB EVENT

FRIDAY, MAY 17
3:30 PM - STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

Enjoy a variety of baked goodies, make-your-own fresh fruit kebabs and help raise funds for an improved playground!

*All items £1 each (cash & card accepted)
*No nuts please.
*All baked donations to be dropped off on the morning of the bake sale

Hope to see you all there!




ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Up and coming courses include:

- Building your Confidence to get into Work or Volunteering
- Business Maths Essentials
- Excel at Budgeting
- IT Skills for Work
- Help your child with Maths
- Help you with your Maths
- Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant and Working in Schools
- Introduction to Working in Care or the NHS
- Maths for ESOL
- Maths for the Workplace
- Sensory Maths





To find out more and to enrol visit:
www.webenrol.com/wokingham

adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk
0118 974 3797



PLAYERS WANTED

To support the growth of our Girls' and Women's teams, we will be starting another Girls-only age group in September 2024.

Are you starting Year 3 or 4 in September?
Do you like playing football with your friends?

OPEN TRAINING SESSION
Thursday 16 & 23 May @ 6-7pm
Cantley Park Grass Pitch by Car park

If you are interested, please contact us via the website or scan the QR code.

www.ashridgepark.co.uk





NEW PLAYERS WANTED

OUR UNDER 10'S
(YEAR 5 23/24)
ARE LOOKING
FOR NEW
PLAYERS TO JOIN
THEIR SQUAD
IMMEDIATELY

TO REGISTER
YOUR INTEREST
SEND US A
MESSAGE OR GET
IN CONTACT VIA
OUR WEBSITE



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