



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

Everyone is a learner at St Paul's and this week we had the pleasure of working with Anne Stopforth, our School Improvement Officer. Together we observed lessons, spoke with children about the work in their books and spent time in classrooms observing a cross section of teachers delivering English lessons. Anne was very impressed with how enthusiastic the children were and by how confident they were when discussing their progress this term.



We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to next Friday's Christmas Fair (5.30pm – 7.30pm). Our marvellous PTA have been beavering away for months in preparation and will be putting all your tombola prizes and sweet donations to good use. Please do not worry if your child forgot theirs

today, any last minute items can be sent in next week.

We are still in need of books, board games, jigsaw puzzles and soft toys. Items should be clean, complete and in good condition. Please note that we are unable to accept other toys or games. Additional books of raffle tickets are available from the school office. Stubs and ticket money should be returned to school by the end of next week. If you can lend a hand please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4bacaa2ca2f49-stpauls11>

Things are really “hotting up” in terms of end of term festivities and preparations are well underway for the Christmas Celebration. The children have wowed our musicians, Mrs March and Mrs Lindsay with the quality of their singing this week and are in fine voice! As soon as orders for tickets have been processed by the admin elves, they will be sent home with the children. Please do not worry if your tickets take a few days to arrive – they will be processed and sent out as quickly as possible.

We have had a double treat this week, with class assemblies from both 6W and 5S. they were a great way to celebrate all of the learning that the children have completed so far this term.

I am very sorry to have to say that today we say goodbye to our interim site controller, Bob Bennett. He was presented with a Golden Certificate, a special superhero trophy and a bottle of site controller's “medicine” this morning. Bob has done a fantastic job of looking after the school, the children and the staff whilst Mr Millen has been on long term sick leave.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor

## Upcoming Events

**December 6** – PTA Christmas Fair, 5.30-7.30pm

**December 10** – Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2.00pm and 5.30pm

**December 11** – Christmas Celebration, St Pauls Church 5.30-pm

**December 13** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

**December 19** – PTA Christmas Discos – Year 3/4 6.15pm and Year 5/6 7.45pm

**December 20** – **END OF TERM, 2.00PM FINISH**

## Safeguarding

[AskAboutGames](#) (AAG) is a website providing information on video game age ratings and how to play games safely and responsibly. Each week, it shares the top-selling games in each PEGI age rating and has a cumulative list of the most popular games for children of different ages.

With input from gaming experts and advice from the VSC Rating Board's, AAG have put together a series of short videos which provide a quick and clear introduction to the content of the most popular games.



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## Dressing the Christmas Tree Competition

There were 12 stunning entries in this year's competition. As this newsletter goes to print, the School Council are currently making the decision as to which two decorations will represent St Paul's this year. The winners will be announced on Monday and photographs of all of the decorations will be included in next week's newsletter.



## Attendance and Punctuality



It would be easy for our attendance figure to slip away from our target of 97+%. Please do not book holidays, or take days out during the school term. Temporary roadworks and traffic congestion are wreaking havoc on the local area most mornings. Please allow a few minutes extra for your journey to school to ensure your child arrives feeling calm and relaxed and is in good time for their first lesson of the day.

## Calling all Year 6 - Story Prize Draw Competition

The Bikeability Trust is running a prize draw competition for all trainees and families to submit a story via the Bikeability website, with the theme 'Cycling after Bikeability in 2019 (how Bikeability training has inspired more regular cycling)'. The competition is open until 31st December 2019. The winner will be announced by 17th January 2020, and will receive a £50 high street voucher. More information about the competition and how to enter can be found [here](#).

*Jill Bissell  
Cycle Training Co-ordinator, My Journey Wokingham team*

## Run the World

The children ran 5,183 laps of the playground last week, or approximately 1,295 miles. Well done!

5K ran the most laps last week and ran an impressive 1,879 laps. Year 5 also ran more laps than any other year.

Our run across the world takes us from Haiti to Pasto in Columbia.



*Mrs. V Judd, PE & Games Assistant*

## Contact Details



Please remember to update the office if your contact details change. It is essential that the office can reach parents in case of an emergency. On several occasions over the past few weeks we have been unable to contact parents when necessary.

Either call the office on 0118 978 5219 or email [office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Parking

The relationship that St Paul's has with the local community is being put in jeopardy by inconsiderate parking by parents of the schools that share this site. Private driveways are being blocked or used for turning, and cars are being parked half on pavements and on corners, forcing pedestrians, including children, to walk in the road. One of our Core Values is to contribute positively to our community and therefore we ask that all of our parents park with the same level of due care and consideration that they would like to see in the streets around their homes.

## Christmas Holiday Clubs

Energy Kidz – 10% early bird offer ends 1st December, <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/>  
See below for further details.

Wokingham Active Kids - [www.wokingham.gov.uk/activekids](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/activekids). See below for further details.

## Community Events

Cycle Training - Ages 5 to 7 at Finchampstead Baptist Centre. Transition children from stabilisers to pedals. Spaces available on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00-5.00pm, two sessions per child for £5.00. To book follow this link <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-learn-to-ride-fbc-5th-december-2019/>

**T.A.C.T – Twyford, Autistic, Carers, Together at Twyford District Youth and Community Centre. Free tea and coffee session for parents/carers of those with autism, every other Friday 1.00pm-2.30pm. Next session 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Free stay and play session for children with autism and their families on the first Sunday of the month, 10.00am-12.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet others in similar situations, share experiences and support one another. The next session is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (con: [tact.twyford@outlook.com](mailto:tact.twyford@outlook.com)).**

Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant Course – Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am at Ambleside Centre, Woodley, 10<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February

**English for Speakers of Other Languages - Tuesdays from 9:30am-11:30am at Highwood School, starting January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Helping Children with Maths – Wednesdays from 09.30-11.30am at Highwood School, 15<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February.

**Further details and how to book can be found below.**

Autumn Term 2019	PE & Games	Games	Class Forest School Dates	
Monday	5S 5P 6G 6B		Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6W
Tuesday	4L 4A 4M		Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3F
Wednesday	3F 5K 6W		Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	4A
Thursday		All Classes		
Friday	3D 3B			

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Diary Dates	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair: 5.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 2.00-3.00pm and 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Discos: Year 3/4 6.15pm Year 5/6 7.45pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>END OF TERM: 2.00PM</b>
Term Dates can be found on the website <a href="#">here</a>	

Clubs – Autumn Term 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (16 September – 2 December)	<b>Badminton – cancelled until further notice</b>	Yoga Club – 07.45am (18 September – 4 December)	Gymnastics Club – Finished for this term	Gymnastics Club - Finished for this term
<b>Badminton - cancelled until further notice</b>	Lego Club – Finished for this term	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (12 September – 5 December)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (13 September – 6 December)
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (9 September – 2 December)	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 10 December – no session 3 <sup>rd</sup> December)	Year 6 Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Nutritional Ninjas – Finished for this term	
		Years 3/4 Lunchtime Netball Club (6 November – 4 December)		
Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club - Finished for this term	French Club – Finished for this term	Multisports – 3.30pm (11 September – 4 December)		
		Years 5/6 Netball Club – Finished for this term		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 4 December)		

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## LODDON VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2019  
Week 1

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER	TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
SOFT PLAY		
STRUCTURED FREE PLAY	STRUCTURED FREE PLAY	STRUCTURED FREE PLAY
SWIMMING (9-11AM)	SWIMMING (9-11AM)	SWIMMING (9-11AM)
MARTIAL ARTS	CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES	NETBALL
TRAMPOLINING	FOOTBALL	

EMAIL: [sport@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:sport@wokingham.gov.uk)  
TEL: 0118 974 3728

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LODDON VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2019  
Week 2

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER	TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER	THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER
SOFT PLAY			
STRUCTURED FREE PLAY	STRUCTURED FREE PLAY	STRUCTURED FREE PLAY	STRUCTURED FREE PLAY
SWIMMING (9-11AM)	SWIMMING (9-11AM)	SWIMMING (9-11AM)	SWIMMING (9-11AM)
CRICKET	NEW YEARS ACTIVITIES	TRAMPOLINING	NETBALL
NETBALL		NETBALL	TAG RUGBY

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## Helping Children with Maths



Refresh your own maths skills while gaining confidence in how to support children with their maths learning.

Gain an understanding of how maths is taught in schools today in readiness for SATs. This course is for parents who are looking to encourage their children's maths learning at home.

**Wednesdays, 15th January-12th February**  
**09:30-11:30, Highwood School**

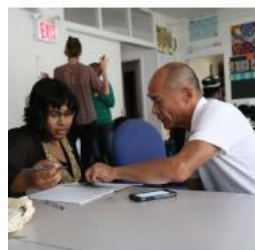
The five week course starts with a free taster session.

Free places on this course are available for people who are unemployed. Please talk to us if you think you are eligible by either phone or email - see details below.  
Costs for the course is £40.

Please book a place by calling **0118 974 3797** or e-mail [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk)



## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



This 5 week course will introduce you to the everyday use of English.

The courses will be designed around your needs: you will learn how to fill in a form, how to ask for help, how to make a polite complaint and how to chat with friends.

The course is very practical with lots of opportunities to speak and write in English.

**Tuesdays from 9:30am-11:30am at Highwood School, starting January 14th 2020**

Free, subsidised places available for learners who aren't working or on a low income, otherwise £40 per half term.

To find out more, and to check your eligibility or to book a place call **0118 974 3797** or e-mail: [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk)



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Learn about the roles and responsibilities of a teaching assistant, as well as gaining an understanding of other, non-teaching roles in schools. Gain confidence in applying to roles in schools and employability skills.

Our courses begin with a free taster session and run from:

**10th January—14th February**  
**Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am**  
 Ambleside Centre, Woodley

Cost: £45, free places are available for people on job seeking benefits. Please talk to us if you think you are eligible by either phone or email—see details below.

To book a place call: **0118 974 3797** or  
 e-mail: [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) or apply online via:  
<https://tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-apply>



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**10% OFF** EDWINTER19-1\*

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We are running in  
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**Evendons**  
**Primary School**

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**OUR ACTIVITIES**

- DEVELOP NEW SKILLS
- ENCOURAGE COOPERATION
- PROMOTE LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
- PLENTY OF FUN
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**WINTER WONDERLAND**  
 Energy Kidz Holiday Club

**OUR LATEST THEME**

**10% OFF** when you quote EDWINTER19-1\*

Keep your kids busy with a fun packed activity schedule at your local club. Find our schedules, themes and more online at [energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club](http://energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club)

8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm
FULL DAY PASS: £32.50										
CORE DAY PASS: £26.50										
EARLY DAY PASS: £29.00										
LATE DAY PASS: £29.00										

T&Cs can be found at [energy-kidz.co.uk](http://energy-kidz.co.uk) \*Offer ends Sunday 1st December 2019

Please note that the school has no connection to any of the organisations included in our newsletter and does not endorse them in any.

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