St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 02.05.25





Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



Already we are two weeks back and with only three until the half term break, there is a lot to pack in! This week, we have been busy observing the quality of learning in every classroom

and are delighted that we have so much to celebrate. What is evident is that we have a great team of teachers and learning mentors who work tremendously hard to deliver the very best for every child! Next week, will be reviewing the progress of every pupil and in the coming weeks, carrying out book looks to review the quality of written work across the school.

Year 4 had a fabulous time at Ufton Court on Thursday, learning all about life in Roman times. Miss Plumley, Y4 Team Leader, said it was the best trip there to date and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience - they were so well behaved. Thanks to our parent volunteers who helped on the day. You did a fantastic job and we are glad you could join us.





5K delivered an excellent assembly this morning, transporting us to the far-flung shores of Australia and New Zealand. Their presentation culminated in an impressive performance of a song sung in both Māori and English. Well done, everyone, and thank you for such a great

start to the day.

The pool has never looked better, thanks to Mr Pearson's efforts! Our amazing PTA bought us a much needed new pool hoover and as a result, the water is crystal clear and has never looked more inviting. We are very grateful to them for funding what is a very expensive but vital piece of kit! The children are enjoying swimming as part of the KS2 PE national curriculum. The current funding pressures led to us launching an appeal for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of its running and upkeep and we are very grateful that almost half of our families have been able to get behind this. We are still in desperate need of help if we are to continue with swimming and if you intend to make a contribution, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.

Our Year 6 children and team are working exceptionally hard in the lead-up to the SATs, which take place the week after next. Our aim is to ensure that the children sit their tests with no unnecessary disruption so please do take a moment to read the item below. Year 6 parents: we have sent information about SATs, SATs breakfasts, the Friday of SATs week etc. to you under separate cover and would be grateful if you could read through everything.



With a long weekend to look forward to, I hope that you manage some down time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday.

Mrs Taylor

SPORTS DAY - CHANGE OF DATE - 19th June

On Wednesday, St Crispin's confirmed the second of their secondary transition dates as 25th and 26th June, which clashes with the original date for Sports Day here at St Paul's.

To avoid lots of our Year 6 pupils missing out, we have set a new date so that every child has the chance to participate.

Sports Day will now be held on the morning of 19th June.

PLEA TO ALL PARENTS

Our Year 6 pupils have their SATs tests from Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May, during which, children are sitting exams in the hall and a number of other rooms throughout school – we use every space available and aim to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by being disturbed during their exams unless it is an unavoidable emergency.

Our year 6 pupils would be grateful if all pupils could arrive to school on time as late arrivals are disruptive. Please do not come into school to deliver forgotten PE kits, swimming kits, forest school clothing, water bottles or lunches. We will provide suitable alternatives within school. Each buzz on the gate, telephone call and discussion in reception interrupts children's concentration during this exam period. Parents should only come into school in if it is an emergency, avoiding arriving between 9 and 11 wherever possible.

Thank you for your support.

PTA News

Thank you to our dedicated PTA who raised £121 from their Frozen Friday sale last week. They hope to run a few more Frozen Fridays over the coming weeks while the weather is good.

Funds are still coming in for the 2025 challenge – thank you to all the efforts of the many pupils who took part over the Easter holidays. You have raised a massive £1136.96 so far! We would love to see photos of your fundraising efforts, please do send them into school for inclusion in next weeks newsletter!

Our silent disco is taking place on Friday 16th May. Please follow these link by buy tickets:

Y3/4 - St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA

Y5/6 - St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA

Celebrating Success!



Congratulations to Alice (6T) After a lot of hard work, perseverance and a 2-hour grading assessment, Alice Achieved her Green Belt in Karate!

Swimming and Games

Swimming				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	
5B 3D 3H	5K 3B 4P	5M 4R 6S	6T 6D 4L	

Swimming lessons started this week. On their swimming days, 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.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to contribute towards the running of the pool, we would be very grateful if you could make a payment via Scopay.

Swimming hats can be purchased from school for £2.50 – payable on Scopay

Please remember that earrings are not permitted during any sport sessions and must be removed AT HOME before attending school that day

Outdoor Games

All classes have Games each Thursday. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). No football shirts or brightly coloured sports kit!

Games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their school uniform, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

Sports News



Congratulations to our girls' football team who triumphed in their Wokingham District Spring Cup semi-final against a very strong and well-matched team from Floreat Montague Primary School. The girls were all incredible giving 110%. The match finished 1-1 with lots of pinpoint passing, brave defending and many shots on goal. It was a tenacious performance and they kept on trying right to the end. However it was not possible to avoid penalties! Leela made two excellent saves and with all our girls hitting the target we won 3-1 on penalties setting the girls up for the cup final on Monday 19th May at Emmbrook Secondary School. Special mention to Jasmine who stepped up to play with the older girls and Elly who covered for Veronica who was unwell. What an incredible difference you girls made – well done! Good luck to all the girls!!

Forest School

We enjoyed the company of Mrs Buchanan and 3B on Monday afternoon. They noticed many changes in the woodland since their last visit: bluebells, blossom and lots of new leaves on the trees to name but a few. They demonstrated their teamwork, empathy and determination skills as they worked through various activities, including a visit to the pond where they observed newts, pond snails and pond skaters.

Our afternoon groups have been working hard in our allotment area. They have weeded, turned the soil over and planted peas, carrots and broccoli plants which had been started off in pots by last term's groups. Potatoes have gone into the ground and lettuces have been put into our pallet planter. The area is beginning to look amazing and we look forward to caring for these plants and watching them grow.

Please remember to send your child to Forest School in long trousers as the nettles are out! Pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

12/05	19/05	09/06	16/06	23/06	30/06	14/07	15/07	16/07	21/07	22/07
5M	4P	3H	5K	5B	4L	6D	6T	6S	4R	3D

Junior Adventure Group – May Half Term Holiday Club





Unlock Your Child's Super Senses This May Half Term with

Holiday HQ: Awaken the Unknown!



This May half-term, a new kind of hero is rising... and the power lies within! Across four days of non-stop action, children aged 4–11 will dive into a comic-book world of bold adventures, epic challenges, and mind-blowing sensory missions.

At *Holiday HQ* — our multi-activity holiday club — sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch aren't just senses — they're superpowers waiting to be unlocked.

From crafting musical instruments and edible snacks to solving sensory puzzles and celebrating with glowing lights, bubbles, and textures at every turn, every moment is designed to inspire curiosity, confidence, and connection. Whether they're sculpting squishy slime or dancing through time, each child becomes the hero of their own story.

And the best part? Your child can join the adventure for their favourite day, a few days, or all four — it's totally flexible! Let your child become the hero of their own sensory-powered adventure this May half-term!

Here's a sneak peek at what's in store at Holiday HQ: Awaken The Unknown.

Day 1: Seeing is Believing

Activate your X-ray vision! Explore illusions, crack secret codes, and decode visual puzzles in a day where nothing is quite as it seems. Super sight starts here.

Day 2: Listen Up!

Tune in like a sonic superhero! Use sound to solve challenges, unlock rhythms, and groove through time. Can you master the power of hearing and become an audio adventurer?

Day 3: Scent & Savour 👃 👄

Smell the clues. Taste the truth. Step into a flavour-filled world of edible missions, mystery aromas, and fast-paced sensory games. A true test of your super sniffer!

Day 4: Touch and Texture (%)

Get hands-on with your powers! From squishy, scratchy, smooth, and bubbly — explore a world of tactile challenges, team tag, and a touchy-feely finale fit for a hero.

🖺 Plus, grab 10% off your booking with our early bird offer! Use the code HERO10 at checkout before May 4th, 2025.

Click here to book your spot today!

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this helps us to provided curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children. Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Collins in the office to find out more or follow this link https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-extra-funding-your-childs-education

NEXT WEEK IN SCHOOL

Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 8 th May 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Friday 9 th May	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre

Diary Dates

Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	SATs Week
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	NO BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS: Badminton, running, gymnastics, Little Musketeers
Friday 16 th May	5M Class Assembly
Friday 16 th May	Year 6 – Mind the Gap Workshop
Friday 16 th May	Silent Disco
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd May	Walk to School Week
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd May	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 22 nd May 9.00am	6S Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd May 3.30pm	Break Up For Half Term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 2 nd June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 3 rd June	First Day Back After Half Term
Tuesday 3 rd June	Class Photos
Friday 13 th June 9.00am	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th June – morning	Sports Day
Friday 20 th June 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Friday 27 th June 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 4 th July 3.30 – 6.00pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 23 rd July 9.30-10.30am	Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Year 6 Parents Welcome to Attend
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Term – 2.00PM finish
Thursday 4 th September	Start of New Academic Year
Monday 8 th December 2.00pm	Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church
Tuesday 9 th December 2.00pm	Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church
Wednesday 10 th December 2.00pm	Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church



