

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 16.05.25

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



We are incredibly proud of the way that Y6 approached the SATs this week and impressed by their mature and sensible attitude. Their behaviour was impeccable! The take up for breakfast was high and Mrs Tustin, Mrs Harris and Mrs Thornhill put on a delicious spread each day to ensure a relaxed start to the morning. Thank you, Mrs Walker, for clearing up at the end of each session! The children were brilliantly supported throughout the tests by the Year 6 teachers, and by many of our learning mentors, acting as scribes, readers and prompts.



The week ran without a hitch and whilst the Y6 teachers had pulled out all the stops to get the children ready, the real credit lies with the children who rose to the challenge of tricky questions, challenging texts and a total of six different test papers over 4 days. They gave their best and we could not have asked for more. This remarkable group of children are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves. Credit also to Y3, Y4 and Y5, who deserve a special mention for being as 'as quiet as mice' throughout the tests, especially 5B who decamped to the ICT Suite every morning so that there was additional space for Y6 to spread out. Thank you, everyone!



5M gave a stellar performance this morning, taking us out of this world with their space themed assembly. It was a very interesting and uplifting performance, rounded off with a great rendition of 'Reach for the Stars'. Well done, 5M.



We are looking forward to tonight's Silent Disco and are very grateful to our brilliant PTA committee who work tirelessly to raise money for school and create fun opportunities for the children. The committee were hard at it this afternoon, organising refreshments and sweets, making sure everything is ready to welcome Y3 and 4 at 6.15pm and Y5 and 6 at 7.30pm. What a great way to round off what has been another very busy week.

Enjoy what promises to be a sunny weekend - Mrs Taylor

Review of Year 5's Trip to Winchester Science Centre



Thank you to Riley and Oliva (5M) for writing this fantastic report about their trip to Winchester Science Centre last week.

On Friday 9th May, Year 5 boarded the coaches bound for the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium.

Activity 1. Planetarium.

In the Planetarium, we explored the different constellations and took a closer look at the planets and moons. It was as if we were flying through space. We also learnt there are a variety of galaxies not just ours.

Activity 2. Workshop.

In the Discover Space Workshop, we witnessed refracted white light- that we could see with special glasses- which showed a dazzling circle of rainbow light (a rainbow spectrum). There was an infra-red light that gave off heat. Using this knowledge, the year 5 pupils looked at different materials and how we absorb or reflect heat. The final thing we looked at in this Workshop is how light can reflect off of mirrors to change its direction.

Activity 3. Explore Space and Science exhibit.

In the final activity, many of us got to experience what it was like in a spacesuit. We got to test how heavy things are in space and played in the little big room. We were also able to create sound waves with a massive guitar, launch rockets and create bubbles in different liquids.

And most importantly, we had lots and lots of FUN!



Celebrating Success!

Congratulations to Grace (6D) and Casey (5B) who were part of a dance troop performing at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff last Saturday before the rugby match between Bristol Bears and Bath. They performed with 300 other local dance students to over 50,000 people in attendance!

Well done to you both!



SPORTS DAY – CHANGE OF DATE – 19th June

As St Crispin's have advised that the second of their secondary transition dates is 26th June, this 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.

Library – Half Term Activities

Get Arty

Tues 27 May	Lower Earley Library	10:30 – 11:30am
Fri 30 May	Wokingham Library	10:30 – 11:30am
Fri 30 May	Finchampstead Library	10:30 – 11:30am

£2 per child. Booking required – see QR code

Craft drop in at Twyford Library

Thurs 29 May Craft drop in between 2:30 – 4:30pm



£1 per child. No booking required.

Explore Learning – A Knights Journey

All knights go through many quests and this journey to the king's throne is no different. We travel back to medieval times and children will joust their way through many grammar tournaments. Feedback on the children's progress will be given after the session.

Tues 27 May Woodley Library 1:30 – 2:30pm
Thurs 29 May Lower Earley Library 10:30 – 11:30am

Free 6 – 8 years. Booking required – see QR code

Dogs Trust

Join Dogs Trust for their *Be Dog Smart* programme. It is dedicated to fostering secure, loving connections between children and their canine companions. Their mission is to empower children with the knowledge and skills to interact safely with dogs in both their personal lives and social settings.

Wed 28 May Wokingham Library 10:30 – 11:30am
7 – 11 years. Free. Booking require – see QR code

Children's Author Visit – Lui Sit

Woodley Library
Wednesday 28 May at 11am – 12noon
Book purchase will be available at this session

Swimming and Games

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

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 £12.50 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.

Forest School



We welcomed 5M into the woodland on Monday afternoon. The children worked enthusiastically, collaboratively and with determination as they made a class flag, using the Japanese art of Hapa Zome. Their flag was proudly displayed today in their class assembly.

Our afternoon groups took part in a blindfold activity which developed their communication and collaboration skills. Many spoke about how they could trust their partner as they had been given clear instructions, which had made them feel safe.

The children have also been tending to the allotment and have been delighted to see pea pods growing, plenty of strawberries waiting to ripen and the start of some foliage peeking through the ground from our potatoes.



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.

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

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this helps us to provide 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 of 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 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

Diary Dates

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
Monday 9 th June	3B Visit to Emm Brook Meadows
Tuesday 10 th June	3H Visit to Emm Brook Meadows
Wednesday 11 th June	3D Visit to Emm Brook Meadows
Friday 13 th June 9.00am	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 19th June – morning	Sports Day
Friday 20 th June 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 5 Visit to Reading Gurdwara
Friday 27 th June 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 4 th July 3.30 – 6.00pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 16 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





Just Play Sports Holiday Clubs

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

Discover a new sport or game

Kids'll experience a winning combo of awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Nerf • Slip'n'slide
- Cricket • Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Arts and crafts

Savings to suit every pocket

Save:
10% when you book the whole week
10% for siblings

Where you'll find the fun

St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham
Colleton Primary School, Twyford
Cranford Park, Yateley
Oaklands Junior School, Crowthorne
(see website for other local venues too!)

Flexibility to suit you

Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm
4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm



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COME AND JOIN THE FUN AT

MEADOW MAYHEM

SATURDAY 17TH MAY 11AM - 1PM

**CREATIVE EYE BALLOON MODELLER
MAKING BALLOON MODELS FOR EVERY GUEST!**

Children's Tombola | Lucky dip
Refreshment stall | BBQ
Bake sale | Face painting | Tattoos
Games including Hook a duck,
Whack a rat, Tin Can alley and more

TICKETS
£2 PER FAMILY IN ADVANCE OR
£3 ON THE DOOR




MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL