

St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 07.03.25

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

What a week - we had one of the busiest Wednesdays we have ever had! Governor Day, World Book Day and Parents' Consultations. It was long but very productive and we loved celebrating the children's progress and achievements during 360 appointments over Wednesday evening and again on Thursday morning.

The governors could not have picked a better day to join us as we celebrated our love of all things reading. Thank you for supporting the children in dressing for the event - the school was a riot of colour and characters and Mrs Tustin's assembly was the icing on the cake and it was such good fun, listening to staff reading extracts from well loved books in a range of different languages. Thank you for the lengths you went to photographing the children reading in weird and wonderful places - the pictures are FANTASTIC! Don't, forget, Monday is the final day of the Book Fair; weather permitting, this will be held on the playground.

Racism and racial discriminations were the focus of the assemblies at the start of the week, helping us to explore the part we can each play in combatting this kind of behaviour. Our school values underpin our zero tolerance to this kind of behaviour and reflect the rich diversity of our school family and the uniqueness of each of its members.

The week ended on a high with 5K's class assembly and I have it on good authority that Mr Kellett is tremendously proud of their efforts as they brought this term's learning alive, and with very little rehearsal time.

Have a good weekend - enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Taylor

Red Noses For Sale On Scopy



We are selling Red Noses for Comic Relief on a pre-order basis at £2.00 per nose.

Pre-order for the Red Noses is via the Products section of SCOPAY and will be available until the end of the day on Sunday 16th March. If you would like to order more than one nose, you can make a custom payment in multiples of £2.00.

There are 5 different Noses to collect, each design celebrates iconic Red Noses throughout the last 4 decades. Noses will be distributed randomly and children will not be able to select which design they are allocated. There is also a 1 in 125 chance that someone may get a rare 'Ruby' Nose, a glittering gem to celebrate Comic Relief's 40th birthday!

The noses will be distributed to the children on Thursday 20th March, and may be brought into school and worn on Friday 21st March - RED NOSE Day, along with their school uniform.

No Red Noses will be available to buy on the day so don't miss out!

Celebrating Successes!



Dviti (4R), Veda (4P) and Charani (3H) participated in the cultural activities held at the Reading Hindu temple on the occasion of the Hindu festival of Mahashivaratri. They performed the Indian Classical dance of Bharatnatyam at the venue and they were brilliant with their teamwork and coordination. We are very proud of you girls!

Well done to Sophia (4P) who entered a Disney sing along video competition. We are all very excited to see that she is now featured in a Mufasa fan video on Disney Kids!

[I Always Wanted A Brother | Mufasa: The Lion King | Disney Kids Sing-Along](#)



Many congratulations to Faith (6S) and her Wokingham District U11 football team who won their National Cup semi-final against Tonbridge and Malling. The 4-2 score line demonstrates how impressive they were and they have now set up a National Cup final against either Liverpool or Newcastle at Stoke FC. We wish you all the best of luck and can't wait to hear how you get on!



Jenson (5K) has been exchanging emails with his favourite author this week! Hannah Gold is the author of The Last Bear and wrote to Jenson to congratulate him on his winning design for a book cover competition. Jenson is now set to feature in her monthly newsletter!

Forest School



It has been a very busy week at Forest School! Our week started with 4L joining us for their class session. They used their creativity, determination, resilience, collaboration and communication skills to build stick towers, with amazing results – no wonder Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Hamer are so proud of you all!



Our afternoon groups embraced World Book Day by choosing to read books from our Forest School library in the woodland. As you can see from the photos they found some fantastic places to read!

We have started work in the allotment this week and already have pea, pumpkin and sweet pea seeds planted. It was 'all hands on deck' as we turned the soil, removed weeds and raked up leaves – as the saying goes, teamwork makes the dreamwork!

We also made our first visits of the year to the pond – everyone was excited to see the mass of frogspawn in the water, along with sightings of the frogs, newts and pond skaters.



It was a pleasure on Wednesday morning to have a visit at Forest School from the governors. After being shown around the woodland by Jacob and Riley, the boys then taught them all how to stay safe while whittling and gave them the opportunity to try it for themselves. Jacob and Riley also lit a fire for our visitors and invited them to toast marshmallows and make s'mores.



We look forward to seeing what next week will bring in the woods...

10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04	02/04
3H	6T	5B	4P	3D	4R

Pupils will need to bring suitable warm clothing with them on their Forest School day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area. The woodland is quite wet underfoot at the moment, so please ensure that your child brings wellies or shoes/trainers that you are happy to get muddy!

Indoor PE and Games

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

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into.

Outdoor Games

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN BRING SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SCHOOL SHOES WITH THEM EVERY THURSDAY.

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 a gloves, scarves and hats if the weather is cold alongside their school uniform, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

Sports News



We have had two fantastic football results over the last week. Last Friday the Y5/6 Mixed team were in County Cup quarter final action against a very strong Birch Copse side from Tilehurst. Last year this team knocked us out of the County Cup so it was with great satisfaction that our team took the 1-0 win. Our team who showed great resilience, determination and team work to hold our lead. An absolutely fantastic performance and we will look forward to the semi-final!

Our Y5/6 Girls team also had a brilliant quarter final match in the Wokingham District Spring Cup against Hawkedon Primary School. They were strong from the start displaying grit, determination and tenacity. There were brave tackles, pin point passing, fantastic football skills as well as a hattrick of goals from Sienna. A dominant performance, inspired by the team captain - Faith, to take a very well deserved win! Congratulations to the girls and we can't wait to see how far you can progress.



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>

Reporting An Absence

Absences must be reported in writing by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, you must email by 8.15am on each day of the absence, ensuring you give your child's name, class and symptoms. Stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

For any requests for term time leave, please complete the Leave of Absence Request Form, which can be found on our website under parents > absence reporting

Diary Dates

Monday 10 th March 3.30pm	Last Day of Book Fair
Friday 14 th March 9.00am	3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 18 th March 8.40am	The Little Recyclers Collection (in place of Bags2School) – see flyer below
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 3 Viking Workshop
Friday 21 st March 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 21 st March 9.00am – 12.00	Year 6 Easter Experience
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – school uniform with red nose
Monday 17 th March 7.00pm	Clubs Bookings Open for Summer Term
Tuesday 25 th March 6.30pm	SATs Information Evening
Friday 28 th March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 4 th April 9.00am	4P Class Assembly
Friday 4 th April 2.00pm	Last Day of Term – 2PM FINISH
Tuesday 22 nd April	First Day of Summer Term
Friday 2 nd May 9.00am	5K Class Assembly
Thursday 8 th May 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	SATs Week
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May	NO BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS: Badminton, running, gymnastics, Little Musketeers or Indoor Cricket
Friday 16 th May	5M Class Assembly
Friday 16 th May	Silent Disco
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
Friday 20 th June 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Thursday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 4 th July 3.30 – 6.00pm	Summer Fair



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

18 MARCH
TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.



This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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

Discover a new sport or game

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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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