

St Paul's Newsletter – 18.11.22

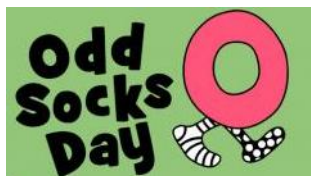


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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



Our House Captains led a brilliant assembly yesterday as part of our Anti Bullying Week. It was about the importance of reaching out when something is wrong, whether that be to a friend, trusted adult at school, or to a family member. The culmination of the week was our own Odd Socks

Day today, reminding us of the uniqueness of every member of our school family and how we need each and every one to be part of the one body that is St Paul's.



Thank you very much to 6T for their marvellous assembly this morning. They taught us all about the impact of war on families and about the work of the British Legion. It was a very moving assembly and they also shared some examples of well-known war poetry with us and their stunning art work (I have included a couple of photos later in the Newsletter). 6T have clearly been enjoying their learning this term and like all of our children are a beacon of hope for a future where every nation lives in harmony. Thank you to the parents attending too. You must be very proud of the children's efforts!

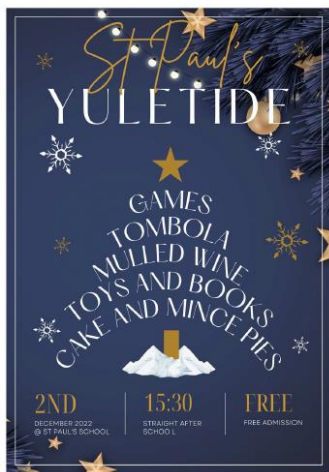
Congratulations to our TVRL runners! They did our school proud yesterday and were excellent ambassadors for St Paul's. Wherever our pupils go, whether it is to sporting fixture, local visit or on a trip, members of the public always comment on their excellent behaviour. This was true yesterday, where despite damp and muddy conditions underfoot, our runners gave 100%, encouraged and celebrated one another and behaved beautifully – we are very proud of their efforts. Thanks to Mrs Judd and Mrs Foster for accompanying and taking care of the children during this event.

We have a significant number of pupils frequently arriving late for school and it is often the same children every day – on Tuesday, 36 pupils arrived after 9 o'clock – more than a whole class. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that school starts at 8.40pm, the time that the Murray Road gates close. It is important that children arrive on time to ensure a calm and well-ordered start to the day's lessons for everyone and avoids the awkwardness and stress of arriving flustered to find that the lesson has started without you.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Taylor

St Paul's Yuletide - Friday 2nd December 3.30pm – 5.30pm



Preparations are well underway for the next PTA festive fundraiser and there will be the usual mix of tombolas, second-hand toys and a book stall. There will be delicious cakes and a refreshments stall serving festive drinks and treats. By popular demand, our much sought after famous Samosas will also be making an appearance. Demand is always very high and so you may wish to make an early visit to the refreshments stall!

There will be a human fruit machine and a Games Stall run by some of our Y6 pupils. If your Y6 child is keen to be involved, please complete the ParentMail Form sent out previously as volunteering requires parental consent. Donations for the fair are as follows:

- Y3 & Y5: chocolate tombola (selection boxes, chocolate Santas, boxes of chocolates or bags of sweets).
- Y4 & Y6: bottle tombola (drinks, toiletries; unopened

and in date)

Members of the PTA will be out on the gate from Monday 28th until Friday 2nd, to collect your donations. Please do support us if you can, as we are



hoping to raise enough money to buy some fabulous new resources for school! Friday 2nd of December will be a non-uniform day as a thank you for your donations. If you have any books, board games or jigsaw puzzles that are complete and in good condition that you would also like to donate, please send them into school too. We do not need any other types of games or toys at this time.

There will also be a cake stall, which we are hoping that all of our keen bakers will be able to contribute towards. Donations of cupcakes, cake and biscuits should be brought into school on Friday 2nd December.

Forest School News

Over the past two weeks, we have experienced a variety of weather but none of it has stopped the children learning at Forest School.

Peer teaching has been evident as the children have learned how to light cotton wool pads using the flint and steels, with great success. In our next sessions, the aim will be to light a fire to cook on.

Our latest piece of equipment in the woodland is a slackline which is extremely popular. Slacklines have been proven to enhance focus, concentration, memory and learning, as well as increasing core and lower body strength.

We have been lucky enough to receive a donation of 30 saplings from the Woodland Trust which has kept the children busy this week. We have been given dogrose, hawthorn, hazel, dogwood and willow saplings to create a hedgerow which the children have carefully planted along our boundary fence. We look forward to nurturing these saplings and watching them grow over the coming years.



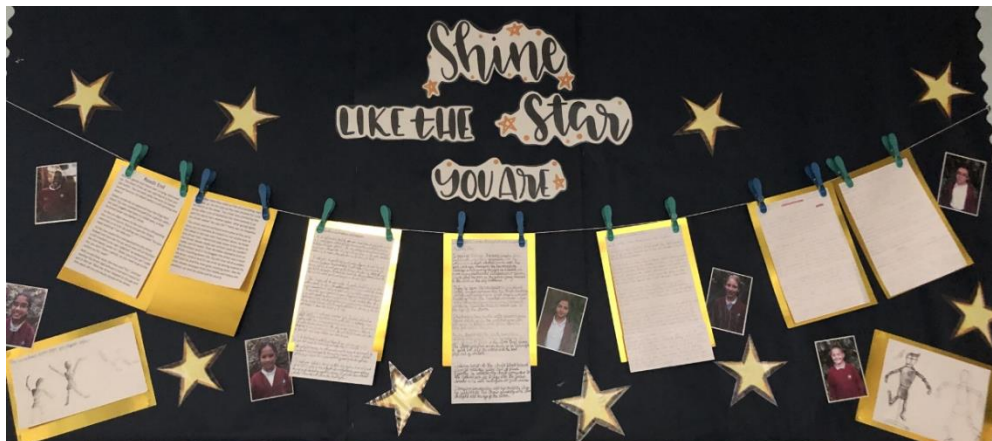
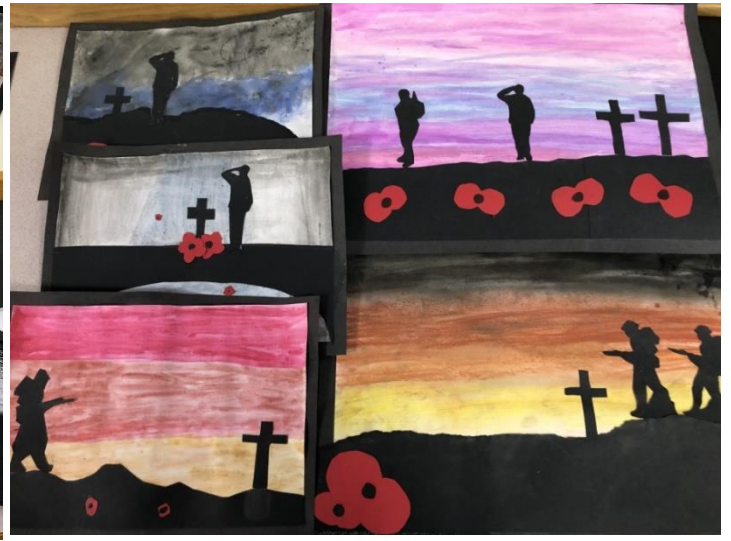
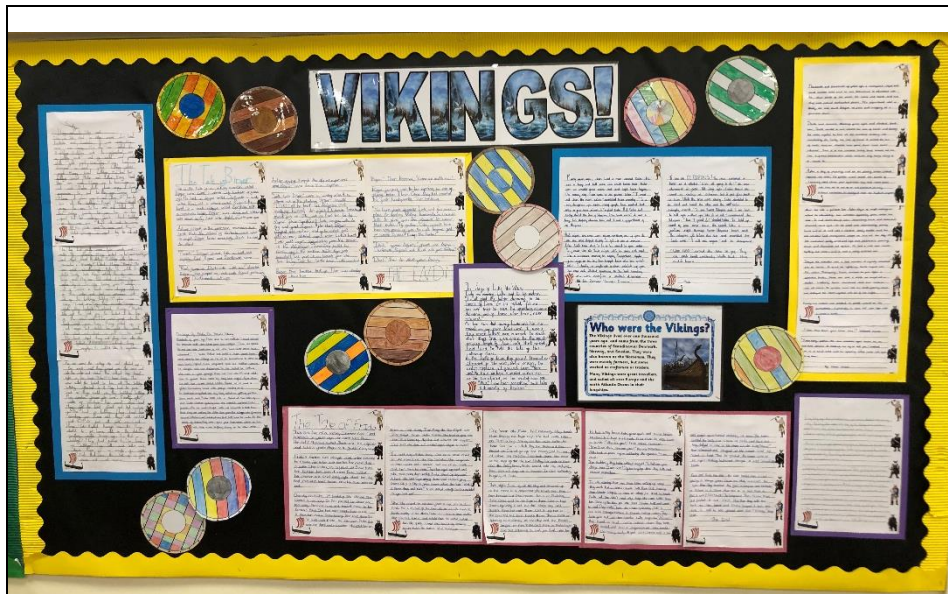
Lovely Learning! !

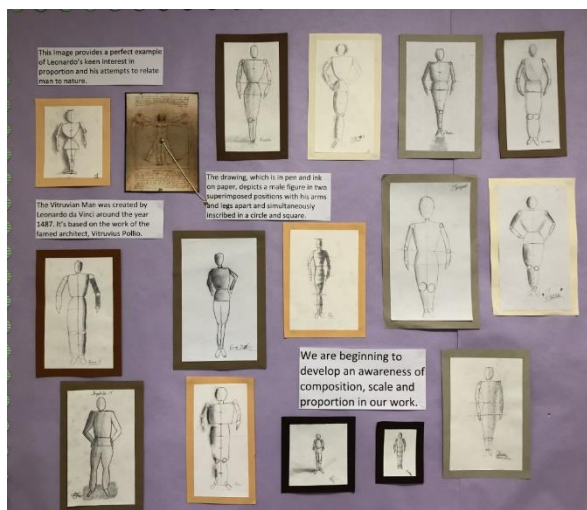
School is looking fantastic, with so many beautiful displays of children's work.

Wherever you go in the building, you cannot help but be impressed with the quality and content of the work on the walls.

The children are loving their learning and we've chosen just a small sample of their work to share in this week's Newsletter.







Reporting an absence

If your child is unwell, we need a written record from you of why they are not at school for our register. Absences should be reported via the absence section under ParentMail, or by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk, detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day. Please do not worry about phoning school as well – the written record of why your child is absent is what we really need.

HAF Programme – Christmas Bookings Now Open

The Christmas HAF Programme is now live! The programme is open to any families who are receiving benefits related free school meals (FSMs) and helps to fill the gap for those children during some of the main school holidays (Christmas/Easter/Summer) by providing funded activities and a healthy meal. This is separate from universal free school meals which is for all children from Reception to year 2 and is also separate from pupil premium. Parents must have applied and been accepted for FSMs through their child's school in order to automatically qualify for the HAF programme.

Full details of what is on offer for Primary, Secondary and SEND provisions this Christmas can be found at:

[Book a place on Holiday, Activities and Food programme - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

To participate in the programme, parents need a unique WBC booking code. If you do not yet have a code, you can request one by completing a form online at:

[Holiday, Activities and Food programme - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

If you already have a code, but do not remember it, email: HAF@wokingham.gov.uk

The Christmas programme will consist of:

- Funded holiday clubs for primary aged children (2 days of 6 hours per day)
- Funded supervised activities for secondary aged young people
- Funded holiday club with Reading Football Community Trust or family Stay and Play sessions at Building for the Future for children with SEND
- HAF Christmas Event – a session to attend as a family consisting of activities, crafts, a panto, food and an appearance by Father Christmas, two dates with one date for children with SEND

Funding is limited and therefore not guaranteed. The priority is for those families who are not able to afford any activities for their children during the holidays and where a child/children are identified as vulnerable/in need. Please include as much information as possible on the reason for referral to support the application.

Keep up to date with the HAF Programme by visiting our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HAFprogrammeWoky/>

Emily Bartle - Holiday, Activities and Food Programme Support Officer: Emily.Bartle@wokingham.gov.uk

Help with cost-of-living crisis

The Council and its partners can help you if you're struggling with the cost of living. The impact of the crisis is wider than we've ever seen in Wokingham Borough. More people than are relying on credit cards, asking families members for help, missing meals and their overdrafts to get by. You can go to them for help. Here's how:

Funding for families, food and energy

Almost 2,000 young people who receive means-tested free school meals have had help through the [Household Support Fund](#) already.

If your child gets means-tested free school meals [apply for the Household Support Fund through First Days Children's Charity](#)

If your child does not receive means-tested free school meals we have another grant you can apply for if you are struggling.

If you're struggling with bills or buying food [apply for the Household Support Fund through Age UK Berkshire or Citizens Advice](#)

Please note you are only able to apply for one grant type from the Household Support Fund.

Other support options:

Go to the [cost of living help hub](#) for help and tips open to all

Go to the [help for families with cost of living](#) advice pages

See how you can get [help with household bills](#)

[Register for priority services](#) if you have children aged five or under, you are pregnant or if you or a family member is disabled or has a long term health condition

See services you can contact directly for [help with essentials like food or warm clothes](#)

If you'd prefer to talk to someone, contact One Front Door. This is a service led by Citizens Advice which helps residents find the most appropriate support. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.

And if you're not struggling but have time and want to help others, why not see if you could volunteer locally to support organisations [helping people struggling with the cost of living](#).

National Sleep Helpline



Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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FOUNDED BY **the sleep charity**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **Furniture Village**

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Learning to ride a bike

The My Journey Wokingham team are still running our popular Learn to Ride sessions during the Winter months, as they are held indoors at the FBC Centre, in Finchampstead, RG40 4ES. These sessions are aimed for children aged 5 years or over who are struggling to ride a pedal bike without stabilisers. They run after school on Wednesdays, from 4.00 – 5.00pm. We currently have spaces on the last 4 sessions of this term, due to run on: 16th November, 23rd November, 30th November and 7th December 2022.

I would be grateful if you could advise any parents at your school who may be interested. Further details and the link to book online is here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-learn-to-ride-fbc-16-november-2022/>

We charge £6 per session but don't want this to prohibit anyone from attending. Anyone who is unable to pay this cost for any reason should please contact: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk to discuss options with us.

Be Bright Be Seen Competition

Details of the competition can be found here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/be-bright-be-seen-quiz/>
The deadline for entries is 30th November 2022 and the winner will be awarded with a class set of high vis jackets with our school logo printed on the back.

Reading Agency- Winter Mini Challenge

The 2022 Winter Mini Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with Science Museum Group starts on 1st December. The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 saw thousands of children reading and exploring science and innovation as part of this year's Gadgeteers theme. Now that it's getting chilly and the winter holidays are approaching, we're back with even more fun experiments and reading encouragement. Children can join the Gadgeteers as they use their ingenuity and creativity to keep everyone entertained during a snowstorm. Get ready for cool do-it-at-home experiments and learn along the way as you read for pleasure with the Winter Mini Challenge!

The Challenge runs from 1 December 2022 to 20 February 2023.

More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at wintermini.org.uk.

The Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge

The Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge is a great way for young children to discover their local library. It is open to library members aged 7 and under.

- Each child needs to have their own library card
- Children collect a stamp each time they borrow books
- Collect six stamps to get a certificate
- Ten certificates to collect

Contact your local library branch for more information. Wokingham Libraries are also running the following activities throughout the Christmas holidays:

- Storytime- with children's author Fiona Barker
- Finchampstead Library- Wed 21st Dec 10:30am
- Wokingham Library- Wed 21st 2.30pm
- Lower Earley Library- Thurs 22nd 10:30am
- Woodley Library- Thurs 22nd 2:30 pm
- Get Arty - Wokingham Library- December 22nd, 10:30-11:30

PE Timetables

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
3H, 6D, 5D	3B, 3K, 5K	4R, 4P, 5S	4C, 6B, 6T

Thursday
Outdoor PE – all classes

Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and 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.

17 th Oct	7 th Nov	14 th Nov	21 st Nov	28 th Nov	5 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec
4R	6D	4P	6T	6B	5K	3K	3B	3H

Diary Dates	
Next Week	
Thurs 24 th November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Upcoming	
Mon 28 th – Fri 2 nd December	Donations for the St Paul's Yuletide Celebration
Fri 2 nd December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2 nd December	St Paul's Yuletide 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 6 th December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Mon 12 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm
Tues 13 th & Wed 14 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm
Fri 16 th December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Tues 20 th December	End of term – 2pm finish

STORYTIME WITH

Fiona Barker

Wednesday 21st December
2:30pm

Wokingham Library

Booking is essential



Wokingham Borough Libraries



GET ARTY!

WOKINGHAM LIBRARY
THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER
10.30AM TO 11.30AM

Come and join us for a fun session of
Festive arts & crafts.

This event is open to children aged 4 to 10.

£1 CHARGE
LIMITED SPACES,
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!





Christmas Camp and Inset Fun Day @ St. Pauls Junior School

Open To Boys and Girls Aged 4 - 11

Venue: St. Pauls Junior School,
Wokingham RG41 2YJ

Dates:
Christmas Camp: Wednesday 21st -
Friday 23rd December

Inset Day: 4th January

What We Offer:
Football, Multi Skills, Cricket, Dodgeball
Rounders, Tennis, Tournaments, Competitions and
Mini Olympics!

Book now at info@justplaysports.co.uk

More Information...

Timings:
Normal Day: 10:00am - 3:30pm
Extended Day: 08:30am - 5:30pm

Prices:

Full Week Booking Normal Day: £76.00
Full Week Booking Extended Day: £103.00
One Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00
One Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

Inset Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00
Inset Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

All Prices Include VAT

10% Sibling Discount!

Open for 4 year olds from 10am - 2pm:
£23.00

We are now Ofsted Registered so can accept
childcare vouchers!

Head to the website below and you can book your
space there!

Book now at www.justplaysports.co.uk



WINTER Wonderland

Save 10% off your booking!
Use code: **EBWINTER22**

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book
now



Amazing Club Experiences!

Energy Kidz are bringing an avalanche of play and activity this Winter Holiday! Our holiday clubs are the perfect solution to ensure your child enjoys an unforgettable school holiday like no other, as we invite your child to us on a jam-packed holiday. Our whole of child philosophy powers our programme with an amazing mix of skills for sports, energising activities to get children moving, creative sessions that encourage children to express themselves and much more - ensure your child doesn't miss a moment by securing their place today.

- ✓ Ages 4-11 years
- ✓ Venues across the U.K
- ✓ Keep active & improve wellbeing
- ✓ Release Creativity
- ✓ Make memories to last a lifetime
- ✓ Explore a variety of child interests

Book now at energy-kidz.co.uk

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What to expect

'Tis the season for another holiday jam-packed full of festive fun at Energy Kidz's action-packed holiday clubs coming to a venue near you this December! As a special bonus this winter we are inviting children to enjoy a winter wonderland to remember. The holiday will include all their normal club activities with a special festive twist... Children will enjoy a number of henna-blend opportunities to bring the magic of the festive season to life with activities that include...

- ★ The kid's favourite WOW activities - Mission Possible, Target Archery, Ultimate Frisbee and much more!
- ★ Winter-themed Activities - Winter-themed sports, snowball relays, snow globe making, scavenger hunts and more!
- ★ Winter Wonderland Activities - from decorate the tree creations, Winter parties, candy cane playdough, greeting cards, 'snow'ball battles and more!

We promise to deliver such a fantastic experience; your child will be desperate to come back!

Our Activity Categories:

- Creative Kidz
- Discovery Kidz
- Wellness Kidz
- Energetic Kidz
- Practical Kidz
- Sporty Kidz

Book Now!

Yule need to act fast to secure your spots at our Winter Holiday Clubs!

Scan here for more information & our limited time 10% Early Bird savings...

- ✓ Childcare voucher accepted
- ✓ Tax free childcare
- ✓ Weekly booking discounts available
- ✓ Flexible payment options

*ages and activities vary per venue