

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 17.11.23

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Great News - the slide finally arrived from Belgium and the low-level trail and fort will be back in use from Monday. The children have been so patient waiting for the repairs to be completed and for us to source a slide. Special thanks to Mrs Deen for the huge amount of work that went into tracking down a suitable replacement.



Although we have had fewer visitors than last week, it has still been a very busy few days! We have celebrated Antibullying Week, learning what bullying is and what to do if witnessing or experiencing this kind of behaviour. 'Boo' helps us remember that bullying is **BOO**

when someone is mean, on purpose, over and over and in 6B's class assembly, we learned about how we can work together to be a happy, safe school where this kind of behaviour is never tolerated. We are very lucky in that bullying is exceptionally rare at St Paul's but when it does occur, the staff deal with it swiftly and effectively, supporting all of the children involved to ensure that it doesn't reoccur.

On the subject of behaviour, it is our school values that guide the actions of the children and staff, binding us together as a strong community. This term, as part of the review of our Vision, we revisited our values, streamlining the wording in places:

- We care and we are kind.
- We have a voice and we listen to others.
- We are ready to learn.
- We encourage and we collaborate.
- We are determined and resilient.
- We embrace difference and diversity.
- We contribute positively to our community.
- We make our world a better place.

Everywhere we look in school, these values are being lived out by the children who clearly understand what they 'look' like in practice. As a result, their behaviour continues to be exemplary and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts!

Huge congratulations to Aeryn, 6B, on becoming a big sister! Bonnie Aoife arrived at 5.15am on 23rd October and is enjoying being well loved and well looked after by Aeryn. As you can see, Bonnie certainly lives up to her name.



As well as hello to Bonnie, sadly it's farewell to several members of our school family. Miss Fox, school secretary, is off to live and work in High Wycombe, starting her new job in an animal hospital on Monday. We would like to thank her for her efforts during her time here and although we will miss her, we wish her every success and happiness for the future. I am delighted to say that we were successful in recruiting a replacement, Mrs Collins, who will take up her post on 11th December.

Lots of excitement is in store for Teodora and Taisia who are leaving St Paul's to return to live in Moldova. We wish the girls and their family all the very best with the move and with settling back in at home.

Finally, thank you to 6T for this morning's very moving and thought-provoking assembly on Remembrance Day.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Taylor

Safeguarding – reporting online safety concerns

When in school, pupils are unable to access the online world without the supervision of a trained adult and we also have effective filtering and monitoring in place as part of our safeguarding arrangements. When your child is online at home, should you feel concerned with anything you or your child has seen or has been asked to do by someone in the digital world, the following sites provide advice and guidance of the steps you can take to keep them safe.



CEOP – the Child Exploitation and Online Protection are there for support if you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online.



The NSPCC is a UK leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover.



Childline is a counselling service for children and young people up to their 19th birthday.



Internet Matters provide a series of age-specific online safety checklists including how to set parental controls on a range of devices and making search engines safe.



The Internet Watch Foundation – you can anonymously and confidentially report child sexual abuse content and images posted online.

Congratulations



On Saturday 10th November, Jaya-Belle participated in Club Champions at Pinewood Gymnastics resulting in her winning 1st Gold for her floor work and 3rd Bronze in her Volt routine. She had to work extremely hard to perfect her routines and as you can see, her hard work paid off! Well done, Jaya-Belle!

PE & Games

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

| Outdoor Games |
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| Thursday – all classes |

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell, we need a written record from you of why they are not at school for our register. When reporting an absence please ensure you have sent in your absence either by email or ParentMail by 8.45am. Please include your child's full name and class and when stating the reason for the absence, "unwell" or "under the weather" are not suitable reasons and will not be acceptable. Please give symptoms or explanation as to why they are absent from school.

Message from the Governors



There are 3 vacancies on the governing body of our school for Parent Governors. The governing body is made up of people from different groups including parents, teachers, local authority appointed members and foundation governors who are appointed by the diocese. A term of office lasts for 4 years – you will be amazed at how quickly the time flies. Depending on interests and

expertise each governor sits on at least one of the three committees: Learning & Teaching, Health & Safety and Finance & Personnel. Our current governors have introduced themselves on the [governor page](#) of the school web site.

What do governors do?

School governors:

- are responsible for the strategic management of the school;
- oversee its aims, values and ethos;
- promote high standards of educational attainment;
- monitor pupil progress and attainment;
- ensure compliance with the National Curriculum;
- manage the budget, including deciding the number of staff and pay;
- participate in the appointment of the Headteacher and Deputy Head;
- regulate school conduct and discipline.

The governors act as a team, but the amount of time that each is able to give to the role varies. The full governing body meets every half term and committees between 3 and 6 times a year. The governors support the school in practical ways throughout the year by joining in with events. Once a term they are invited in to spend a whole day in school observing how their discussions and decisions are being put into practice. The highlight of these days is always talking to the pupils in their classrooms, over lunch and in the playground.

What will I get out of being a governor?

You will get:

- the knowledge that you have played a significant part in improving children's education and supporting the staff;
- a chance for continuing professional development and to develop new skills, such as chairing meetings, asking questions, making suggestions and monitoring the budget;
- A chance to work as part of a dynamic team.

If you think that this is a way in which you would like to contribute to the school please get in touch with the clerk to the governors by email Pauline.wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. There is a legal process to follow in appointing governors but the clerk will be able to help you through this process and training for your future role will also be available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Christmas Tree Trail -Library Competition

The Community Engagement Team at WBC have created a build a Christmas tree trail competition at some of our libraries in the borough. They have placed some Christmas pictures at the following libraries:

Lower Earley Library, Chalfont Close, Lower Earley, RG6 5HZ

Woodley Library, Headley Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4JA

Twyford Library, Polehampton Close, Twyford, RG10 9RP

Wokingham Library, Carnival Hub, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF

Finchampstead Library, FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead, RG40 4ES



Please check the [Council's website](#) for opening times of the libraries before visiting. Download the question sheet, which can be found in the link below, and solve the questions from the pictures. Once you have answered all the questions, please send your answers in the link below by Friday 8 December. Correct entries will be entered into a prize draw. The prize is a voucher very kindly donated by Morrisons. Good luck!

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/build-a-christmas-tree-trail-competition-at-wokingham-libraries/>

Get help with the cost of living

The [Household Support Fund](#) can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to:

- Families where [children receive means-tested free school meals can get £20 per week](#) during the school holidays until Easter 2024
- [Anyone struggling to pay bills or buy food can apply for £240 or £120](#) depending on the size of their household

If you've already applied for the Household Support Fund you do not need to apply again.

Other cost of living help options

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

- Check the [cost of living help hub](#), including our guides
 - [Help for people with children](#)
 - [Help for single people](#)
 - [Help for pensioners](#)
 - [Help if you're in an emergency](#)
- SHARE Wokingham offers fresh produce, like bread and vegetables, for those who need it. These are surplus stock from local supermarkets. More than 2,000 people use it each week and it has saved more than 1,000 tonnes in food waste since it was launched a few years ago. [View the food map](#) to see SHARE's 15 locations and find your nearest.
- Follow these [top tips for households](#) on how to lower your energy bills this winter. Or you can try:
 - The [council's new home energy advice](#) service to see how to lower your bills
 - See if you're eligible [Great British Insulation Scheme](#) is offering free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills
 - [Check if your home is eligible](#) for a Heat Pump Grant a part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme – up to £7,500 on offer towards the costs
- We're encouraging people to [register with power, water and gas suppliers](#) if they are potentially vulnerable this winter. These are known as priority services, which mean you get help faster if you are cut off or additional warnings if there are outages like loss of water pressure or power cuts
- The [Winter Warmers scheme](#) can help you get free items, if you're struggling with the cost of living. This includes things like air fryers, slow cookers, heated airers and more. These will lower your energy usage and bills
- Contact Citizens Advice, Wokingham, to find the most appropriate support for your situation. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.

HAF

As a reminder, the HAF Programme offers funding for activities in the main school holidays of Easter, summer and Christmas for children and young people in school years from Reception to year 11 who are eligible to benefits related free school meals. There is also the option for professionals working with families, who are not eligible but would benefit from the programme, to make a referral depending on their family circumstances. You can find full details on our website: [Holiday, activities, and food programme \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](#)

In Wokingham, the entitlement for primary aged children is:

- X2 6 hour days per week for 1 week at Easter, 1 week at Christmas and x4 weeks in the summer. HAF does not operate in half term holidays.
- The HAF Team also run events across the Borough during school holidays for families to attend together. Along with our regular twice weekly SEND stay and play sessions and our newly launched SEND drop off sessions for children and young people aged 8-13 years.

Although children in years Reception to Year 2 ALL receive Universal free school meals, in order to identify those families who are eligible for the HAF Programme we encourage parents to apply for benefits related free school meals as early as possible.

All allocations for funding and vouchers for parents to be able to book funded activities will continue to be via the new Wonde (e-Vouchers) booking system. If parents have any queries about receiving their vouchers, they can contact haf@wokingham.gov.uk in the first instance. If it is a technical issue which they are not able to resolve, they will refer them onto the Wonde (e-Vouchers) support team.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits your child may be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium funding:

- 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 the office to find out more or follow the link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

| Dates for Next Week | |
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| Monday 20 th November | 3D Forest School Session |
| Thursday 23 rd November | PTA Winter Disco |
| Friday 24 th November | Non-Uniform day - WADE |
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| Diary Dates | |
| Friday 8 th December | Christmas Fair 3.30pm -5.30pm |
| Sunday 10 th December | Annual Primary Schools' Carol Concert 5pm Loddon Valley Leisure Centre |
| Tuesday 12 th - Wednesday 13 th December | Christmas Celebration, St Pauls Church 6-7pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 15 th December | End of term – 2pm finish |
| Monday 15 th January | Liddington Information Evening for Y5 parents 6.30pm |
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just play sports

Spring Term
[04/01/24] – [27/03/24]

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From the sport-mad to the have-a-gos, here you'll find clubs packed with games for any ability and a ginormous focus on fun.

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| All Years Mixed Multi Skills Club Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm £7.50 a session | All Years Mixed Football Club Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm £7.50 a session |
| All Years Mixed Football Club Monday Lunchtime £6.50 a session | All Years Girls Football Club Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm £7.50 a session |

Book online at bit.ly/stpaulsclubs

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Winter Wonderland Adventure

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All JAG holiday programs are built on our holistic child philosophy, fostering creativity, learning, inclusion, participation, well-being, and happiness, ensuring that children's time with us is always a highlight. These programs build confidence, nurture creativity, and keep young minds active during school breaks. Best of all, they're incredibly fun, leaving children with memories and experiences that shape their growth and development.

This Winter Wonderland, the excitement continues with a magical lineup of activities tailor-made for the season. From our enchanting festive fruit trees, Gingerbread Man tag, and Winter themed scavenger hunt, these themed adventures are sure to ignite young imaginations and create lasting winter memories!

Our Activity Categories

- Creative Inventors**
Exciting opportunities for children to express themselves creatively
- Painting & Crafts
- Role Play
- Drama
- Brain Boosters**
Captivating games & puzzles to entertain and perplex!
- Quizzes & Brain Teasers
- Puzzles & Building Projects
- Code-Breaking
- Super Sports**
Action-packed multi-sports sessions
- Tennis
- Football
- Basketball
- Zen Masters**
Activities that promote physical, emotional and personal wellbeing and happiness
- Yoga
- Zen Gardens
- Healthy Heart Circuits
- Global Kids**
A chance to practise life skills through a range of engaging learning experiences
- Cooking
- Rocket Building
- Eco Warriors
- Power Teams**
Fun, movement-based activities and challenges
- Team Challenges
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- Scavenger Hunts

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