

St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 14.02.25

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

We made it! Half term has finally arrived and the children now have some time to relax and recharge. We couldn't be prouder of how hard they have worked since coming back after Christmas and we are very much looking forward to celebrating their achievements with you at Parents' Consultations in March.



Nuala, our school dog, will be joining us after half term and in Monday's assembly we learned a little bit about how to take the best care of her as we slowly introduce her to our school family and life at St Paul's. If you have yet to complete the online questionnaire regarding your child's level of confidence around dogs, please do so as soon as possible. If we have not heard from you by the end of half term, we will assume that you are very happy for your child to be in contact with Nuala.



We celebrated Online Safety Day on Tuesday with a whole school assembly on scams. It was really interesting to hear from the children about the number of times they had encountered this kind of thing when gaming or on social media and we learned what to look out for and how to spot deals that are just 'too good to be true'.

The groundworks are complete outside 4R and we now have a much wider and safer path leading from the playground around the back of school. Special thanks to 4R who had to move out of their classroom so that the project could be completed. The children were fantastic and didn't let camping out in the art room disrupt their learning.



Hello and goodbye - Roxby Tweed is off to St Cecilia's after half term and we wish him every happiness at his new school. We presented him with a book in assembly this morning and his classmates made him a lovely farewell card. It is welcome to Mrs Yam, learning mentor, who recently joined our fabulous staff team.

Have a great half term, everyone. I hope you manage to have a break and time with family and friends.

Mrs Taylor

Forest School



6D rose to the fire lighting challenge given to them on Monday afternoon. They worked in small groups to get a fire lit, remembering the 3 elements of the fire triangle – a spark, fuel (wood for us) and oxygen. Congratulations to Riley who managed to get such a successful fire going that the rest of his class were able to use it to toast their marshmallows!



Our afternoon groups have followed up their previous week's work of identifying the wildlife in our woods by creating bird feeders and log piles to try to encourage more wildlife into our woodland. The forest school robin has already been seen enjoying the bird feeders.



The children also took part in a blindfold activity that involved communication, care and consideration and a lot of trust. During our reflection, they spoke about the positive ways that their partners had looked after them and the clear instructions they had been given. The children also commented on how their other senses had been "sharper" when their sight had been taken away.



24/02	03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04	02/04
5M	4L	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.

Sports News



Our Y3 gymnasts participated in the TeamGym competition. They competed across 3 pieces of apparatus. Our team started on the vault – this was particularly challenging as we don't have a springboard at school, yet they were brilliant. Next, they moved to the tumble which comprised of a series of 3 linked skills. Finally, they performed two skills on the springboard. It was a fantastic team performance coming in 6th place out of 14 schools. Well done to all of you.

Our mixed football team have been in action against Loddon in the Wokingham District Spring Shield competition. They dominated the match taking an early 1-0 lead. In the last 5 minutes Loddon equalised but our team immediately regained the lead and took the match. Fantastic team effort!



The Girls team have played two matches recently. Their County Cup match was against a strong Polehampton side. The match was fairly even but unfortunately the girls were unable to take the win. They were determined that wasn't going to happen in their Wokingham District Spring Cup match against KeepHatch. The girls started strong from the first kick, putting into practice the skills they had learnt in training and were not going to be defeated. They put in a commanding performance coming away with a 5-1 win. It was a brilliant team performance with everyone playing their part. Well done girls!

Our B team were also in action playing in the Development Cup. They put in a fantastic team performance topping their group convincingly and then beat Robert Piggott to reach the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we were unable to progress to the final but it was a brilliant effort. Well done to all the children involved.



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 THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SCHOOL SHOES WITH THEM ON THURSDAYS

All classes have Games on Thursdays. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). **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.**

Keep Safe In Wokingham

We hope you've had an opportunity to participate in some of the workshops and online sessions since the '**Keep Safe in Wokingham**' campaign was launched earlier this month. Further events for children and parents, providing practical tips on keeping safe online and in the real world, are available throughout February. Details can be found here: [Keep Safe in Wokingham](#)

With half term approaching, please remember that should you or your child(ren) experience incidents or behaviours that cause concern, either online, or in person, the **Community Safety Partnership**, which includes Wokingham Borough Council and Thames Valley Police, encourage you to report this to the school or directly to the police, by phone: 101 or online at: [Report | Thames Valley Police](#). We would also encourage you to advise your child(ren) on how to keep safe and what do to in the event of an emergency.

Please do make the most of the campaign workshops and sessions, including the **NSPCC Online Safety for Parents and Carers** session taking place on Monday 17th February at 6pm.

Household Support Fund

There's more than £500,000 available to help Wokingham Borough residents through the Household Support Fund this winter. You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

The Household Support Fund has been allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions to councils in England to pass on money to residents who need it.

What you're entitled to depends on your situation:

- Free school meal families - £15 per week, per child during the school holidays for each child receiving means-tested free school meals
- Pensioners, carers and disabled people – one off grant of £120
- All other households – one off grant of £60

The current round covers October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Do not re-apply if you've already got a payment recently.

If you successfully applied for a Household Support Grant between 1 April and 30 September 2024, you will automatically get another payment this winter. It will be paid six months after your last payment. You do not need to re-apply.

Apply now: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>

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>

Diary Dates

Monday 24 th February 8.40am	First Day Back After Half Term
Wednesday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 5 th March – after school	Parent Consultations – entry Murray Road
Thursday 6 th March – morning	Parent Consultations – entry Oxford Road
Friday 7 th March 9.00am	5K Class Assembly
Friday 14 th March 9.00am	3B Class Assembly
Friday 21 st March 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
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

Active Walk
Active Movement Homework
Years 3 - 6

As an Active Movement School you are becoming more active during lessons at school.

We want you to be a little more active at home, too!

We would like you to walk 1000 paces and draw a map of where you went.

It could be in the garden, round the shops or in the park.

Put on the map things you passed on the way.



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A week of lunch and learn webinars focussing on Children in Care & Care Leavers, and the impact of trauma.

Book your place today!

31ST MARCH-4TH APRIL

2025

**Monday
31st March
12.30-1.30pm**

An Introduction to a Trauma Informed Approach

Karen Dawes, Head of Performance and Delivery- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Office of Police & Crime Commissioner

[Click 'here' to read more & Book Your Place](#)

**Tuesday
1st April
12.30-1.30pm**

Bereavement & Loss

Frances Parker, Assistant Principal Educational Psychologist for Well Being, West Sussex County Council

[Click 'here' to read more & Book Your Place](#)

**Wednesday
2nd April
12.30-1.30pm**

How Trauma Impacts the Brain in Children & Young People

Dr Megan Klabunde, PhD SFHEA- University of Essex

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**Thursday
3rd April
12.30-2pm**

Transitions & Working with Young Adults

Sarah Cerioli, Named Professional Safeguarding Adults & Dr Amanda Carr, Head of Research for Children, Young People and Education at TONIC

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**Friday
4th April
12.30-1.30pm**


Secondary Trauma and Staff Wellbeing

Lori Goossen, Principle Social Worker at Medway Council

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