

St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear all,

6B led a fascinating assembly on the Victorians this morning, cleverly teaching us about many notable highlights of this historical era. By the end, everyone in the room, including the staff and parents, had learned something new. It was a great assembly and a lovely celebration of learning. What a great way to start a grey and dreary Friday morning – well done 6B!

A very warm welcome back to Mrs Perkins, Admin Assistant, who is returning to us after maternity leave. Welcome to our latest addition to the office team, Mrs Petraki, who you will see in and around the office most mornings. It is great to have the additional 'hands' in what is the engine room of the school.

The safety of our pupils and their families is paramount and to maintain this, we rely on our whole community keeping safety in mind. A serious accident was only narrowly avoided this morning because of the quick thinking of a parent, who lifted her child out of the path of a reversing vehicle which had mounted the pavement on the corner of Oxford Road and Murray Road. We have already contacted the Police Community Support Officers again, to request they patrol the area, as our numerous appeals for all parents to help us with this issue hasn't led to an improvement in safety for the children of Walter, Meadow and St Paul's.

This term seems to be flying by and it is hard to believe that we are already half way to the first break. If you are planning to get away over half term, please remember that leave attached to an existing school holiday will not be authorised.

Club start and finish dates, Forest Schools, assemblies and diary dates can be found below. They are also available on our website calendar [here](#). If you have a query about a school event, please check here first before ringing the office. A considerable number of the calls we receive are from parents double checking club information, or if children will need kit for Forest Schools etc. and with only two phone lines, prevents more urgent or important calls from parents getting through.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

January 29 5K Forest School

February 3 3B Trip to Wokingham

February 4 3F Trip to Wokingham

February 5 3D Trip to Wokingham

February 5 5S Forest School

February 6 House Matches

February 7 3B Class Assembly, 9.15am

Safeguarding

This year, Children's Mental Health Week is from 3rd to 9th February and the theme is **Find your Brave'**.

Bravery isn't necessarily about huge achievements, but more about small steps every day. It takes bravery to share worries with someone, or recognise the need to make different choices. Bravery can be as simple as plucking up the courage to try something new.

Place2Be's guide for parents can be found [here](#) and is full of tips of how to help your child to find 'their brave'.

Dropping children at the start of the school day.

The layout of our site means that there is no safe drop off space for cars in either Oxford or Murray Road and we ask that parents avoid stopping suddenly in the middle of the road for children to get out of the car. This puts children at great risk, particularly when they are getting out into the path of oncoming traffic.

It is unsafe to use the gate area of the Walter and St Paul's car parks for drop off as they are in constant use by staff, contractors, deliveries and our visitors. For the safety of the children of Walter, Meadow and St Paul's, please park away from the site and walk the last few minutes in.



House Matches

House matches in New Age Kurling, Boccia and Tri-Golf competitions will be held on Thursday 6th February during the children's PE sessions. If possible, children should bring a t-shirt in their House colour to wear.

House Captains

The House Captains are at it again, looking at ways to improve St Paul's to make it the best that it can possibly be. This week, they helped design a short survey about improvements to the dining hall and have been out gathering the views of a cross section of pupils, staff and lunchtime controllers. With high numbers of pupils having school meals, the hall can be a tremendously busy and noisy place in which to eat and we are keen to make lunchtimes a more enjoyable and calmer experience.

School Council

Our Council Reps have been learning about the role of ambassador for St Paul's and how they can use these skills to welcome visitors to classrooms and share their learning. At the last meeting, they did a role play, practicing being the visitor and the ambassador. Now all we need is a series of guests to enable them to put their new skills into action.

Wokingham Adult Education Courses - Teaching Assistant Courses

Further details can be found below or via the following links:

<https://tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-ed> or <https://www.facebook.com/AdultandCommunityLearningWokingham/>

Wokingham Borough Libraries

To support Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27, 2020 all Wokingham Borough Libraries will have materials on display along with information booklets and books to borrow from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs. J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

A booklist for young people is below and there is a wealth of information available to use on the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust website, <https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/schools/>

Energy Kidz Half Term Holiday Club

Parents can claim 10% OFF all February Half Term Holiday Club bookings when they use our discount code: EBFEB20-1. Offer ends at midnight, Sunday 26th January with all bookings made via our website: www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/.

To see our full February Half Term activity schedule, visit our website: https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/EK_Feb2020_Timetable_FINISHED.pdf.

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Energy Kidz

Run the World Programme

Last week was another fantastic week for Run the World, with lots of laps from all years.

Year 3 ran 929 laps, year 4 ran 1,030 laps, year 5 ran 2,114 laps and year 6 ran 1,192 laps. Congratulations to year 5 for running the most laps and to 5K for the second week in a row for running more laps than any other class (2,114).

Our journey across South America continues and takes us from Santarém in Brazil to Sobral on the east coast of Brazil.



Mrs V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

Please see below Diary Dates, Class Forest School Sessions and Class Assembly Dates.

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Diary Dates 2020	
January	
Wednesday 29 th January	5K Forest School Session
February	
Monday 3 rd – Sunday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 3 rd February	3B Trip to Wokingham
Tuesday 4 th February	3F Trip to Wokingham
Wednesday 5 th February	3D Trip to Wokingham
Thursday 6 th February	House Matches – New Age Kurling, Boccia, Tri-Golf
Friday 7 th February	3B Class Assembly: 9.15am
Wednesday 12 th February	6G Forest School Session
Wednesday 12 th February	Red Watch Fire Safety Team to Visit Year 5
Thursday 13 th February	Cross-County House Matches: 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 14 th February	3F Class Assembly: 9.15am
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 26 th February	4A Forest School Session
Thursday 27 th February	TVRL Braywick Park, Maidenhead
March	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent Consultations: 8.50am – 11.10am
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent Consultations: 3.50pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 4 th March	4L Forest School Session
Friday 6 th March	4M Class Assembly: 9.15am
Wednesday 11 th March	3D Forest School Session
Friday 13 th March	4L Class Assembly: 9.15am
Tuesday 17 th March – Friday 20 th March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
Wednesday 18 th March	3B Forest School Session
Thursday 19 th March	4A Class Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 19 th March	TVRL Relays, Bulmershe School
Tuesday 24 th – Friday 27 th March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
Wednesday 25 th March	3F Forest School Session
Wednesday 25 th March	Years 5/6 Netball House Matches: 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 26 th March	Years 5/6 Football House Matches: 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 27 th March	5S Class Assembly: 9.15am
Monday 30 th March – Wednesday 1 st April	Year 5 Bikeability Training
April	
Wednesday 1 st April	4M Forest School Session
Thursday 2 nd April	END OF TERM: 2.00PM
Friday 3 rd April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 20 th April	START OF TERM
May	
11 th – 14 th May	SATs Week
Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website here	

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Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am) – Spring Term 2020			Spring Term 2020	PE & Games	Games
Friday 24 th January	6B		Monday	5S 6G 6B	
Friday 7 th February	3B		Tuesday	4L 4A 4M	
Friday 14 th February	3F		Wednesday	3F 5K 5P 6W	
Friday 6 th March	4M		Thursday		All Classes
Friday 13 th March	4L		Friday	3D 3B	
Thursday 19 th March	4A				
Friday 27 th March	5S				

Clubs – Spring Term 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (13/1/20 – 23/3/20)	Badminton Club – 07.45am (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Yoga Club – 07.45am (8/1/20 – 18/3/20)	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am 9/1/20 – 19/3/20	
	Lego Club – Lunchtime (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (15/1/20 – 1/4/20)		
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (13/1/20 – 30/3/20)	Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – Lunchtime (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Years 3 & 4 Lunchtime Netball Club (8/1/20 – 12/2/20)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (9/1/20 – 26/3/20)	
		Year 6 Football – lunchtime (15/1/20 – 1/4/20)		
	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Multisports – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 1/4/20)	Nutritional Ninjas – 3.30pm (16/1/20 – 26/3/20)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (10/1/20 – 27/3/20)
	French Club – 3.30pm (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 18/3/20)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 25/3/20)		



Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant course

Learn about the roles and responsibilities of a teaching assistant, as well as gaining an understanding of other, non-teaching roles in schools. Gain confidence in applying

Courses starting after February Half Term

27/02/2020 **Loddon School, Earley** Thursdays 12:45—14:45

28/02/2020 **Ambleside Centre, Woodley** Fridays 09:30—11:30

28/02/2020 **Shinfield St Mary's School** Fridays 12:45—14:45

Free places are available for people on job seeking benefits. Please talk to us if you think you are eligible by either phone or email

To book a place call: **0118 974 3797** or
e-mail: adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk or apply online via:
<https://tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-apply>



Important information about this course

Entry requirements for the course

To access this course you will need to be over 19 or older as of 31st August 2019, be a citizen of the EEA and have been resident in the EEA at least 3 years (NB a number of exemptions also apply, if you are not an EEA citizen please contact us to check your eligibility). You should be able to read and write in English and have a basic understanding of maths so that you can support children with their learning.

If you have additional learning needs

Please identify your needs on the application form ahead of the course so we can work with you to prepare any support you may need. You can also discuss any needs with your tutor on the first session.

How to apply

Places must be booked in advance. Please contact the Adult Education team for an application form via 0118 974 3797 or adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk

What can I expect to get out of the course

You will have learnt about the work of a teaching assistant and some of the skills and knowledge employers are looking for when recruiting:

- Explore your own strengths and weaknesses in terms of applying for roles in schools
- Understand more about different roles in schools and different activities TAs undertake
- Support to start applying effectively for roles in schools

What can I do after the course has finished?

- Join an accredited Teaching Assistant course at Reading College
- Enrol on an Accredited English or Maths course
- Enrol on Employability or other work related courses
- Apply for work or volunteer opportunities

Concessions and free places

Free subsidised places are available to those claiming income or job seeking support. Please talk to us if you would like to see if you are eligible.

How to Pay

Attend the Taster session and decide if you would like to complete the full course. Please call Wokingham Borough Council's Adult Education team (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm) on 0118 974 3797 after the taster session to pay by debit card over the phone.

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Recommended Books for Holocaust Memorial Day



Suggested Book Titles for Young People

And Tango Makes Three – Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell – Picture Book

Based on a true story, this charming and heart-warming tale proves that all you need to make a family is love.

A Berlin Love Song by Sarah Matthais – Teen Read

Max is 17, a German schoolboy, when he meets Lili, a trapeze artist from a travelling circus that performs every year in Berlin. Lili is from a Romani gypsy family whose life and customs are very different from those of Max and his family. Their friendship turns into love – but love between a member of the Hitler youth and a gypsy is forbidden. As events tear them apart can their love survive?

A family secret – a graphic novel by the Anne Frank House – Eric Heuvel – Picture Book

While searching his grandmother's attic for likely items to sell at a jumble sale, Jeroen finds a scrapbook his grandmother made during World War II. It brings back painful memories for her and she tells Jeroen for the first time about her experiences as a girl living in Amsterdam during the German occupation of the Netherlands.

Hitler's Canary – Sandi Toksvig – Children's Fiction

Based on true-life events during the Second World War, this novel is a funny and gripping account of a childhood spent under occupation and a daring rescue.

Kommandant's Girl – Pam Jenoff – Teen Read

1939. Overnight, Jewish 19-year-old Emma Bau's world is turned upside down when Germany invades Poland, and after only six weeks of marriage, her husband Jacob, a member of the Resistance, is forced to flee.

No Stars at the Circus by Mary Flynn

'No Stars at the Circus' is the beautifully told story of 10-year-old Jonas Alber, as written in his notebooks. Jonas lives in hiding in the Professor's house during the six months following the round-up of Jews in Paris on 16 July 1942. He spends his days reading about his favourite subjects and also writes about his present life in the attic, as well as the past, in which the circumstances of his rescue are revealed. He writes about his friends at the circus and the family he greatly misses. Unaware of the atrocities happening around him and throughout Europe, Jonas hears that his parents have gone off 'to work' and is worried about his little sister, Nadia, who is deaf – so worried that one day he steps outside in the hope of finding out where she is.

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

Set in an alternative reality to the current day, Malorie Blackman's *Noughts and Crosses* books (there are currently four of them in the series) posit a world divided into two: crosses, the ruling black people, and noughts, white people. Malorie Blackman cleverly finds things we take for granted in our society and turns them on their head, forcing the reader to challenge their preconceptions of the world. The first book in the series, *Noughts and Crosses*, establishes the central characters, notably Sephy Haley, a cross, and Callum McGregor, a nought. It is clear from the outset that their relationship will be pivotal to the plot: noughts and crosses do not usually mix and their friendship is discouraged by both their families. The book is very compelling and ends leaving the reader wanting to dash straight into the next book!

Number the Stars – Lois Lowry – Children's Fiction

It is 1943 and for 10-year-old Annemarie life is still fun. But there are worries too – the Nazis have occupied Copenhagen and there are food shortages, curfews and the threat of being stopped by soldiers and Annemarie's best friend is a Jew.

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Once – Morris Gleitzman – Teen Read

For three years and eight months Felix has lived in a convent orphanage high in the mountains in Poland. But Felix is different from the other orphans. He is convinced his parents are still alive and will come back to get him. Escaping from the orphanage, Felix embarks on a long and dangerous journey through Nazi occupied Poland.

Put Out the Light – Terry Deary – Teen Read

'Put Out the Light' is a thrilling tale following the adventures of two groups of children during World War II.

Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah – Teen Read

A victim of the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea, Alem finds himself alone in England, abandoned by his parents.

This story charts his fate as he is moved from children's home to foster home, and in and out of court hearings.

Saving Midnight – Suzy Zail – Teen Read

Fourteen-year-old Alexander Altmann doesn't need to look at the number tattooed on his arm. A10567: he knows it by heart. He also knows that to survive Auschwitz, he has to toughen up. When he is given the job of breaking in the commander's new horse, their survival becomes intertwined. Alexander knows that the animal is scared and damaged, but he must win its trust. If he fails, they will both be killed.

Susan Laughs – Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross – Picture Book

Susan laughs, she sings, she rides, she swings, she gets angry, she gets sad, she is good, she is bad, Susan is no different to any other child. At the end we see her in a wheel chair, but that doesn't mean she isn't just like me, just like you.

Tales from the Secret Annexe by Anne Frank – Teen Read

Tales from the Secret Annexe is a collection of short stories and fictional accounts which were found amongst the papers and diary of Anne Frank after the discovery and arrest of Anne and her family in Holland in August 1944.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak – Teen Read

Narrated in the all-knowing matter-of-fact voice of Death, witnessing the story of the citizens of Molching. By 1943, the Allied bombs are falling, and the sirens begin to wail. Liesel shares out her books in the air-raid shelters. But one day, the wall of the sirens comes too late.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne – Teen Read

A story of innocence existing within the most terrible evil, this is the fictional tale of two young boys caught up in events beyond their control.

The Colour of Home – Mary Hoffman & Karin Littlewood – Picture Book

Hassan feels out of place in a new, cold, grey country. At school he paints a picture showing his colourful Somali home, covered with harsh colours of war from which his family fled. Things change and Hassan begins to see the new colours of home.

The Diary of A Young Girl by Anne Frank – Teen Read – Non-Fiction

Anne Frank was born in Germany on 12 June 1929. She moved with her family to Amsterdam in 1933 when the Nazis came to power in Germany. Anne and her family were trapped in The Netherlands when the Nazi invasion began in 1940. Anne began to keep a personal diary on her thirteenth birthday. She wrote 'I hope I will be able to confide everything to you, as I have never been able to confide in anyone, and I hope you will be a great source of comfort and support'. In July 1942 the Frank family and four other people went into hiding in a secret annex. Anne is perhaps the most famous victim of the Holocaust but as an ordinary Jewish teenager she represents the millions who died because of one group's hatred of another.

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The Earth is Singing by Vanessa Curtis – Teen Read

My name is Hanna. I am 15. I am Latvian. I live with my mother and grandmother. My father is missing, taken by the Russians. I have a boyfriend and I'm training to be a dancer. But none of that is important any more. Because the Nazis have arrived, and I am a Jew. And as far as they are concerned, that is all that matters. This is my story.

The English German Girl – Jake Wallis Simons – Teen Read

Kristinacht, November 1938. After the Nazis run rampage in Berlin, killing Jews and ransacking and destroying their homes, 15-year-old Rosa manages to escape from the city and head, alone, to England. Her objective: to secure work permits for her family and enable their release.

The missing – the true story of my family in World War II – Michael Rosen – Children's Non – Fiction

By turns charming, shocking, and heart-breaking, this is the true story of Michael Rosen's search for his relatives who 'went missing' during the Second World War – told through prose, poetry, and pictures. The story he uncovered was one of terrible persecution – and it has inspired his poetry for years since. Here, poems old and new are balanced against an immensely readable narrative; both an extraordinary account and a powerful tool for talking to children about the Holocaust.

The Mozart Question – Michael Morpurgo – Children's Fiction

When cub reporter Lesley is sent to Venice to interview a world-renowned violinist, the journalist is told she can ask Paolo Levi anything about his life and career as a musician, but on no account must she ask him the Mozart question. Paolo has finally realised he must reveal the truth.

The Search – Eric Heuvel, Ruud Van Der Rol & Lies Schippers – Picture Book

'The Search' showcases World War II and the Holocaust as a time when defining good and evil and right and wrong is a constant struggle and when every decision is an attempt to choose between the lesser of two evils. As the story unfolds the protagonists find that not everything is as black and white as they had expected.

The Silver Sword – Ian Serraillier – Children's Fiction

The night the Nazis come to take their mother away, three children escape in a terrifying scramble across the rooftops. Alone in the chaos of Warsaw, they have to learn to survive on their own.

Then – Morris Gleitzman – Teen Read

The moving story of two orphans fighting to survive in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Soon – Morris Gleitzman – Teen Read

The Second World War has officially ended, but the streets are still a battleground – for food, for shelter, for protection. Felix is in hiding to stay safe, but finds he has been left holding the baby – literally. An orphaned infant has been left in his care and he will do everything he can to protect the child, in the way a few incredible people did for him during the Holocaust.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr – Children's Fiction

Partly autobiographical, this is first of the internationally acclaimed trilogy by Judith Kerr telling the unforgettable story of a Jewish family fleeing from Germany at the start of the Second World War.

Waiting for Anya – Michael Morpurgo – Children's Fiction

Jo finds out that Jewish children are being smuggled away from the Nazis over the mountains near his village. All goes to plan until German soldiers start patrolling the mountains, and Jo realises the children are trapped. Jo's slightest mistake could have devastating consequences.

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