

St Paul's Newsletter – 10.2.23



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It has been a tremendously busy half term and we are immensely proud of the efforts of our school community over the last six weeks, particularly our amazing pupils who deserve a well-earned break from school.!

Thank you to 5S for rounding off this week with a brilliant class assembly! Your audience, including the parents, enjoyed every minute – well done!

Farewell to Hayden Tai, 3K, who is moving out of the area and will be joining a new school after the holiday. We wish him and his family every happiness for the future and hope that Hayden's new classmates help him quickly settle into his new school.



£617
raised of £500 target
by 135 supporters

Today's non-uniform was a resounding success and we have already exceeded the total we were hoping to raise. If you have yet to donate, there is still plenty of time. Our Just Giving page is still available at the following [link](#).

The new Caterlink Menu comes into force after half term. By now, you will have received a copy via ParentMail but if for any reason, you missed it, it can be found on our website and is the final page of this week's Newsletter.

Please note that due to the potential for further disruption due to strike action, there have been some changes to the original dates for Parents' Consultations and our World Book Day celebration. There are also dates for some new PTA events in the diary section, including a circus!



As we are lucky to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and open spaces, let's hope the weather will be kinder to us than it has been over the last few weeks and half term will offer an opportunity for some relaxing, school-free family time outdoors.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20th February.

Have a good week!

Mrs Taylor

Punctuality



We are seeing a steady improvement in the number of pupils arriving late each day. Please note, once the gates have been closed at 8.40am, latecomers will need to enter the site via the Oxford Road entrance to be marked present and have a lunch order taken. Please do not get irritable or shout across the playground if when you arrive, the gates are locked and staff are already on their way into school. They too need to start their working day promptly.

Important reminder

We are very proud of our school and our uniform lets everyone know who belongs to this very special community. We would be very grateful if all parents could support us in ensuring that their child is dressed appropriately for school at all times.

A growing number of pupils are coming to school wearing a range of items for PE & games which are not part of our uniform. Football shirts, t shirts with slogans, brightly coloured leggings, leggings with mesh panels etc. are not permitted school wear. We ask that these items and fashion Doc Martin style boots, leg warmers and other fashion accessories are saved for non-uniform days, where children can choose what they will wear for school. PE kit is a white T-shirt, navy blue/black joggers and a plain navy-blue/black sweat shirt or hoodie. If you do not have a navy-blue or black sweat shirt/hoodie, pupils may wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Trainers can be worn to school on Thursday as this is the day all children arrive dressed for outdoor PE. On all other days, the children should wear black school shoes. If it is wet and your child wears wellingtons for the walk to school, they will need their shoes to change into upon arrival.

Sporting Success!



What an amazing week for trophy gathering! On Monday our swimming team were headed to Bulmershe Leisure Centre to participate in the inaugural School Games Swimming Gala. The children took part in a variety of swimming races, relays and games and put in an incredible performance to come first. Congratulations to all the swimmers taking home gold medals and a fabulous glass trophy!

Not to be outdone, our Year 5/6 boys footballers took part in the English Football League (EFL) Kids Cup Tournament

on Friday. They were incredible, showing skill, determination and teamwork. They were unbeaten throughout the entire tournament and finished strongly in the final, winning 3-0. Congratulations to all the boys for supporting each other and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout this event. They will now represent Reading in the regional finals. Well done to the whole team for a tremendous effort!



Forest School News

We've had a busy few weeks in the woodland with our new groups getting to know one other. The children have formed new friendships while taking part in scavenger hunts, using the slackline and whittling. This week has also seen the groups become alchemists (a word introduced to us by Y6 from their guided reading text, The Snow Merchant) creating concoctions from natural materials to give them a variety of special powers!

During our reflection time, the children finished off the sentence stem: In the woods I can be...with words such as, kind, brave, independent, a naturalist, adventurous and the best I can be. We are very proud of everything they have already achieved this half term and look forward to seeing what the next half will bring.



Music Enthusiasts - Junior Jam

Calling all 8-18 year old musicians! Would you like to play alongside a live band? Would you like to be a more confident performer?

If this is music to your ears, the monthly Junior Jam at The Outlook in Reading is the stage for you! To find out more, say hi to us on IG **@music.made.fearless** and check out when the next jam is happening'.



Cost of Living Help Hub

Wokingham have pulled information, help and support together in one place to help families who are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other essential household items. There is also additional support available in the school holidays for families who have children eligible for Free School Meals. To access any of the following areas, please use this link [cost of living help hub](#)

Covid Vaccine

*All children aged 5 - 11 will be offered extra vaccination sessions against COVID-19 over the half term holiday. You can find walk-in clinics near you on our local [NHS Staywell website](#) or you can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling **119** for dedicated children's clinics.*

Children aged 5 and over (who turned 5 on or before 31 August 2022) with no other underlying health conditions will be offered 1st and 2nd paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. Children who turned 5 on or after 1 September 2022 can only get a 1st and 2nd dose of the vaccine if they're either:

- at high risk due to a health condition or because of a weakened immune system
- living with someone who has a weakened immune system.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Please note that the jab for 5-11s will be available locally at Shutters Café, Shute End, Wokingham on 17 Feb, 10am to 4:30pm.

Families eligible for Free School Meals

More than 1,000 local children and their families who are entitled to free money to support them this winter are yet to apply for £120 to help with goods and bills. This is open to all families who have a child who receives means-tested free school meals.

Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter.

Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October.

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

New free after-school youth session for mental wellbeing delivered by Sport in Mind

There is a new free after-school youth session for mental wellbeing delivered by Sport in Mind. This session is to teach children and young people lots of ways to take care of themselves physically and mentally and build emotional resilience whilst improving their sporting ability. There will be a maximum of 10-12 children places available per session and to book a place please **please click here**, complete the form, and then email the team at youth@sportinmind.org. Sessions are free.

Healthy Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not permitted. Could we also take this opportunity to ensure that children's water bottles contain water – no juice or other drinks, please.

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	Thursday
3H, 6D, 5D	3B, 3K, 5K	4R, 4P, 5S	4C, 6B, 6T	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.

20/2	27/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3	28/3
5D	3B	6B	3K	4P	4C	4R

Class Assemblies

Each class will deliver two assemblies per school year. The majority of which will take place on Friday morning. Assemblies last approximately 15 minutes and start at 9.00 am. Parents of the class are welcome to join us for these occasions. Entrance to the school, is via the Oxford Road entrance and this is the timetable for this term.

10/3	17/3	24/3
5K	3B	3H

Diary Dates

Next Week:

13 th -17 th February	HALF TERM
Mon 20 th February	New Summer Caterlink Menu starts

Upcoming

21 st -24 th Feb	Book Fair – Change to original dates
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day Celebration – Change to original date
Tues 21 st February	Online Booking opens for Parents' Consultations 7pm
Tues 7 th and Wed 8 th March	Parents' Consultations – Change to the original dates
Tues 21 st March	Curriculum Celebration 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 24 th March	PTA Cake Sale 3.30pm
Thurs 30 th March	End of Term – 2pm finish
30 th March- 16 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday – The King's Coronation
Tues 9 th May- Fri 12 th May	SATS week – NO MORNING CLUBS
Wed 17 th May	St Paul's and Walter PTA Circus – performances 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm
29 th May – 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Tues 6 th June	Start of the Summer Term
Sat 17 th June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Wed 19 th July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7.00pm -9.30pm
Thurs 20 th July	End of Term – 2pm finish

The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain and Reading Borough Council are holding a benefit concert for Ukraine at Reading Town Hall on Friday 17th February at 7.30pm



Half Term Activities

Reading Sparks

Head over to Wokingham Library from 11th February to borrow a [Reading Sparks](#) activity boxes and explore the experiments the Reading Agency have put together for you. Reading Sparks brings together science, technology, engineering, and Maths (STEM) themes with creative arts and reading.

<https://readingsparks.org.uk/>

Sand Art

Wed 15th Feb- 10-12

Wokingham

Thursday 16th Feb- 10-12

Spencers Wood

No booking required. Payment of £4 on the day

Crafts

Friday 17th Feb- 10:30-11:30am

Get Arty

Wokingham- £1 per child. Booking required

Online booking form:

<https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/EVENTS?HOMEPRMS=EVSESPARAMS>

Storytime- Free of charge

Friday 17 February- 10:30-11am

Storytime

Finchampstead- booking required.

Children's author visit- Gemma Stone

Friday 17th Feb- 2:30pm

Children's author visit

Wokingham- free of charge. Booking is required.

Online booking form:

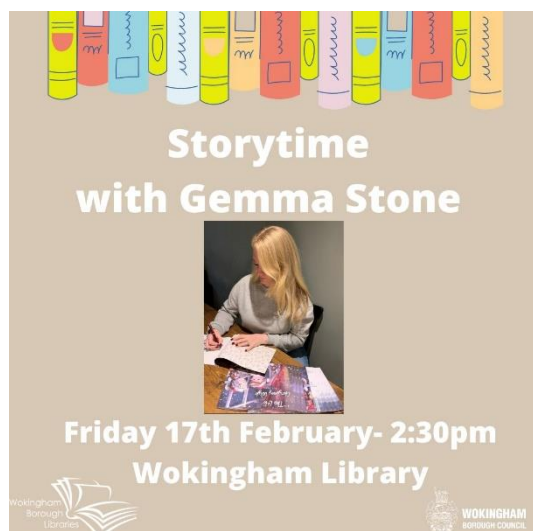
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<https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/tabletoptakeover/>


Wokingham table top takeover- Board games

We are back! Wokingham Town Council is again inviting Eclectic Games of Reading to join us in a day of table top board gaming. The adventure takes place on **Sunday 19th February 2023**. It doesn't matter if you are already a fan of table top gaming or just curious, there will be something for all.

A great social occasion to meet like-minded people, we will have a selection of easy to pick up but very re-playable modern board games running all day. Including a selection of demonstrator led games that will appeal to adults and teens alike, and even some suitable for the younger family members



**Storytime
with Gemma Stone**



**Friday 17th February- 2:30pm
Wokingham Library**

Wokingham Borough Libraries WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL



GET ARTY!

**WOKINGHAM LIBRARY
FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY
10.30AM TO 11.30AM**

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

This event is open to children aged 4 to 10.

**£1 CHARGE
LIMITED SPACES,
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**



Wokingham Borough Libraries



Library Event

The Make-a-Bear and SAND ART company

Create a sand art picture with Kids Bee Happy with Maddi.

Monday 13th Feb- 10-12	Lower Earley Library
Tuesday 14th Feb- 10-12	Woodley Library
Wed 15th Feb- 10-12	Wokingham Library
Thursday 16th Feb- 10-12	Spencers Wood Library

For children aged 3 to 10 years old.
£4 per picture, must be paid on the day to Kids Bee happy with Maddi directly.
Just drop in!

Wokingham Borough Libraries



READING SPARKS

Reading Sparks has lots of fun activities to get children excited about science. Head to Wokingham library to borrow one of our activity boxes and explore the experiments we've put together for you.
Starting on Feb 11 at Wokingham Library.

Town Hall Tabletop Takeover



Sunday 19th February 2023

9:30am to 12:30pm or 2pm to 5pm

Join us in a day of tabletop board gaming. It doesn't matter if you are already a fan or just curious, there will be something for all.

A great social occasion to meet like-minded people, we will have a selection of easy to pick up but very re-playable modern board games being demonstrated for you to play during the day. As well as open play tables and a small games library courtesy of Eclectic Games.

www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/tabletoptakeover



Tickets: £3 early bird price for a half day session (£4 usually and group rates available)

Venue: Wokingham Town Hall, Market Place, RG40 1AS

Queries: 0118 974 0889 / gcumming@wokingham-tc.gov.uk



Demo Games

Abandon All Artichokes - A bumper-crop of prickly produce has overtaken your patch, and there's only one choice: abandon all artichokes! **Ages 10+**

Drop It - is about letting go, with the pieces you drop landing in the vertical game board, ideally where they'll score the most points. **Ages 8+**

Aqualin - An oceanic tile placement game. The larger swarm, the more points it's worth, and whoever scores the most points wins! **Ages 10+**

Paris: La Cite De La Lumiere - set during the World's Fair where public electricity was a hot topic. Aim to create the most well lit place. **Ages 8+**

Qwirkle - Match colours and shapes together to score points. A simple but very replayable tile placement game for those who love patterns. **Ages 6+**

King of Tokyo - play mutant monsters, gigantic robots, and strange aliens to become the one and only King of Tokyo. **Ages 8+**

Photosynthesis - Sow your crops wisely and the shadows of your growing trees could slow your opponents down. **Ages 10+**

Colt Express - Play as a bandit robbing a train, your goal is to become the richest outlaw of the Old West. Played on a 3D train. **Ages 10+**

Living Forest - The forest is on fire and the Sacred Tree is in danger! Plant protective trees, fend off flames, win the title of Grand Protector. **Ages 8+**

Imhotep - become builders in Egypt who want to emulate the first and best-known architect there, namely Imhotep. **Ages 10+**

Ingenious - Players take turns placing coloured domino-style tiles on a game board, scoring for each line of coloured symbols that they enlarge. **Ages 8+**

www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/tabletoptakeover

www.ticketsource.co.uk/wokingham

Getting There

Nearest public car park Cockpit Path RG40 2HD (others available). Train station 10 min walk from venue. Buses stop 3 min walk from venue.



Brought to you in association with **Eclectic Games** who are providing all of the games for the day.

There will be opportunities to purchase your own copy of the demo games at the event.

For game advice don't hesitate to get in touch.

They also run board gaming and similar events all year from their shop.

5 Union Street, Reading, RG1 1EU www.eclecticgames.co.uk 0118 959 8250

Energy Kidz



We're evolving! Welcome to your new Junior Adventures Group Club! That's right - from February 20th, we have a bright new look and a new name across all our clubs - Junior Adventures Group or JAG. Our existing registered families will be informed about the change next week, where we will commence a sequence of communications to keep them informed about essential information and booking updates.

FUN^{tastic} February

Save 10% off your booking!

Use code: **EBFEB23**

Scan to book now

Amazing Club Experiences!

Energy Kidz are bringing an explosion of play and activity this February half term! 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 UK
 ✓ 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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Spring/Summer Menu 2023 – Wokingham Borough Council



		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 20/02/2023 13/03/2023 17/04/2023 08/05/2023 05/06/2023 26/06/2023 17/07/2023	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Quirky Bird BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken or Vegan Quorn with Jollof Rice & Salads	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Crunchy Topped Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	NEW Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan with Roast Potatoes		Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Oaty Cookie
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week Two 27/02/2023 20/03/2023 24/04/2023 15/05/2023 12/06/2023 03/07/2023	Option 1	Mac and Cheese Concept	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Roast Potatoes	Chef's Special Chicken Karma with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours, with meat & vegetarian toppings	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Potato and Courgette Layer Bake	Vegetable Wellington with New Potatoes & Gravy	NEW BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit Medley	Apple Crumble with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week Three 06/03/2023 27/03/2023 01/05/2023 22/05/2023 19/06/2023 10/07/2023	Option 1	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	NEW Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges or NEW Spinach & Cheese Parcel with Seasoned Wedges	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Fresh Salad Rainbow Slaw	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	NEW Cornflake Tart
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.