

St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 23.02.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

What a busy few days it has been, with Parents' Consultations, Chinese Dance workshops and a visit from the fire service. We have certainly packed a lot into the first week back!

There is nothing more rewarding than celebrating the achievements and progress of our pupils and we were delighted to see so many parents in school on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children loved the notes you left in their trays telling them how proud you are of their work.



As you will see from the photos, each class thoroughly enjoyed learning about some of the traditions and customs of Chinese New Year, including the history of the Dragon Dance.



The rain held off on Friday morning and Year 5 finally got to hear all about the work of the Fire Service, including the specialist kit fire fighters wear and some of the elements involved in search and rescue. In the past, when visiting, they have often received a call and have had to exit the site quickly on blue lights, but Friday's visit was undisturbed and the children had a great time.



We still have four places available on our Anxiety Workshop running on Tuesday Evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Collins on 0118 9785219 to book a place. The cost of the workshop is £10 per person.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Writing Competitions

During 'Big Swap Week', 6T participated in a writing competition 'The Incredible Diary of...' where the children were asked to write a diary from the perspective of a character or object. Thousands of entries were submitted from hundreds of UK primary schools and we are proud to announce that five children were successful. Congratulations to Yara Kalamar, Aarohan Mitra, Yolie Sham, Aarna Singh and Daniel Tomczyk, What an incredible achievement! These five children have had their work published and printed in a book.



Prompted by the success of our very own authors, 6T were keen to try another competition – this time a creative writing task 'Crazy Creatures'.

We are incredibly pleased to announce a further nine authors! Huge congratulations to Amelia Derry, Amelia Legg, David Purle, Eloise Tomlin, Oniesh Raje, Fraser Rhodes, Holly Sanabor, Millie Simms and Neve Tomlin. Their work will also be published in a book and we are awaiting delivery of these shortly.

The whole-school have had the opportunity to participate in a third competition - this time a poetry task 'Once Upon A Dream'. We've had over 50 applicants and these have now been sent off to the judges at Young Writers UK.



Keep your eyes peeled for a list of the successful applicants and more writing competitions!

Mrs Thornhill

Sports News



We have had a rollercoaster of a ride with our football fixtures before half term. The girls team lost on penalties after a tense 1-1 draw against Robert Piggott Junior School. They dominated the match but just couldn't find the back of the net though the goalkeeper made some fantastic saves.

The mixed team have also had some ups and downs. They won against Beechwood Primary School 6-0. They also came from behind to beat St Nicholas 6-2. Unfortunately, the run didn't continue as despite dominating the match against Harman's Water they conceded a late equaliser and then lost on penalties. Big shout out to Wilbur for stepping into the GK shoes and to Wilbur and Louie for taking the penalties.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have represented the school – they have all played magnificently and were excellent ambassadors for St Paul's!

Message From The Treasurer - St Paul's Church

On behalf of St Paul's church may I thank you and the children for your wonderful fund-raising which has contributed a further £527.34 to the cost of felling the ancient oak. As you will probably know, the total expenditure of this unfortunate but necessary project came to a little under £17,000, so your contribution is most welcome.

Llewellyn Austen
Treasurer - St Paul's Wokingham with St Nicholas' Emmbrook

PTA BAKE SALE – Thursday 29th February

We are having a bake sale with a difference and everyone is welcome! The difference will be 'things other than cake'! This time, we'll be selling some delicious fresh fruit kebabs and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – Krispy Kreme support charities such as the PTA by providing a discount on boxes of 12 glazed doughnuts! We anticipate these selling out quickly.

The sale will take place straight after school, 3:30pm on Thursday 29th February.

Please bring your donated baked goodies in to school on the morning of 29th February – please drop off at the Murray Road school gates between 8:30am and 8:40am – if you are unable to drop off at this time please let us know and we will try to make alternative arrangements for you.

If you are able to volunteer to help with the sale on the day, please email PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Forest School News



Over the past two weeks, we have welcomed 6T and 5K into the woodland. Both classes worked towards our Platinum Green Tree Award, classifying the leaves within our woodland.

Our afternoon groups experienced a whole range of weather while looking at modern and traditional ways of tracking. They laid trails through the woodland for each other to follow. During the child-led part of the afternoon, many chose to hone their fire lighting skills, whilst others

used knotting and problem-solving skills to create a measuring stick to investigate an unexplored part of the woodland.



Our reflection this week had us thinking about the person we can be while in the woodland.

26/02	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03	26/03
3D	4B	6B	5D	3H	4R



Congratulations Jensen!



Jensen is a member of the Young Royals which is a membership for young fans of Reading Football Club. During half term he was selected to join a question-and-answer session with some of the first team players.

Jensen was lucky enough to have his shirt and World Book Day book signed and one of the goalies Joel Pereira gave him one of his gloves also signed!



Lables and Uniform Purchases

Please ensure all items brought into school, including clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles, are clearly labelled with your child's name. You may wish to purchase STIKINS name labels and in doing so raise money for our school! <https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=21479>

Our school fundraising number is 21479. Please use this when ordering as it earns us 30% commission.

Items of school uniform with St Paul's logo can be purchased form Goodies by following this link [order school uniform here](#)

Measles

Measles is a highly infectious disease, especially within schools, and can be very serious.

Immunisation is the safest and most effective way to protect against measles. Children should receive 2 doses of the MMR vaccine before the age of 5 years for lifelong protection.

There has been a rise in measles cases in England in 2023. NHS England has launched a national MMR catch-up campaign, inviting children aged 6 to 11 who are missing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine to contact their GP practice to check their immunisation history and book an appointment for the MMR vaccination.

Please follow this link for advice and resources

Education Hub has also shared blog article: What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school.

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, parents are asked to email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 8.15am each day of the absence. Please ensure your child's name, class and symptoms; stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

The Next Week at School

Monday 26 th February	Last Day of Book Fair in School
Tuesday 27 th February	Anxiety Workshop 6.30pm (entry via Murray Road)
Thursday 29 th February 3.30pm	PTA Bake Sale with A Difference
Friday 1 st March 9am	4B Class Assembly

Diary Dates

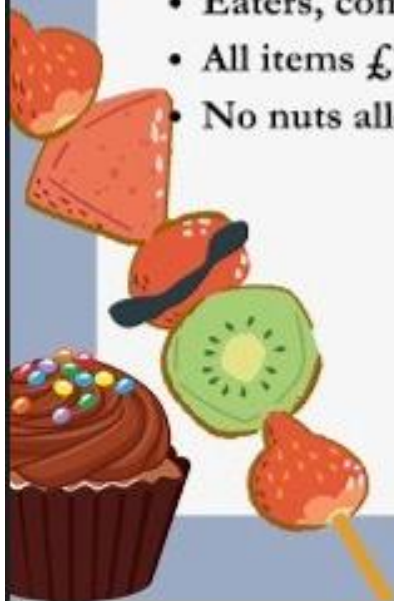
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – Dress up as a book character
Wednesday 6 th March 9am	5K Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 th March	Y5 Winchester Science Museum Trip
Friday 15 th March 9am	3D Class Assembly
Monday 18 th March - 5.30pm	SATs Information Evening for Year 6 parents
Friday 22 nd March 9am	4R Class Assembly
Tuesday 26 th March 9.30am	Easter Service at St Paul's Church – All welcome
Wednesday 27 th March	Y4 Ufton Court Trip
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term – 2.00pm finish



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL PTA
INVITES YOU TO
BAKE SALE,
KRISPY KREME &
FRESH FRUIT KEBAB EVENT

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY
3:30 PM - STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

- Bakers, please bake and bring!
- Donators, please donate cash or cake 😊
- Eaters, come and grab some super tasty treats!
- All items £1 each.
- No nuts allowed please.



Reeves Rangers FC

Are you looking at getting your son / daughter into a local friendly inclusive football team?

I am looking to increase the size of my team by 6/7 players, possibly more if just training. Current year 5 (under 10's) but the club may have other spaces available in different age groups.

If this is of interest to you please get in touch with me or the club directly through their portal:

www.reevesrangersfc.co.uk

Richard Cripps: 07798877601 / cripps698@aol.com



WOKINGHAM & EMMBROOK FC

Calling all girls

Years 2-6

Want to try football or build some confidence?

FREE basic football skills with FA qualified coaches

Every Friday for 5 weeks

5-6pm

Emmbrook Senior School, RG41 1JP

Starts Friday 23rd February

Any questions email us

girls.wefc@outlook.com

or

[Register here](#)

Shin pads required, Moulded football studs preferable
Opportunity to join established teams ahead of the 24/25 season
*5 open sessions are free, but once fed into a team subs will be required

Consultation: A329 Reading Road Active Travel Scheme



Mill Close to Broad Street

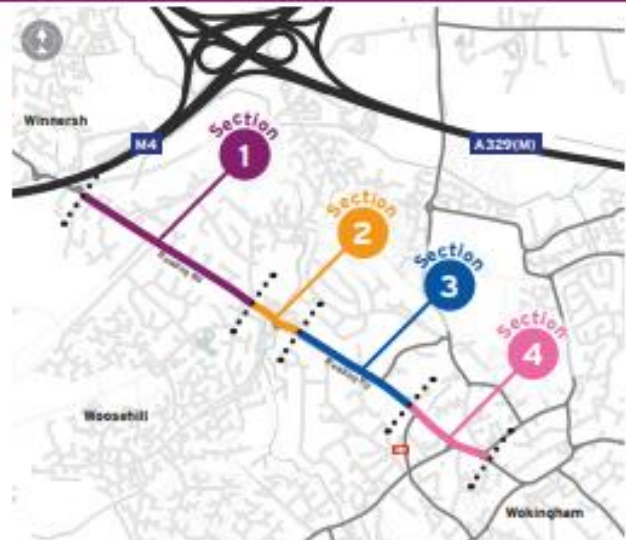
Wokingham Borough Council has been awarded funds to design improvements for walking and cycling along the A329 Reading Road from Sadler's Lane to Wokingham Town Centre.

This is being designed in 4 sections. We are consulting on the third and fourth of these, which is between Mill Close and Broad Street.

Why do we want to improve our Active Travel routes in Wokingham?

More than a quarter of commuting trips in Wokingham Borough are under 5km (three miles), yet more than 70 per cent of these shorter trips are made by car.

These journeys provide the biggest opportunity to swap driving for active, healthy and cheaper alternatives and we want to help you make the most of them.



Why Reading Road?

This is one of the key routes identified in our borough-wide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which we consulted on last year.

You told us that this section of Reading Road feels unsafe, it's difficult to cross the road, there isn't enough protected space for cyclists and you're worried about traffic speeds.

What are we proposing?

We are proposing one way stepped cycle tracks (higher than the road but lower than the pavement) in each direction with sections of shared-use path where there is not enough space. We are also proposing changes to the Station Approach and Station Road junctions to improve safety and accessibility for walking, cycling and wheeling.

Other key features are:

Speed limit reductions to 30mph and then 20mph close to town centre.



Changes to Station Approach, including advance cycle signals and easier crossings for pedestrians.



Changes to Station Road junction, including removing the left slip lane and improving public space.



Please view the plans and take our short survey by 18th March

For help completing the survey, or to view it in an alternative format, please call us on 0118 974 6000



Scan me



<https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/a329-cycle-pedestrian-improvements>

