

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 19.04.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

The children were in fine voice in hymn practice this morning whilst learning 'Follow Me'. It was so good, Miss Plumley stopped what she was doing and came into the hall for an encore!

Now the surface markings are in place, we are starting the next phase of our playground improvement project and have just ordered fifteen new picnic benches to ensure the children have plenty of places to sit at break and lunchtime. As we currently have a vacancy for a Site Controller, we are hoping that once they arrive, we will be able to enlist the help of parents in assembling and positioning them as they are of extremely good quality and very heavy!



We were very sorry to learn that Mrs Hargreaves has been poorly but delighted that she is now on the mend. We send lots of love and very best wishes for her recovery and hope to see her and Walter back at school soon.

We are in the final stages of organising swimming and hope that lessons will commence at some point next week. Once this has been confirmed, the timetable will be sent out to all parents via ParentMail.

If you might be interested in joining our team, we currently have vacancies for site staff and learning mentors, details of which can be found in the [Vacancies](#) section of our website.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Taylor

Letter from Wokingham Borough Council – Ofsted

Further to our recent Ofsted Report we are pleased to share the following letter received from Emma Cockerall, Director of Children's Services at Wokingham Borough Council

OFSTED GRADED INSPECTION 6-7 MARCH 2024

I am writing to offer my congratulations to you, your staff and governors following the publication of your inspection report for the judgement that St Pauls is a 'good' school. I was very pleased to read about your success. I appreciate that this inspection has been long awaited and falls under a new Ofsted framework.

I was particularly pleased that Ofsted noted your school's shared ambition for all pupils to experience a high-quality curriculum and achieve well, especially those children with additional needs and for those who have experienced disadvantage. They also noted how pupils are happy and proud to belong to a diverse and friendly school community and strive to live out the school values in all that they do.

It was good to read about the school's ambitious curriculum, the particular strengths noted in English and mathematics with pupils achieving well in national tests and that the teaching of reading is strong.

I have every confidence that you and your team will continue to work on the areas for further development that Ofsted has identified.

I believe you, the governors and the rest of the school community should rightly be very proud of this achievement and of the place your school holds in the local community, where Ofsted acknowledged the contribution of all to improvements and where children crucially feel safe, respected and valued.

Very well done to you all and may I offer my heartfelt thanks for the work you do day in and day out to support our children and congratulate you once again for this great achievement.

Congratulations to Theo!



Theo is continuing his football journey and has been asked to sign for Swindon Town Academy! Well done Theo, we wish you every success.

Parking Plea

Please may we ask once again for parents to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Our neighbours at the flats on the corner of Murray Road and Oxford Road are often vulnerable people. By parking in their private carpark parents are depriving the residents' access to their homes.

This morning a parent parked in front of the gates of Walter Infants and left their car unattended whilst they dropped their child to our school. This impacted on a number of Walter Infant staff then being unable to access their school, meaning the children at Walter Infants did not get the start to the day that they deserved.

Clubs – Advance Notice

As always, our before/after school extra-curricular clubs do not run on the first or last week of term or during Y6 SATs week, week - 13th – 17th May.

Class Assemblies

Just a reminder about upcoming class assemblies, the majority of which will take place on Friday morning. These events last approximately 15 minutes and start promptly at 9.00 am. Parents of the class performing are welcome to join us for these occasions and should **enter the school via the Oxford Road entrance**.

3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	14/6	21/6	28/6	5/7	12/7	19/7
5M	3B	4P	5D	3H	4B	5K	3D	4R	5M

Forest School News

We welcomed 4B to the woods on Monday afternoon and the children explored Hapa Zone printing, the wildlife in our pond area and took part in a treasure hunt.

Our afternoons groups have met for the first time and have begun to form new friendships already!





They have taken part in the ancient Japanese practice of Forest Bathing. It gave them the opportunity to be still and focus on the moment. The children commented afterwards that it made them feel calm and relaxed.

Work in our allotments is underway already, with the children having planted potatoes, carrots, broccoli and radish seeds. Let's hope we start to get some sunshine to aid their growing.

During our reflection at the end of our session, the children thought about who or what they were grateful for. They spoke about their family and friends, as well as education, their home, nature and food.

Please note the following change to the Class Forest School timetable:

4P's session will now be on the 13th May
6S's session will now be on the 1st July.

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below. 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.

29/04	13/05	20/05	17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	09/07	15/07	16/07
5K	4P	3H	6B	3D	6S	5D	4R	6T	3B

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 8.15am on each day of the absence. Please ensure you give 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 29 th April	5K Forest School Session
Friday 3 rd May	5M Class Assembly
Diary Dates	
Thursday 9 th May	Year 3 Viking Workshop
Friday 10 th May – 9am	3B Class Assembly
Monday 13 th – 17 th May	Year 6 SATs – NO CLUBS WILL RUN THIS WEEK
Thursday 16 th May	PTA Bake Sale (after school)
Friday 17 th May – 9am	4P Class Assembly
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May	Walk to School Week
Friday 24 th May	5D Class Assembly
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Thursday 13 th June	Sports Day 9.00pm – 1.00pm
Friday 14 th June	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	PTA - Bag to School and Frozen Thursday
Friday 21 st June	4B Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	5K Class Assembly
Friday 5 th July	3D Class Assembly
Saturday 6 th July	PTA – Summer Fair
Friday 12 th July	4R Class Assembly
Friday 12 th July	PTA – Frozen Friday
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 19 th July	5M Class Assembly
Friday 19 th July	End of Term – 2.00pm finish