

St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 28.02.25

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Welcome back. I hope that you had a good half term and found time to relax with family and friends. The children came back raring to go and we have had another fabulous week of learning,

Today's assembly was for the upper school only and focused on the importance of a positive digital footprint and the safe and sensible use of online messaging and chat. From time to time, we hear of pupils who have got themselves into difficulty and always recommend that parents regularly monitor their child's devices to safeguard them from being exposed to/generating inappropriate content.

For our families observing the month of Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak! During the holy month, we often have pupils who wish to fast during the school day and should this apply to your child, please advise us in writing at office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

We are looking forward to celebrating your child's achievements at next week's parents' consultations and if for any reason you are unable to make your appointment, please do advise us in good time. For after school appointments, entry will be via the playground as the school office will be closed. For those during the school day, please use the Oxford Road entrance.

Wednesday will be extremely busy - not only are we holding some of our consultations but it is also World Book Day and Governor Day. Members of our Board will be spending the day with us, visiting classrooms and the playground and enjoying a Forest School session.

Sadly, Wednesday will also be our Pauline Wells' final day with us as she is stepping down from the role of clerk. Not only has she been an amazing clerk to governors but previous to that she was also a Foundation Governor of our school. We have benefitted hugely from her expertise, help and support and she leaves big shoes to fill! We wish her well for the future and hope that she will continue to be a 'friend' of the school, dropping in to see us from time to time.

Have a good weekend, everyone - Mrs Taylor



Hello everyone,

My name is Nuala (pronounced noola) and I am very proud to be the School Dog at St Paul's.

I was bred in Denton, Manchester, and I am a Lagotto Romagnolo or Lagotto for short. Lagotto is a Venetian/Romagnan dialect word meaning "duck dog". Until the middle of the 19th Century much of Romagna was marshland and home to flocks of waterfowl that were hunted for food by the marsh men - sometimes known as Lagotti (duck hunters). They were helped by their little duck dogs who became known as Lagotto.

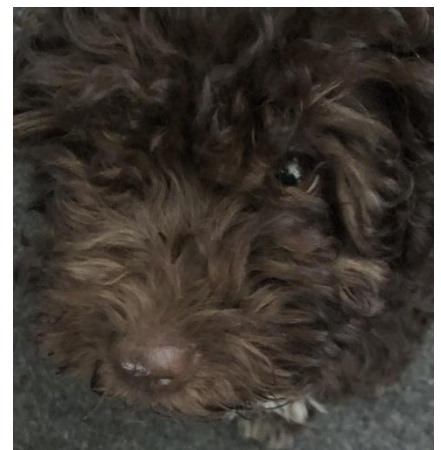
Although my breed no longer retrieves ducks for hunters, I still have all of the characteristics of a water dog. I am an excellent swimmer and love water, even when it is freezing cold. I have webbing between my toes and a double coat covering my entire body. Even the inside of my ears are covered in thick hair to prevent water entering when I dive beneath the surface.

My main job here is as a wellbeing dog for all pupils, staff and the wider school community. I am a quick learner and if everything goes well, I may be able to train as a therapy dog.

I have started keeping a diary of my days in school. To see what I've been up to, follow the link: https://st-pauls.eschools.co.uk/web/diary_of_a_school_dog/706300

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Nuala x



After School Club - Junior Adventure Group



As we kick off a brand-new half-term, we're excited to welcome children back to our Ofsted-registered wraparound club for more fun-filled adventures!

This Spring, our Adventure Programme is packed with special themed days and exciting activities designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and boundless energy!

Here are some of the special days we may celebrate in the coming weeks at our clubs:

Shrove Tuesday – 4th March

This Pancake Day, children will flip, cook, and race their way through a delicious adventure! As part of our Flavour Fest category, they'll explore Pancake Day traditions, test tasty recipes, and enjoy hands-on cooking fun.

World Book Day – 6th March

Children can dress as their favourite literary characters and bring stories to life through crafts and imaginative projects in our Creative Inventors category. A magical celebration of books, creativity, and storytelling!

British Science Week – W/C 10th March

During British Science Week, children will explore the wonders of STEM through exciting activities in our Brain Boosters category. They'll dive into interactive puzzles, games, and experiments.

Red Nose Day – 21st March

Time to get silly for a good cause! Children will tell jokes, take part in wacky games, and enjoy fun-filled activities from our Adventure Programme, all while raising awareness and spreading kindness.

Mother's Day – 28th March

Through activities in our Creative Inventors category, children will get imaginative and handcraft beautiful origami flowers to show love and appreciation for their mums and mother figures.

April Fools' Day – 1st April

Expect harmless pranks, silly surprises, and cheeky fun! Children will enjoy jokes, tricks, and giggles in a playful celebration of laughter and mischief!

Don't let your child miss out on this springtime adventure!

 **Secure your spot today:**

[Book here](#)

Wokingham Half Marathon Mini Mile



Congratulations to all our pupils who ran the Wokingham Half Marathon Mini Mile on Sunday, including Reuben (6T), Jasmine (3H), Oscar (6T), Karl (6D), Charlie (6D) and Noah (4R).

Charlie was awarded a trophy for coming 3rd in the boys 10-11 age group and Noah came 1st in the Boys 8-9 age group! Well done boys on your continued dedication to running!

We are reliably informed that all our St Paul's pupils ran amazing races and we are very proud of you all.

Forest School



Well, we had a rather wet start to the week when 5M joined us in the woodland for their class session! They all showed their resilience, determination and teamwork, along with their creativity, as they built shelters to keep themselves dry.

Our afternoon groups were lucky enough to see the sunshine this week. They took part in a blindfold activity which required trust, communication and co-operation to be successful. The children recognised how their sense of touch, smell and hearing became heightened once their sight had been taken away.

We also continued our work looking at the wildlife in our woodland and how we can encourage more wildlife in. The children were busy making their own bird feeders, which are now hung up around the woods, much to the delight of our Forest School robin!



03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04	02/04
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. The woodland is quite wet underfoot at the moment, so please ensure that your child brings wellies or shoes/trainers that you are happy to get muddy!

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 EVERY THURSDAY.

All classes have Games each Thursday. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). No football shirts or brightly coloured sports kit!

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.

World Book Day – Message From Our Local Libraries

We support the charity World Book Day in its mission to encourage all children to read for pleasure. This year World Book Day are putting children's voices first with Read Your Way, encouraging everyone to let go of pressure and expectations to give children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.

More information can be found at worldbookday.com along with free materials and activities.

We will be running some World Book Day Storytimes celebrating the 45th anniversary of Peace at Last by Jill Murphy. Bring along a teddy – just drop in.

- Tuesday 4 March at Wokingham Library – 4pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday 4 March at Finchampstead Library – 4pm to 4.30pm
- Thursday 6 March at Lower Earley Library – 4pm to 4.30pm
- Monday 24 March at Woodley Library – 10 – 10:30am

Check out the exciting World Book Day events - from our webinars to engage teachers with reading for pleasure to the BBC Live Lesson.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/events/>

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 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

Wednesday 5 th March	World Book Day – PJs or Book Character
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 21 st March 9.00am – 12.00	Year 6 Easter Experience
Monday 17 th March 7.00pm	Clubs Bookings Open for Summer Term
Tuesday 25 th March 6.30pm	SATs Information Evening
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
Friday 2 nd May 9.00am	5K Class Assembly
Thursday 8 th May 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	SATs Week
Friday 16 th May	5M Class Assembly
Friday 16 th May	Silent Disco
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd May	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 22 nd May 9.00am	6S Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd May 3.30pm	Break Up For Half Term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 2 nd June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 3 rd June	First Day Back After Half Term
Tuesday 3 rd June	Class Photos
Friday 13 th June 9.00am	3H Class Assembly
Friday 20 th June 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Thursday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 4 th July 3.30 – 6.00pm	Summer Fair

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WEEK 2025

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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

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

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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