

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 27.09.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

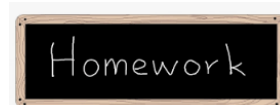


Thank you for following the one-way system at pick up. It has significantly improved safety as teachers are able to lead classes out without losing sight of children amongst parents entering the playground or blocking lining up areas.

The system ensures a swift two-way flow of foot traffic in and out of the gates, speeding up departure for everyone, especially when it is raining! To the parents who have complained about the changes, whilst we may not be able to please everyone all of the time, the safety of the children will always come first.

It was lovely to welcome many of you to Wednesday's Curriculum Information Evening. Thank you for all of the positive feedback. We are very proud of our curriculum offer and delighted that it was such a valuable event. If you were unable to join us, each presentation will be posted in the year group areas on the Welcome page of our website.

Our IT provider is still ironing out the wrinkles in our system to enable us to set homework on MS Teams and we are hoping the issue will be resolved within the next few days. We will send instructions about accessing homework to all parents as soon as we get the go ahead.



Today, we said farewell to Boril (5B) who is off to Oaklands Junior School, the school closest to his home. We will really miss his sunny smile and hope he quickly settles into his new class. Boril was presented with a gift of a book and a lovely handmade card full of good wishes from all of his classmates and teachers.

Finally, a heartfelt plea from our admin team, please remember to include your child's name and class when contacting us via email.

Have a good weekend, everyone - Mrs Taylor

Introducing our new School Councillors

Congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors:



3H Tvisha R, 3D Callum H, 3B Max T
4R Artun C, 4P Mabel H, 4L James C
5M Dante M, 5K Harrison I, 5B Leo M
6T Eve L, 6S Noah D, 6D Violet P

They reps met for the first time today and issued with their badges, dates for this term's meetings and talked through how meetings will run. The next Council Meeting will be on 11th October at 1pm.

Photographs – Tuesday 1st October

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday for pupil portraits. After having their photo taken, your child will be given a QR code for ordering, so please check their bags when they get home. Ordering of photos will be online directly with Cardwell and Son, with and will be delivered to school and sent home with the children.



Thank you Mrs Delaney!



Huge thanks to the very talented Mrs Delaney who has donated a beautiful map of Wokingham, which she drew by hand!

Mrs Vickers, our head of Geography, is delighted with this resource which is being framed and will be used and enjoyed by all our pupils for years to come.

Forest School News



What a week of weather we have experienced!

We welcomed 4P into the woods this week and explored the colours within our woodland.

Our afternoon groups have been getting to know each other while learning to tie reef knots and then used this skill to work together to rescue a treasure chest from our shark infested swamp! As you can see from the photos below, the children were creative in our mud kitchen, serving up soups and stews; they embraced the rain wholeheartedly and took time to be still and observe the nature around them.



A special mention to the Thursday group, who showed resilience and teamwork skills in the rain – we are very proud of you all.

Please ensure that your child has long trousers (preferably not jeans) and a waterproof coat for their Forest School sessions as the weather is becoming changeable.



30/09	07/10	14/10	21/10	04/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	02/12
3D	6S	5M	4R	3B	6D	5K	4L	3H

Sports News



We had a fantastic start to the term last week with our first School Games event. The Tag Rugby MegaFest was held at Forest School and we were very lucky to play outside in the sun. We had both boys' and girls' teams and the children participated in a variety of different activities teaching the skills of tag rugby. The afternoon culminated in both teams playing other schools in a fun game. Everybody had a great time and it was wonderful to see the children having fun!

The football trials were very well attended with over 45 children taking part. Congratulations to all the children who participated. The standard was extremely high and it was a very tough decision to select the final squad.

Several of the children took part in a friendly match against Gorse Ride last Tuesday. It was fabulous to see all the energy and enthusiasm by the children and they were fantastic ambassadors for St. Paul's. There was lots of team-work, communication and football skills on display. Well done all of you!



Thursday Games

Games lessons take place each week in all but the most extreme weather. With poorer weather upon us, please ensure your child brings their school uniform to school on Thursdays in case they need to change into dry clothes after their session. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy/black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt)

New Parent Tours

If you know any prospective new parents who may be interested in a tour of our fabulous school, we are now taking bookings.

Tour dates are:

2pm Wednesday 9th October

9am Thursday 10th October

9am Thursday 28th November

2pm Friday 29th November



Prospective parents can book a place on a tour via TicketSource using this link: [Click here to book on our tour](#)

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2025 please do book onto one of Walter Infant School's tours: www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school

Book Fair



The last day of our book fair will be Monday 30th September, with over 200 new children's books to browse and buy!

St. Paul's earns **FREE BOOKS** for every book sold at the Fair, so this is a great opportunity to support the work of the school and help us stock up our classrooms with new resources. We hope to see you there!

After School Club – Junior Adventure Group

JAG's After School Club offer fun, happy and safe places for children to play freely across age groups and take part in structured activities such as arts and crafts and active play. Providing an energising end to the school day, children can join group activities, enjoy a healthy snack, or chill out with toys and games that are all set up and ready for them to enjoy.

Find out more at: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/>

Absence Reporting

We no longer have access to the Absence Reporting section of ParentMail. Absences must be reported in writing by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, you must email by 8.15am on each day of the absence, ensuring you give your child's name, class and symptoms. Stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

Any request for term time leave must be in writing on our Leave of Absence Request Form, which can be found on our website under parents > absence reporting

Next Week at School

Monday 30 th September	Last day of the Book Fair
Tuesday 1 st October	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 4 th October 9.00am	3D Class Assembly
Diary Dates	
Tuesday 8 th October 3.45pm	Anxiety Workshop
Friday 11 th October 9.00am	3H Class Assembly 9.00am
Monday 14 th October	House Captain Election
Tuesday 15 th – Friday 18 th October	Year 6 Residential Trip to Liddington
Friday 18 th October 9.00am	3B Class Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Flu Immunisation

Friday 25 th October 9.00am	6D Class Assembly 9.00am
Friday 25 th October 3.30pm finish	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Children Return to School
Wednesday 6 th November 3.40pm – 7.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7 th November 8.40am – 11.40am	Parent Consultations
Friday 15 th November 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd November 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Friday 29 th November 9.00am	5M Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th December 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Monday 9 th December 2.00pm	Christmas Performance at St Paul's Church
Tuesday 10 th December 2.00pm and 5.00pm	Christmas Performance at St Paul's Church



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Monthly Carers Events

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Drop in sessions- for support & advice

- 1st Wednesday**-Carers walk at Dinton/meet at showcase carpark -10.00am
- 1st Thursday**-Henry Street Garden Centre, RG2 9JY- 1.00-3.00pm
- 3rd Friday**- Finchampstead Baptist Church Centre 1.00-3.00pm.
- Last Thursday**-.Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, Lower Earley 10.30-12.00pm

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Daytime groups

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- 1st Tuesday**-Carers Club Shinfield, School Green Centre RG2 9EH-9.30-11.30am
- 2nd Wednesday**-Carers Club Wokingham, Bradbury Centre-10.00-12.00pm
- 3rd Tuesday** - Carers Club Woodley, Coronation Hall-1.30-3.30pm

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Evening groups

- 2nd Thursday**-Evening Carers Group, Bosco Lounge Woodley-6.30-8.30pm
- Last Wednesday**-Evening Carers Group, Sedero Lounge Wokingham-6.30-8.30pm



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