

# St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 15.03.24

*'One body, every person, growing together.'*



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



On Mother's Day, our choir gave a stellar performance as part of the WASMA concert, participating in a splendid evening of music, song and dance at the Hexagon. Each made an impressive contribution and 'stood out from the crowd' with their impeccable behaviour and fabulous singing. Our three soloists, Ben Weitz, Taigan Dutton and Zoe Tomlinson, wowed their audience and all of the children in the choir should be extremely proud of their contribution to this very special event. Special thanks to Mr Donaghy and Miss Best for preparing and rehearsing the choir, and to Mrs Walker for supporting them at Sunday's rehearsal.

On Tuesday, Year 5 had a fabulous time visiting Winchester Science Centre. They spent the day trying out a range of 'hands on' practical science activities, rounding off with a visit to the Planetarium. The centre staff commented on the impeccable behaviour of our pupils who were excellent ambassadors for St Paul's. Thank you to Mr Singleton, Mrs Cole, Mr Bonnefin, Miss Langley and Mrs Eaglesham, our parent volunteers, who helped ensure the children enjoyed their day.



3D's assembly this morning was the perfect way to round off another busy week. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their historical knowledge and understanding and acted, sang and performed brilliantly. Well done, everyone!



Finally, congratulations are in order for Mrs Dwyer and her partner, Antony, who recently became engaged. Mrs Dwyer took advantage of it being a leap year, sweeping him off his feet with her proposal. We wish them both every happiness for the future!

Have good weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor

## Photo Consent – SIMs Parent

We sometimes have wonderful photos which we are unable to share in our newsletters because a number of parents have not completed the consent section in SIMs Parent App. If you have no objection to your child's photograph appearing in our newsletters (which are then published on our Website), please go to the App and complete the consent section.

## Swimming Success for Iris



We are delighted that Iris (5D) did so well at BW Swimming Club Mini Meet that took place on March 2nd. She secured the gold medal for the 9 years old group, finishing first out of 26 boys and girls. Her remarkable performance included first-place finishes in butterfly, backstroke, freestyle, and individual medley (IM). Additionally, she earned a well-deserved second place in the breaststroke.

Well done Iris!!



## Just Play Sports Easter Holiday Club

Just Play Sports' Easter holiday club is [open for booking](#).



### What's on

The usual jam-packed, sporty games are available, including football, multi skills, archery, tennis, cricket and arts and crafts. Just Play Sports are our after school club provider who run a lot of our popular school clubs, so they're a safe option to guarantee fun-filled days this February.

### Savings available

Save:

- 10% when you book the whole week
- 10% for siblings

**Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare – we accept** childcare vouchers or tax-free childcare. Take a look at the attached flyer for all the information of how to [book your children on](#)

**Any questions?** Give the friendly team an email at [info@justplaysports.co.uk](mailto:info@justplaysports.co.uk)

## Bikeability Holiday Courses

### Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 3 and above, £10

(This is open to children who have mastered the basics of balancing and riding)

**Woodford Park: 2nd April, 9:30-12pm, Level 1 course, 12 children**

**Woodford Park: 8th April, 9:30-12pm, Level 1 course, 12 children**

### Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

**Woodford Park: 5th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 8 children**

**Woodford Park: 12th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 4 children**

### Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, two day course, £20

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

**Woodford Park: 2nd & 3rd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 12 children**

**Woodford Park: 8th & 9th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 12 children**

### Level 3 Bikeability Training for Year 6 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children in Years 6 and above who have completed Bikeability Level 2)

**Woodford Park: 2nd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

**Woodford Park: 3rd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

**Woodford Park: 5th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

**Woodford Park: 10th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

**Woodford Park: 11th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children**

The website is;

[We run great holiday courses. - Cycle training specialists \(avanticycling.co.uk\)](#)

## Parking Plea – Help Us Be Good Neighbours



We are still receiving numerous complaints from neighbours about inconsiderate and illegal parking. Please may we once again ask that, if driving to school, you leave in plenty of time to park safely and considerately. This may mean parking a little further away on local roads. This week one of our neighbours was very embarrassed and upset when their guests were delayed leaving due to a parent parking over their driveway in Oxford Road.

On another occasion, as shown in the photograph, staff members at Walter Infant School, were unable to leave work due to illegal parking in the hatched area outside our entrance. On this particular day we were waiting for an ambulance to arrive, so the consequence could have been severe. Please do not park in this area even momentarily.

We want to be good neighbours and ask for your support in this.

## JAG – After School and Easter Holiday Club

Join JAG after school and in the Easter holidays!

JAG are committed to providing a lively and enriching environment that resonates with the inquisitive spirit of your young World Explorers. It's not just a theme; it's a reflection of their dedication to making learning an exciting and memorable adventure for every child.

Secure your child's spot in advance and enjoy significant savings!

Unlock a Weekly Booking Discount if you book a full week (Mon-Fri) - automatically applied at checkout!

Book Now: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Learn More: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/whats-on/>

## Forest School News



It was 6B's turn to join us at Forest School on Monday and they worked towards our Platinum Green Tree Award by collecting, identifying and then categorising the leaves in our woodland. During their child-led time, many of the class worked on their fire-lighting skills, using several of our school values – we are resilient and determined, we collaborate and encourage, along with, we have a voice and listen to others.



Our afternoon groups enjoyed cooking s'mores and toasting hot cross buns over the fire, joining in with interesting conversations, which included a Y4 child explaining the Ramadan customs that their family and friends follow. The children then took time to "give back" to our woodland area by planting a hedgerow, with saplings donated to us from a charity called 'We dig trees.' At the end of the afternoon, the children reflected on their time at Forest School, with many being grateful for the new friendships they have made, for the fire lighting skills they have developed, time in the mud kitchen and of course the s'mores!

18/03	25/03	26/03
5D	3H	4R



## Recycling Competition – Fun with 'Fantastic Foil'

Re3 (the waste management partnership between Bracknell Forest, Reading and Wokingham) have asked us to announce a new recycling competition aimed at promoting the recyclability of foil from our homes, among pupils in our community.

Pupils are invited to unlock their creativity and participate in the 'Fantastic Foil' competition. The challenge is to create a sculpture entirely made out of aluminium foil, with a spring or nature theme.

Re3 are offering exciting prizes to both pupils and schools with the best sculptures. To enter, simply email a photo of the entry along with name and school to [re3info@reading.gov.uk](mailto:re3info@reading.gov.uk), with the subject line 'Fantastic Foil'. The closing date for **entries is 19th April**, and winners will be announced within two weeks. For full details, including the top prizes on offer, please [visit the re3 website](#).

## Free School Meals

### Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education

Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

## Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, parents are asked to email [absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto: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 18 <sup>th</sup> March – morning	Y5 Theatre Visit at The Holt School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March - 5.30pm	SATs Information Evening for Year 6 parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 9am	4R Class Assembly
<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am	Easter Service at St Paul's Church – All welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Ufton Court Trip
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term – 2.00pm finish
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term



## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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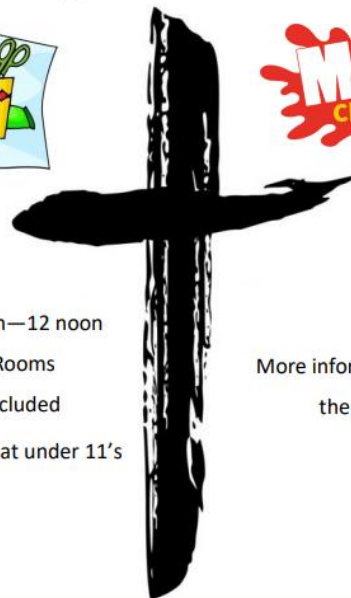


**Skips**

[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

## GOOD FRIDAY

**TRAVEL THE EASTER JOURNEY**  
A family event telling the Easter Story  
through activities and craft



Open from 10am—12 noon

St Paul's Parish Rooms

Refreshments included

Activities aimed at under 11's

More information from  
the Parish Office



St Paul's Wokingham with St Nicholas and Woosheill

Parish Office: 018 979 2122

[church.office@spauls.co.uk](mailto:church.office@spauls.co.uk)

# FANTASTIC FOIL

**GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION!

Create a sculpture from **ALUMINIUM FOIL ONLY** with the theme of **SPRING** or **NATURE**.

**recycle** **metal** **recycles forever**

## just play sports

**2-12 April**

### Easter holiday clubs

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

**Discover a new sport or game**  
Play awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Archery • Parachute games
- Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Cricket • Arts and crafts

**Savings to suit every pocket**

**Save:**  
10% when you book the whole week  
10% for siblings

**Where you'll find the fun**  
St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham  
Colleton Primary School, Twyford  
Oaklands Junior School, Crowthorne  
Cranford Park Primary School, Yateley  
(subject to change)

**Flexibility to suit you**  
Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm  
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm  
4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

Get 15% off at Colleton, Oaklands and Cranford Park. Use code JPSEB15 until 22 March.  
(excludes other discounts)

HAF spaces available

**Book now**  
[bit.ly/jpspholidayclubs](http://bit.ly/jpspholidayclubs)

[justplaysports.co.uk](http://justplaysports.co.uk)  
[info@justplaysports.co.uk](mailto:info@justplaysports.co.uk)

[fb.me/justplaysportsberks](https://www.facebook.com/justplaysportsberks)  
[@justplaysports\\_](https://www.instagram.com/justplaysports_)

Have some serious fun on bikes



**Easter holidays 2024**

**Sign up for a Bikeability course**

Woodford Park, Woodley, RG5 4LD

Level 1
2 April 0930-1200
8 April 0930-1200

Level 1 & 2
2 & 3 April 0930-1500 (2 days)
5 April 0900-1530
8 & 9 April 0930-1500 (2 days)
12 April 0900-1530

Level 2
2 April 0930-1500
3 April 0930-1500
5 April 0930-1500
10 April 0930-1500
11 April 0930-1500

Please reserve your place online at [avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses](https://avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses)

Level 1 - Year 3 and above age 7+  
Level 1 & 2 - Year 5 and above age 9+  
L2 - Year 6 and above age 10+

**avanticycling**  
[avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses](https://avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses)

RYA Courses • Paddlesports • Sailing Courses • Instructor Training • Multi-Activity

ASC Reading: Hangar Road, Theale, Reading, RG7 4AP

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**OPEN DAY 2024**

Join our team on 18th May to find out more about what ASC Reading is offering in 2024!

- ✓ Free drop-in sessions
- ✓ Taster sessions just £5
- ✓ Sign up to our mailing list for event updates

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



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