

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 05.07.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



It is an extremely busy time as we race towards the end of the academic year, particularly for the teachers who are beavering away, putting together class lists for September 2024. Transition for our current Years 3, 4 and 5 will take place next week, from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th July. This is fondly known as 'Big Swap' and enables pupils to meet their teachers and spend time with their classmates in what will be their new classroom come September.

Our teachers are also currently writing annual reports. These take an incredible amount of time to produce, but the process offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress of each child and celebrate their achievements.



Reports will be sent home with children, slightly later than originally planned, on Monday 15th July.

3D's Class assembly this morning was a wonderful display of their learning about India. They shared their knowledge of the history and geography of this beautiful country. The children made it very entertaining and memorable for everyone with their singing and dancing. Well done 3D!

The Year 6 performance of Lights.. Camera.. Action! premiered this morning with a dress rehearsal for the whole school and Year 2. We also welcomed Walter staff, including Mrs Hargreaves who was blown away by our brilliant Year 6 children. This afternoon's Matinee was stunning and brought the house down! Parents coming to the evening performance on Monday are certainly in for a treat! The tremendous efforts of the children in learning their lines, actions and performing so well, is very impressive. It is some of the best singing we have ever heard in a production and lovely to see the children thoroughly enjoying being on stage! We could not be prouder of this amazing group of children and of Year 6 Team for preparing them for their show stopper!



Forty-eight Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability this week. The instructors commented on how focused and well behaved our pupils were. They all listened well and respected the rules of the road.



We are very much looking forward to our Summer Fair tomorrow! Thank you to our wonderful PTA who have put so much effort into organising what is set to be fantastic day. It's not too late to offer your help by following this link <https://volunteersignup.org/XD98P>

At the end of this newsletter you will find a reminder of our Term Dates for 2024-2025, please keep these in mind when booking holidays and family days out.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Tritton and the staff team for their incredible support this week. Thanks to their compassion, kindness and hard work, I was able to take time away from school at a frantically busy time, knowing that I could focus my energies on supporting my family through bereavement. I am unable to attend tomorrow's Fair as I will be back in Wales but rest assured, I will be keeping everything crossed for fine weather.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Mini Mayor Competition



Year 5 were invited to write a letter to apply for the role of 'Mini Mayor' for the upcoming year. With great difficulty we chose and submitted three entries; Eve L (5K), Ahmad A (5M) and Noah D (5D)

Imagine our delight when all three were invited, along with their parents, to meet the Mayor, Councillor Rob Comber and have an afternoon tea.

The children had a fabulous visit to the Town Hall and spent time with the mayor explaining their great ideas to make Wokingham even better.

There were a few children from schools all over Wokingham and we will wait patiently to find out who will be declared 'Mini Mayor'.

We are very proud of the three ambassadors of our school who were chosen.

Mrs Dwyer
Year 5 Team Leader

Celebration of Success



Last weekend Robyn (4P) took part in her first ever gymnastics competition. She has worked so hard having only taken up gymnastics a year ago. She did amazingly well, achieving 2nd place on her vault and 1st place on her floor routine! We are very proud of you Robyn!

Alice (5M) Has completed her Grade 3 Trinity singing examination and was delighted to be awarded a distinction for her efforts, scoring an amazing 90/100! We know Alice has worked incredibly hard to achieve this well-deserved high score – Well done Alice!





Arthur (3H) was recently asked to provide the voice over for Wokingham Borough Council's "story" played at the Council's colleague conference to over 1000 people. He took it in his stride and read beautifully (including some very difficult words) His narration was met with huge smiles and applause by the audience. Miss Best thinks we have a future David Attenborough on our hands! Great work Arthur!

Year 5 Visit From The Emmbrook



Year 5 had a visit from Mr Johnson, Assistant Head at Emmbrook School this week. He told them all about life at Emmbrook and they watched a video of all of the exciting lessons that their students take part in. Year 5 asked some interesting questions such as how long each lesson was, how much homework there is and an important one, what food options are there!

Swimming

Pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. We ask that swimming trunks are close fitting and not long, baggy Bermuda style shorts and that girls wear a one-piece suit. Swimming hats can be purchased from school.

Mondays			Tuesdays			Wednesdays			Fridays		
5D	3D	3H	5K	3B	4P	5M	6B	4B	6T	4R	6S

Playtime Snacks

As a Healthy School, we encourage children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break. This may be fruit, vegetable sticks dried fruit or a nut free cereal bar.

Forest School

15/07	16/07	17/07	18/07
6T	3B	4R	5D

If your child is attending a Forest School session, please can you provide them with long trousers and a long-sleeved top. This will enable them to move around our woodland more freely, without being stung by the nettles. Thank you.

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. As from September we will no longer have access to the absence reporting element of ParentMail.

Next Week at School

Saturday 6 th July	11.00am – 2.00pm PTA – Summer Fair
Monday 8 th July	6.00pm Year 6 Production – Lights... Camera... Action!
Friday 12 th July	PTA Frozen Friday
Monday 15 th July	End of Year Reports
Diary Dates	
Tuesday 16 th July	Enterprise Day
Wednesday 17 th July	9.00am 4R Assembly
Wednesday 17 th July	6.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 19 th July	9.30am Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Year 6 parents welcome
Friday 19 th July	End of Term – 2.00pm finish



St Paul's CE Junior School Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Autumn 2024

Thursday 5th September - Start of Term
28th October to 1st November - Half Term Break
Friday 20th December - End of Term (2pm finish)

Spring 2025

Tuesday 7th January - Start of Term
17th February to 21st February - Half Term Break
Friday 28th March - School Closed - Inset Day
Friday 4th April - End of Term (2pm finish)

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - Start of Term
Monday 5th May - School Closed - Bank Holiday
26th May to 30th May - Half Term Break
Monday 2nd June - School Closed - Inset Day
Wednesday 23rd July - End of Term (2pm finish)



Scan QR Code to find your venue and book!

SUMMER
Holiday Club

Summer Special Events

Powered by our core activity programme:

Week 1
EXPLORE
the Elements

POT GANG

Join our Pot Gang special event for a gardening adventure! Children will take home their own pot to nurture and watch grow.

Week 2
ISLAND
Adventure



Create a cuddly companion with Teddy Mountain! Children will make and take home their own squishie to cherish forever.

Week 3
RODEO
Round Up



Get ready for some fun at our Nerf Party! Children will dive into foam dart battles and thrilling obstacles.

Week 4
INTERGALACTIC
Adventures



Experience the fun of Silent Disco and Karaoke! Children will dance and sing to their favorite tunes, silently to the outside world.

Week 5
WILDLIFE
Safari



ZooLab brings an interactive animal experience to our clubs this summer. Children will learn about and interact with amazing creatures.

Please note that special events incur additional costs.

SUMMER BIKE
BONANZA

Thursday, 15 August
11am to 2pm
TRACK BEHIND
FBC CENTRE, FINCHAMPSTEAD
FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Balance Bikes •
- Pedal Bikes •
- Dr Bike •
- Smoothie Bike •
- Bike Limbo •
- Spin the Wheel •
- Cycle Maps •
- and much more!



SUMMER OPEN
EVENING

Come and see our vibrant, friendly school for 11 to 16-year-olds at the heart of rural Berkshire.

Tuesday, 9 July
5.30pm - 7pm

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