

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 17.05.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



We are incredibly proud of the way that Y6 approached the SATs this week and impressed by their mature and sensible attitude. Their behaviour has been impeccable! The take up for SATs breakfasts was high and special thanks goes to those staff who helped put on a delicious spread to ensure a relaxed start each day. The children were brilliantly supported by our team of learning mentors, governors and volunteers who acted as readers, scribes and prompts.



Thanks to the efforts of Mrs Tritton and the Y6 team, the week ran without a hitch. However, the real credit lies with the children as there were some very tricky questions but they rose to the challenge and gave their best throughout- we could not have asked for more. They are a remarkable group of children and are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves. Credit also to Y3, Y4 and Y5, who deserve a special mention for being as 'as quiet as mice' throughout the tests, especially 5D who decamped to the Art Room every morning so that there was plenty of additional space for Y6 to spread out. Well done everyone!



Huge thanks to Mrs Simpson, Mr Deen, Mrs and Mr Collins, Mr Taylor, Mr Walker, Mr Parvatikar and Mr Samra for spending much of a very hot Sunday assembling and moving our new picnic benches into position. The children were delighted with this improvement when they arrived on Monday and have already put them to extremely good use!

The School Council have planned the next **non-uniform day** for Friday 24th May and are hoping that all 382 of our pupils and the staff will join in the fun. If everyone gave a donation of £1, they would achieve their fundraising target of £1000 for this half term!



Finally, it is good luck to Rainey, 6T, who is leaving St Paul's after just two terms to move to Manchester. Our best wishes go with her family for the move and we hope Rainey is very happy at her new school.

It is class photos on Monday so please remember to send your child to school in full uniform, including sweatshirt and shoes!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Walk to School Week – 20th – 24th May

Calling all parents – want to earn rewards, with your children, during Walk to School Week 2024?

Next week the 20th May is Walk to School week and we are encouraging children to be more active.

Your child will have come home today with a Walk to School Week booklet where they can collect stickers if they walk, scoot or cycle to school.

The BetterPoints app tracks your activities and rewards you for making greener and healthier travel choices.

What do I need to do?

1. Download the BetterPoints app. It is available for free from [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#).
2. Create a new user account with the same email address as used for your IVR account. If you already have a BetterPoints account, you can simply log in.
3. Join the My Journey Wokingham challenge via the 'Challenges' button on the bottom navigation bar.
4. Complete the 'Wokingham Baseline Survey' to earn 250 BetterPoints.
5. **Please note: You must be 13 or older to register with the Better Points app.**



You can also scan the QR code to download the app too:



JAG Half Term Holiday Club 25% Off

Book 4 days for the price of 3 this May Half Term at JAG's Action-Packed Holiday Club

Dates: Tue 28th May - Fri 31st May

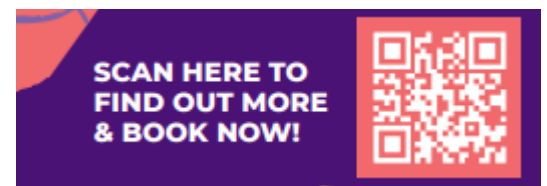
Price: from £29 per day

Ensure your child experiences a Holiday Club like no other with JAG! Their jam-packed daily schedule uniquely caters for each child's talents and interests, forging unforgettable memories in an amazing holiday experience!

- Fun activities for primary aged children
- Stay active and boost wellbeing
- Unleash creativity
- Make memories to last a lifetime
- Explore a variety of themed interests

Claim 25% off using code – **25MAYHT** at checkout! Hurry offer ends Sunday 19th May.

[Find out more and book now here.](#)



Get Extra Support For Your Child

Registering for free school meals if you're eligible means you can help your child have a healthy lifestyle. This support helps feed millions of children in schools across the country every day and thousands locally. Your circumstances may have changed, which means you could now register for free school meals. 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's school. [Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

PTA Summer Fair – Estate Agent Boards

The Summer Fair will be held at St Paul's Junior School on Saturday 6th July 2024. If you could help advertise this event by having an Estate Agent's sign outside your house, please email PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. Our chosen agent is once again Northwood who would display the sign for a couple of weeks prior to the Fair. This has worked very well in the past and hopefully will continue to do so this year.



Many thanks in advance – PTA

Thank you!



Our wonderful PTA Committee were hard at it again this evening, selling cakes and fruit kebabs. Thank you for supporting this event.

As you know, we are hoping to focus on redeveloping the playground and outside spaces with the installation of a Wellness Gym and so every cake bought and donation made gets us one step nearer to achieving our goal.

May Half Term at the Library

Wokingham Borough libraries will be holding the following activities over May half term:

Dog Trust Workshop

Join Dogs Trust for their Be Dog Smart program which is dedicated to fostering secure, loving connections between children and their canine companions. Their mission is to empower children with the knowledge and skills to interact safely with dogs in both their personal lives and social settings.

Wed 29 May 2 – 3pm at Wokingham Library

Free

Suitable for children 7 – 11 years Booking required.

Cat's Protection – workshop

Cats Protection will be joining us at Wokingham Library for a fun and interactive talk that will cover a range of different topics including how to keep a cat healthy and happy, cat body language and how, as a charity, we help cats across the UK.

Thurs 30 May 10:30 – 11:30am at Wokingham Library

Suitable for children 4 years +

Free Booking required

Get Arty

Get creative this holiday at Get Arty

Fri 31 May 10:30 – 11:30am at Wokingham and Finchampstead Library

Suitable for children 4 - 10 years £2 per child Booking required

Children's craft Packs

Craft packs will be available to purchase from Lower Earley Library and Woodley Library throughout May half term. Only £1.

PTA Vacancy – Treasurer

The PTA are looking for a new treasurer to join their committee as soon as possible. Ideally, they need someone who is good with numbers and used to handling cash. This is a vital role in the small, friendly and supportive team. For an informal chat, please contact the PTA directly: PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Swimming

PUPILS SHOULD BRING JOGGERS AND HOODY FOR NEXT WEEK'S SELF RESCUE LESSON

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

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.**

24/05	14/06	21/06	28/06	05/07	12/07	19/07
5D	3H	4B	5K	3D	4R	5M

Forest School News

We welcomed 4P into the woods on Monday afternoon and after taking part in the ancient Japanese art of Forest Bathing, they became engrossed in Hapa Zome printing, pond dipping and took part in a scavenger hunt.

Our afternoon groups have been busy building dens, putting to good use their knot tying skills and then using their persuasive language skills to "sell" their dens to Mrs McBain and Mrs Gray! Alongside this, the children have been tending to the allotment, building a structure to protect their strawberries from the birds – problem solving skills and resilience were key in this project.



20/05	17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	09/07	15/07	16/07
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.

Next Week at School

Monday 20 th May	Class Photos
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May	Joggers & Hoody needed with swimming kit for swimming lessons
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

Diary Dates

Friday 7 th June	PTA Silent Disco
Friday 14 th June	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	PTA - Bag to School and Frozen Thursday
Thursday 20 th June	Sports Day 9.00am – 1.00pm NEW DATE
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 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 19 th July	5M Class Assembly
Friday 19 th July	End of Term – 2.00pm finish

The Walter Lecture

In Our Hands: *our climate future*

Prof. Christopher Merchant

(Ocean & Earth Observation)

Department of Meteorology,
University of Reading



7pm, Thursday 6 June 2024

St Paul's Parish Rooms

With the "climate crisis" repeatedly in the news over the past year, how serious is global warming?

What happened to Earth's climate recently, and what is to come?

Why is Net Zero promoted as a solution to global warming and is it possible, or even desirable?

To book:

scan the QR code or email thewalterlectures@spauls.org.uk.

Or go to: <https://spauls.co.uk/events/walter-lectures-01/>.

For more information call St Paul's Church Office.



In Our Hands: our climate future

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Prof. Christopher Merchant will address these questions in his talk, ***In our hands: our climate future***, followed by ample time for audience questions and answers. The talk will present the key science that makes climate change a formidable challenge, and will discuss how ingenuity and determination can meet the Net-Zero goal. Highlighting optimistic examples of progress towards a sustainable climate, Prof. Merchant will explain the urgency of faster action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the important roles we each have in responding to climate change.

Christopher is Professor of Ocean and Earth Observation at the University of Reading. He has worked as a climate scientist for more than twenty years. Chris and his team are recognised experts at measuring in detail, the warming of the world over recent decades from sensors orbiting the Earth on satellites. Prior to joining the University of Reading, Chris taught at the University of Edinburgh, and before that he was a research engineer in the electrical industry.

To book a place, choose one of the following:

- Scan the QR code below
- Email: thewalterlectures@spauls.org.uk
- Go to: <https://spauls.co.uk/events/walter-lectures-01/>

Or for more information call St Paul's Church Office on 0118 979 2122.



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Half term fun for families!

Do you want to be a dog's best friend?



Join us for a free, fun family workshop to learn all about staying safe around dogs and keeping our four-pawed friends happy and healthy!

Where: Wokingham Library
When: Wednesday 29 May 2 - 3pm

This workshop is for children aged 7 -11 years with an accompanying adult.

**Free workshop
 Booking is essential**



Please visit Wokingham Library - events page to book your place.




WOKINGHAM CARERS PARTNERSHIP

INFORMATION EVENT FOR PARENT/FAMILY CARERS!

**When-Monday 10th June 2024
 from 10.00am-2.00pm**

**Where-Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
 Rushey way, Lower Earley, RG6 4GD**

MANY LOCAL CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS FROM THE WOKINGHAM BOROUGH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ADVICE




Bracknell Athletics Club

YOUNG ATHLETE SESSIONS



- Delivering the England Athletics 365 Programme
- For children in school years 4-6
- Termly sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
- Learn to run, throw and jump!
- Be part of a team and make new friends
- Community group that offers opportunities for all abilities in a fun, friendly environment

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GET ARTY!

**WOKINGHAM LIBRARY
 FRIDAY 31 MAY
 10:30 - 11:30AM**

Come and join us for a fun morning of arts & crafts.

This event is open to children aged 4 to 10.

**£2 CHARGE
 LIMITED SPACES,
 BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

