

# St Paul's Newsletter – 30.3.23



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the spring term. Since January, the weeks have flown by, with each one feeling busier than the last! We are immensely proud of the children and of our staff team and of how hard they have worked since the start of the term. I know that they are ready for a well-deserved break and some uninterrupted time with family and friends.

I was really impressed by how much progress our I-Rock children have made this term. Although I was on an online training course all day Tuesday, I could still enjoy the music from my office. Well done, everyone and keep practicing – it is really playing off!



This morning, we surprised Ms Edwards, our Deputy Head, with a tea party and special assembly to wish her well for her impending wedding. Her class, 6T, made a fabulous guard of honour, showering her with confetti as she walked up our specially made aisle and the whole school joined in the fun, dancing to 'Going to the Chapel'. She was presented her with a beautiful bouquet of roses and lilies and a gift from the children and staff. Ms Edwards will return to us as Mrs Tritton.

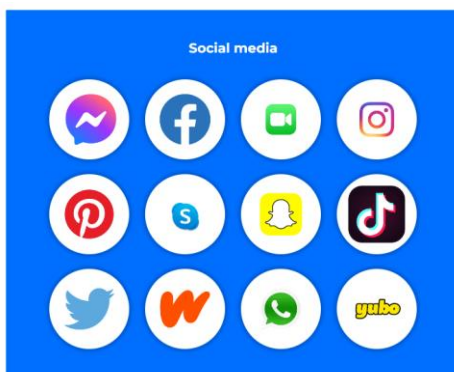


All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy Easter! We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Taylor



## Online Safety – social media

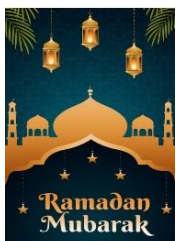


Monday's assembly for Year 3 and Year 4 children was based on 'Chicken Clicking', a cautionary rhyming tale by Tony Ross and Jeanne Willis. The story is about Chick getting carried away using online shopping and friendship sites, only to discover that not everything is as it seems.

Assembly for Year 5 and 6 pupils focused on how there are few real-world places where children occupy the same space as teens, young adults and older adults without constant supervision. We discussed how social media sites are designed to attract as wide a demographic as possible and are not necessarily 'child friendly', hence why each has an age restriction. Whilst it is parental choice as to the freedoms that a child has online, if you allow your child to use social media to chat to friends and family or share images, [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/), has a list of social media guides to help

get you up to speed on the most popular platforms and how to help your child set the right privacy settings to remain safe.

## Children Fasting



During Ramadan, we sometimes have a small number of pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who wish to fast during the school day. Should this apply to your child this year, we would be grateful if you could advise us in writing [admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).

For families fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, we wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.

## What an impressive achievement!



Samuel decided that he would fundraise to support the DEC Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal by climbing Snowdon. His training involved lots of early morning runs and walks and at 3am start on the morning of the climb itself.

We have it on good account that he made the climb look easy and although visibility was poor, arrived at the summit in good time. He admitted that his legs were tired but that he had really enjoyed himself. Samuel raised a staggering £1011 for his chosen charity.

We are in awe of his efforts and proud of the fact that he embodies our core values of being caring and kind, and making a positive contribution. Way to go, Samuel!



## Parent Survey 2023

Thank you to everyone who completed our online questionnaire. We are currently analysing the results, which will shortly be published on the website and a link included in the next Newsletter.

## Wokingham Borough Council News – Right spaces, right places

Wokingham Borough Council have announced plans for improvements to services they think will mean they better meet the needs of their SEND pupils. This impacts how they work with children and families in mainstream schools, with varied support as needed, or in specialist schools for those with more complex needs. Have your say on the proposals using the button below.

[Give your views](#)

## Bikeability

The My Journey Wokingham team will be running an **Easter Bike Bonanza** on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 11.00 - 15.00** at the FBC centre, Finchampstead. This **free** family event is suitable for all ages, from young children who would like to try a balance bike, children who are learning to ride a pedal bike, or confident cyclists who would like to tackle the bike obstacle course. Adults or children can also bring their bikes to be checked by our Doctor Bike. There will be prizes and freebies for participants!

Further details of the event can be found here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bike-bonanza-thursday-13-april/>

### Bikeability holiday courses

For any children who missed out on Bikeability training at school, Avanti Cycling will be running **Bikeability Level 1/Level 2** courses in Woodley in the Easter holidays (open to children in Years 5, 6 or 7.)

See details here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-easter-courses-at-woodford-park-leisure-centre/>

For confident riders who have already passed Level 2, there is the opportunity to take a **Bikeability Level 3** course, to improve their confidence cycling on busier roads, roundabouts and more complex junctions. These one day courses are open to pupils in Years 6, 7, 8 or 9.

Details at this link: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-easter-courses-at-woodford-park-leisure-centre/>

## Competition time!



As part of Wokingham Borough councils' activities to mark the coronation of King Charles III, Wokingham Town Council is holding a colouring competition for children aged 12 and under. The Entry form and colouring page can be found at the end of the Newsletter and will also be available to download from the town council's website in the next couple of weeks, along with information about other Coronation related events and activities happening around the town.

<https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/>

## Cost of Living Help Hub

Wokingham have pulled information, help and support together in one place, to help families who are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other essential household items. There is also additional support available in the school holidays for families who have children eligible for Free School Meals. For more information, follow the link [cost of living help hub](#)

## Families eligible for Free School Meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support. Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. [Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

## Message from Reading Football Club

You are invited to Reading Football Club's 4<sup>th</sup> and final Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23!

**When?** Reading vs Burnley, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm

**Where?** Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> and final schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. As part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#StPaulsCE** once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

### How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email [sales@readingfc.co.uk](mailto:sales@readingfc.co.uk) or call 0118 968 1313. We hope to see you all on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023!

## Dotty about drama? Adore animation? Giddy over gigs? WBC wants to hear from you!

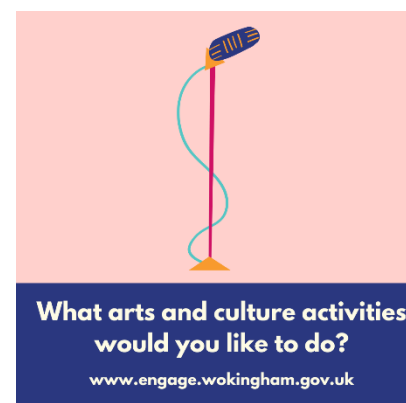
We are putting together some new plans to develop arts and culture across the borough and want to hear from you what you enjoy, what you'd like to do more of and what's stopping you.

Although we often think of arts and culture as quite traditional things, it also includes everything from slam poetry to all styles of music to drama and film making.

If you could spare a few minutes to help us understand more about what it is you would like, then we can make sure our plans have something for everyone.

To take the survey, visit – <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/arts-and-culture-for-young-people>

From Wokingham Borough Council





**What arts and culture activities would you like to do?**

[www.engage.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.engage.wokingham.gov.uk)



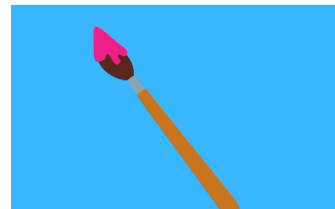
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## PE Timetable

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
3H, 6D, 5D	3B, 3K, 5K	4R, 4P, 5S	4C, 6B, 6T	Outdoor PE – all classes

## Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

17/4	24/04	15/05	22/05	12/06	19/6	26/06	03/07	10/7	17/7	18/7	TBC
5D	3K	5S	6B	5K	6T	4C	3B	6D	3H	4R	4P

## Diary Dates

### Upcoming

Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> April	SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents 6.30pm - entry via Murray Road Gates
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – The King's Coronation
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week – NO MORNING CLUBS
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	St Paul's and Walter PTA Circus – 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm (all tickets now sold out)
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – School closed
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of the Summer Term
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7.00pm -9.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term – 2pm finish



APRIL 2023



## **EASTER HOLIDAY** **INSPIRATION**

WOKINGHAM ROCKS IS THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

[WWW.WOKINGHAMROCKS.CO.UK](http://WWW.WOKINGHAMROCKS.CO.UK)



### **EASTER EVENTS**

Our website is jam packed with ideas of things to do this Easter. Get hands on with One world Animals or pop to the Easter Fair at Home Grange Craft Village. Check out our website for lots more ideas. We also have a whole section on parks and walks for those seeking some spring fresh air.

[Check out our events tab here](#)

### **EASTER TRAILS**

There are lots of Easter Trails on this holidays. These offer a fun low cost activity. Kids love a map and trail. From the famous Binfield Easter Egg hunt to The Mega Egg Hunt at Wellington Country Park.

To check out local Easter Trails check out our Easter Article [here](#).



### **FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!**

There are thousands of local parents following us Social Media and we'd love for you to join in! Just search Wokingham Rocks and like our page!

[www.wokinghamrocks.co.uk](http://www.wokinghamrocks.co.uk)



**Let's Colour In: 1 – Watch the Birdie!**  
A tu-whit-tu-whoo to all 7-10 year olds to fly to a fun art session with artist Chris Holley!



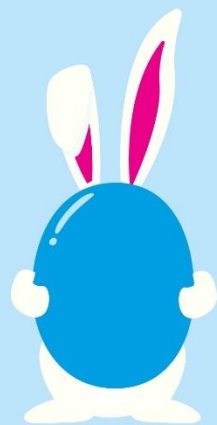
Six of the 50 owl species at the Scottish Owl Centre, Bathgate, West Lothian

Thursday 13 April 2-3 pm  
Wokingham Library

£3 per child

Booking is required

Please visit our website for details



1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

# **EASTER HIDE 'N' SEEK**

at Woodford Park, Woodley

**Get your activity sheet from:**  
Woodford Park Leisure Centre,  
Oakwood Centre or  
Woodley Council Office.

**£2 per sheet.**

Get a treat when completed!



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Director of Children's Services  
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ASSIST  
2019**

**ASSIST are pleased to offer the following autism specific workshops**

For information about any of the following workshops, or to book a place, please contact:

[ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk)  
ASSIST Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council  
Woodley Airfield Centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

The workshops appear in date order up to July 2023 & will be repeated Sept to December 2023

**Cost of each workshop, per adult:**

Parents		Professionals	
Carers	<b>£10.00</b>	Practitioners	<b>£40.00</b>
Autistic individuals		Others	

**These workshops are suitable for adult learning**

**Daytime workshops are offered face to face at the Woodley Airfield Centre RG5 4UX**

**Evening workshops are usually online**

**Free parking and refreshments available**

**Autism aware** – it is important that you have a basic understanding and knowledge of autism either through your own experience or because you have attended an autism awareness workshop.

**'What is autism' is covered in depth on the autism awareness workshop only.**



**Champions for an autism perspective**

**Autism Awareness** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon** (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build your understanding of autism – the 'hidden' disability including language, social interaction, sensory issues, anxieties and discuss some strategies and tools that might help and support autistic individuals to make sense of the world around them.

**Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger)** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon** (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to promote positive behaviours, their understanding of their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger, and so support them to develop their own self-management strategies.

**Understanding and writing social/visual scripts to an advanced stage** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon** (Registration opens 9.15am)

An intervention using social/visual scripts which can help support development and improved understanding of social events and expectations in a given situation. This may then lead to more effective social responses. You will have the opportunity to write social/visual scripts to describe a social situation, skill or concept and then go on to build and practice these skills.

**'Really got me thinking'**

**'Your workshops help me to really understand the possible perceptions of an autistic person'**

**'I've learnt more in 2.5 hrs than in the last 6 months'**

**A positive, systematic approach to finding solutions** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon**

(Registration open 9.15am)

An opportunity to develop new skills in finding solutions, responding in a positive and creative manner towards difficulties and gaining confidence in a team approach to addressing challenges in your setting.

**'This was so interesting and insightful – the best training I have ever had on autism, I am now really motivated and inspired.'**

Working in small groups to discuss issues that are preventing autistic individuals from moving on and then using a process to identify positive solutions. Candidates could bring a difficulty or challenge from their own setting and use the workshop to generate some ideas to take back and try!

**EVENING ONLINE WORKSHOP!**

**Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger)**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**7pm start, workshop concludes at 9pm** (MS Teams presentation)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to promote positive behaviours, their understanding of their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger, and so support them to develop their own self-management strategies.

**Drawing whilst talking!** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon** (Registration open 9.15am)

How to use drawing as an intervention whilst having a conversation. Enabling the exploration and enhancement of conversational skills, social understanding and perspective of others – seeing something from a different point of view!

**'This has been the BEST training I have attended, and definitely the best autism training, I really enjoyed the session!'**

**Autism specific workshop on sexual development and puberty** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon** (Registration open 9.15am)

An opportunity to discuss and develop your understanding of the physical and emotional changes at puberty, then how to prepare and support autistic individuals to manage these changes. Exploration of the concept 'public, private and personal safety'.

**Participants must understand that there will be discussion and visual materials that are of an explicit nature relevant to the subject**

**Supporting Siblings** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

**9.30 start, workshop concludes at 12 noon** (Registration opens 9.15am)

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An opportunity to explore the impact on siblings of having an autistic brother or sister. We discuss the difficulties that this can bring as well as the benefits. Included within the workshop are lots of practical strategies and ideas that may be helpful in supporting siblings to understand autism, cope with their experiences and feel valued for who they are.



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# Holiday Clubs

**HAF Funding Available!**  
FREE funded sessions for your children!

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

- ✓ Something for every child, with a wide range of fun-filled activities
- ✓ All activities delivered by expert play leaders in a safe, fun environment
- ✓ Confidence-building by learning new skills and trying new things under expert guidance
- ✓ Positive interactions that nurture friendship and social awareness
- ✓ Enhanced wellbeing through a focus on happiness, mindfulness, kindness and being active

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## Building Brighter Futures Together!

Children love our holiday clubs, because the diverse experiences we offer are so much fun. With a brilliant mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, our expert teams ensure an inclusive and fun environment that delivers an important role for every child in every session.

### Our Whole of Child Programme

We design all our activity programmes to prepare children for the future, nurturing vital life skills in each and every one of them in a way that taps in to their unique skills and interests. With fun activities spanning seven core categories, it's easy to see why children's time at JAG is always their favourite time!

#### Splash Zone

Activities Include:

- Aqua Races
- Boat Building
- Swimming

#### Power Teams

Activities Include:

- Team Challenges
- Obstacle Courses
- Scavenger Hunts

#### Zen Masters

Activities Include:

- Yoga
- Zen Gardens
- Healthy Heart Circuits

#### Super Sports

Activities Include:

- Tennis
- Football
- Basketball

#### Global Kids

Activities Include:

- Cooking
- Basket Building
- Eco Warriors

#### Creative Inventors

Activities Include:

- Painting & Crafts
- Role Play
- Drama

#### Brain Boosters

Activities Include:

- Quizzes & Brain Teasers
- Puzzles & Building Projects
- Code Breaking

- ✓ Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- ✓ Weekly Booking Discounts
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next few weeks I will be at your child's school offering FREE trial singing lessons. Please reply by email to book a space.

Why singing?	How do lessons work?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing is <b>fun</b> and makes you feel <b>happy</b>!</li> <li>• Research shows that children who sing and play musical instruments perform better <b>academically</b>.</li> <li>• Singing can help develop <b>confidence, concentration, memory, and teamwork skills</b>.</li> <li>• There are exciting <b>opportunities to perform</b> in a wide variety of venues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons can either be individual (20mins or 30mins) or in small groups of 2 to 5 pupils.</li> <li>• Group lessons cost from <b>just £10</b> per lesson; full details are on the website.</li> <li>• Children are taught on a rotating timetable so there is minimal disruption to their classroom learning.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Are there any other benefits?</b></p> <p>*If you are having Voice lessons then you will be entitled to a 20% discount on joining Berkshire Maestros County choirs: Berkshire Children's Choir Yr 4-6, Berkshire Young Voices Yr 7-9 (auditioned grade 3+), Berkshire Youth Choir Yr 10-13 (auditioned grade 5+).</p>
What happens next?	
<p>If your child would like to take up this opportunity to have a free taster singing lesson then please email me the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child's name</li> <li>• School Year Group</li> <li>• Parent's name</li> <li>• Parent's email address</li> </ul> <p><b>This does not commit you to anything</b> but will help us coordinate your <b>Free Taster Singing Lesson</b>.</p>	

If you have any queries please contact me or visit [www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk](http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk)

Kind Regards,

**KAT HITTI**  
Voice Teacher - Berkshire Maestros

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**GOD SAVE**  
The King







# Wokingham Town Council

## **Coronation Colouring Competition**

Colour the Crown overleaf and fill in contact details to be in with a chance to win a book token.

For ages 3 to 12

Entrants name	_____
Entrants age	_____
Parents name	_____
Parents contact (email or phone)	_____

(Please write in caps)

### **Closing Date 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Drop off your completed entries to Wokingham Town Hall (RG40 1AS) entrance post-box labelled *Coronation colouring competition entries*. (usually available Monday to Saturday 7am to 10pm)

Images of entries (including entrants' first name and age) may be shared on social media.