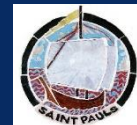


St Paul's Newsletter – 24.3.23



0118 978 5219 - admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk
Safeguarding Team: Julianne Taylor – Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead
Linda Edwards – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

What a busy week!

It was lovely to celebrate Easter up at church on Wednesday. The children were in good voice and Father Richard and the staff brought the story to life, with Father Richard as the SPS News anchor, reporting live from Jerusalem and interviewing members of staff in role as eye witnesses to events. It was a brilliant service and was enjoyed by all. Staff and pupils commented on it being the best service they could remember attending. Thank you Father Richard and to the staff for their Oscar winning performances.



Breaking the Rules Day was a huge success, raising an impressive £686.76 for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We are always well supported for events like this and our core value of making a positive contribution is evident in the efforts of our school community in working to improve the lives of others. We can't thank you enough for your continued generosity, despite this being a financially challenging time for everyone.

Your donations of delicious cakes and sweet treats for this evening's Bake Sale were amazing and very well received. Our marvellous PTA Committee and parent volunteers were inundated with customers keen to round off the week with a sweet treat. I met lots of very happy, cake laden customers leaving the Learning Lodge as I went over to capture a photo of proceedings.

Thank you to the children in 3H for a fantastic assembly this morning! The pupils, staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed being the audience for such an interesting and informative presentation. Well done!

Have a good weekend, everyone!

Mrs Taylor

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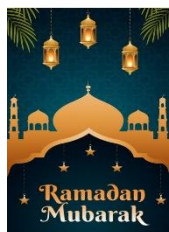
On Monday, we would like to request that children are collected promptly and the playground vacated as quickly as possible, to enable staff to leave to attend Mrs Page's funeral.



SAFEGUARDING - PLEASE READ

The reason we strongly advise against our pupils using social media and chat platforms aimed at 11+ years is because it is impossible to control what others share online. It has come to light that some of our older pupils have been exposed to highly inappropriate and deeply offensive content, including derogatory and discriminatory swearing and sexualised language in a number of group chats involving pupils of St Paul's and I would urge all parents to regularly check a child's devices to prevent them from being exposed to, or involved in, this type of behaviour. We take the safeguarding of our pupils very seriously, even for out of school incidents, such as these, including when pupils are in the care of parents, we will always act. Should you find your child has been a victim of online abuse, this should be reported immediately to CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>. We would also ask that you advise school so that we are able to provide the appropriate support.

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

Online Safety

Stay Safe Online

Not everyone online is your friend



The [Internet Matters](#) website provides trusted resources, information and support to keep children and young people of different age groups safe online, including advice on a range of online issues that they may face, to help them enjoy the digital world safely and smartly. The site includes dynamic storytelling and a digital toolkit for families. There is also a gaming advice hub to help get to grips with the basics of online gaming and how to stay safe.

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](#)

Forest School News

We have been very fortunate to receive four fruit trees from a charity called TVC, The Conservation Volunteers, who work to connect people with green spaces. Our Thursday group spent the afternoon digging the holes and carefully planting our trees, two apple and two pear trees, alongside our existing fruit trees which are already starting to show lots of buds. We look forward to nurturing these trees and seeing the fruit that they bear later on in the year.



Menu Change

On the last day of term, **Thursday 30th March**, we will be changing the menu to **Fish and Chips** so that the children don't miss out on a Friday favourite!

Bikeability

The My Journey Wokingham team will be running an **Easter Bike Bonanza** on **Thursday 13th 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.

Emotional Wellbeing Strategy WBC

Wokingham are currently in the early stages of developing a new Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for children and young people with mild to moderate emotional wellbeing needs. To help understand what these look like, they are asking parents to take part in a survey to help prioritise areas of need for the next few years. They are hoping that as many people as possible will complete the survey and share what they believe to be the priorities. The survey closes on 22nd March and can be accessed here: [\(16\) Project • Children and young people's emotional wellbeing \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](#)

Message from Reading Football Club

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

When? Reading vs Burnley, Saturday 15th 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 4th 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 or call 0118 968 1313. We hope to see you all on Saturday 15th 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



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
3H, 6D, 5D	3B, 3K, 5K	4R, 4P, 5S	4C, 6B, 6T

Thursday
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.

27/3	28/3	17/4	24/04	15/05	22/05	05/06	12/06	19/6	26/06	03/07	10/7	17/7	18/7
4C	4R	6D	3K	5S	6B	4P	5K	6T	4C	3B	5D	3H	4R

Class Assemblies

Each class will deliver two assemblies per school year. The majority of which will take place on Friday morning. Assemblies last approximately 15 minutes and start at 9.00 am. Parents of the class are welcome to join us for these occasions. Entrance to the school is via the Oxford Road and this is the timetable for the remainder of this term.

29/3

3B

Diary Dates

Next Week:

Thurs 30th March

End of Term – **2pm finish**

30th March- 16th April

EASTER HOLIDAY

Upcoming

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



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EASTER HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



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](#).



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Bracknell 'HAVE A GO' evening

Sign up within
24 hours of the event
taking place to get 10%
off your first term
of lessons!

Just turn up!
Come and try all
our instruments
for FREE!

Thursday 30th March 4:30pm-6:30pm

Bracknell Music Centre,
Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Drive,
Bracknell, RG12 9DA

admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk





**WOKINGHAM
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Director of Children's Services
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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
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	£10.00	Practitioners	£40.00
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 7th 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 16th 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 4th 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 9th 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 16th 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 18th 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 13th 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 22nd June 2023

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

(Registration opens 9.30am)

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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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!

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- ✓ Confidence-building by learning new skills and trying new things under expert guidance
- ✓ Positive interactions that nurture friendship and social awareness
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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!



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Activities include:

- Aqua Races
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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



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Activities include:

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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"> Singing is fun and makes you feel happy! Research shows that children who sing and play musical instruments perform better academically. Singing can help develop confidence, concentration, memory, and teamwork skills. There are exciting opportunities to perform in a wide variety of venues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons can either be individual (20mins or 30mins) or in small groups of 2 to 5 pupils. Group lessons cost from just £10 per lesson; full details are on the website. Children are taught on a rotating timetable so there is minimal disruption to their classroom learning.
	<p>Are there any other benefits?</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"> Child's name School Year Group Parent's name Parent's email address <p>This does not commit you to anything but will help us coordinate your Free Taster Singing Lesson.</p>	

If you have any queries please contact me or visit www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Kind Regards,

KAT HITTI
Voice Teacher - Berkshire Maestros

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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 2nd 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.