

# St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 23.11.23

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



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



Yesterday, six of our fabulous pupils received an invitation to dine at Thursday's Top Table. This was in recognition of their impeccable behaviour and how polite and well mannered they always are. The table was decorated beautifully and instead of the normal plastic plates and cups, dressed with chinaware and glasses in order to make it special and stand out from the crowd.

What a lovely time the children had at last night's discos. It was great seeing them dressed to impress and having a great time on the dancefloor. The night was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of our new PTA Committee and their willing band of parent helpers, and to Miss Best and Mrs Walker for lending a hand after what had already been a long day..

Thank you for your donations for today's non-uniform day in aid of Wade. We raised a brilliant £292.75, which will be put to good use helping to care for members of our local community.

This morning, we enjoyed a visit from M & M Theatre Company, who gave an excellent performance of Robin Hood. The children were hooked from the opening line to the final scene and brought the house down with their applause!

Well done to the children in Walter House. They were awarded the most House Points this week for their contribution to school life by being kind, ready to learn, listening to others, encouraging one another and collaborating well. So far, our winners have been Selwyn and Walter and I am hoping that it won't be long before I am presenting the cup to the children of Jameson and Lewis!

Have a good weekend

Mrs Taylor

## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day– Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper for this non-uniform day but it is not compulsory! Should you have any Christmas jumpers (for aged 8 years and above), that your child has grown out of, we would welcome any donations so we have spares available. They can be handed to the staff on the Murray Road gate and all donations will be gratefully received. Thursday's menu, Spaghetti Bolognese or Veggie Bolognese, will be served on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December instead of the usual Roast of the Day.

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You will find our latest Privacy Notices for the various stakeholders in our school on our website [here](#) and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk)

## PE & Games

Indoor PE			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
5D 3D 6S	5K 6B 4P	5M 3B 3H	6T 4B 4R

Outdoor Games
Thursday – all classes

## Message from the Governors



There are 2 vacancies on the governing body of our school for Parent Governors. The governing body is made up of people from different groups including parents, teachers, local authority appointed members and foundation governors who are appointed by the diocese. A term of office lasts for 4 years – you will be amazed at how quickly the time flies. Depending on interests and expertise each governor sits on at least one of the three committees: Learning & Teaching, Health & Safety and Finance & Personnel. Our current governors have introduced themselves on the [governor page](#) of the school web site.

### What do governors do?

School governors:

- are responsible for the strategic management of the school;
- oversee its aims, values and ethos;
- promote high standards of educational attainment;
- monitor pupil progress and attainment;
- ensure compliance with the National Curriculum;
- manage the budget, including deciding the number of staff and pay;
- participate in the appointment of the Headteacher and Deputy Head;
- regulate school conduct and discipline.

The governors act as a team, but the amount of time that each is able to give to the role varies. The full governing body meets every half term and committees between 3 and 6 times a year. The governors support the school in practical ways throughout the year by joining in with events. Once a term they are invited in to spend a whole day in school observing how their discussions and decisions are being put into practice. The highlight of these days is always talking to the pupils in their classrooms, over lunch and in the playground.

### What will I get out of being a governor?

You will get:

- the knowledge that you have played a significant part in improving children's education and supporting the staff;
- a chance for continuing professional development and to develop new skills, such as chairing meetings, asking questions, making suggestions and monitoring the budget;
- A chance to work as part of a dynamic team.

If you think that this is a way in which you would like to contribute to the school please get in touch with the clerk to the governors by email [Pauline.wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:Pauline.wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk). There is a legal process to follow in appointing governors but the clerk will be able to help you through this process and training for your future role will also be available. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Christmas Tree Trail -Library Competition

The Community Engagement Team at WBC have created a build a Christmas tree trail competition at some of our libraries in the borough. They have placed some Christmas pictures at the following libraries:

Lower Earley Library, Chalfont Close, Lower Earley, RG6 5HZ

Woodley Library, Headley Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4JA

Twyford Library, Polehampton Close, Twyford, RG10 9RP

Wokingham Library, Carnival Hub, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF

Finchampstead Library, FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead, RG40 4ES



Please check the [Council's website](#) for opening times of the libraries before visiting. Download the question sheet, which can be found in the link below, and solve the questions from the pictures. Once you have answered all the questions, please send your answers in the link below by Friday 8 December. Correct entries will be entered into a prize draw. The prize is a voucher very kindly donated by Morrisons. Good luck!

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/build-a-christmas-tree-trail-competition-at-wokingham-libraries/>

## Get help with the cost of living

The [Household Support Fund](#) can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to:

- Families where [children receive means-tested free school meals can get £20 per week](#) during the school holidays until Easter 2024
- [Anyone struggling to pay bills or buy food can apply for £240 or £120](#) depending on the size of their household

**If you've already applied for the Household Support Fund you do not need to apply again.**

Other cost of living help options

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

- Check the [cost of living help hub](#), including our guides
  - [Help for people with children](#)
  - [Help for single people](#)
  - [Help for pensioners](#)
  - [Help if you're in an emergency](#)
- SHARE Wokingham offers fresh produce, like bread and vegetables, for those who need it. These are surplus stock from local supermarkets. More than 2,000 people use it each week and it has saved more than 1,000 tonnes in food waste since it was launched a few years ago. [View the food map](#) to see SHARE's 15 locations and find your nearest.
- Follow these [top tips for households](#) on how to lower your energy bills this winter. Or you can try:
  - The [council's new home energy advice](#) service to see how to lower your bills
  - See if you're eligible [Great British Insulation Scheme](#) is offering free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills
  - [Check if your home is eligible](#) for a Heat Pump Grant a part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme – up to £7,500 on offer towards the costs
- We're encouraging people to [register with power, water and gas suppliers](#) if they are potentially vulnerable this winter. These are known as priority services, which mean you get help faster if you are cut off or additional warnings if there are outages like loss of water pressure or power cuts
- The [Winter Warmers scheme](#) can help you get free items, if you're struggling with the cost of living. This includes things like air fryers, slow cookers, heated airers and more. These will lower your energy usage and bills
- Contact Citizens Advice, Wokingham, to find the most appropriate support for your situation. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](tel:08082787958), Monday to Friday.

## HAF

As a reminder, the HAF Programme offers funding for activities in the main school holidays of Easter, summer and Christmas for children and young people in school years from Reception to year 11 who are eligible to benefits related free school meals. There is also the option for professionals working with families, who are not eligible but would benefit from the programme, to make a referral depending on their family circumstances. You can find full details on our website: [Holiday, activities, and food programme \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](#)

In Wokingham, the entitlement for primary aged children is:

- X2 6 hour days per week for 1 week at Easter, 1 week at Christmas and x4 weeks in the summer. HAF does not operate in half term holidays.
- The HAF Team also run events across the Borough during school holidays for families to attend together. Along with our regular twice weekly SEND stay and play sessions and our newly launched SEND drop off sessions for children and young people aged 8-13 years.

Although children in years Reception to Year 2 ALL receive Universal free school meals, in order to identify those families who are eligible for the HAF Programme we encourage parents to apply for benefits related free school meals as early as possible.

All allocations for funding and vouchers for parents to be able to book funded activities will continue to be via the new Wonde (e-Vouchers) booking system. If parents have any queries about receiving their vouchers, they can contact [haf@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:haf@wokingham.gov.uk) in the first instance. If it is a technical issue which they are not able to resolve, they will refer them onto the Wonde (e-Vouchers) support team.

### Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits your child may be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium funding:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit – Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact the office to find out more or follow the link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

#### Dates for Next Week

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	4B Forest School Session
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	6S Class Assembly 9.00
<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Dressing the Christmas Tree – Wokingham Town Hall Square
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm -5.30pm
Sunday 10th December	Annual Primary Schools' Carol Concert 5pm Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
Tuesday 12th - Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Celebration, St Pauls Church 6-7pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December	End of term – 2pm finish
Monday 15th January	Liddington Information Evening for Y5 parents 6.30pm



**just play sports**

Spring Term  
[04/01/24] – [27/03/24]

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

# Just Play Sports Clubs

From the sport-mad to the have-a-gos, here you'll find clubs packed with games for any ability and a ginormous focus on fun.

<b>All Years Mixed Multi Skills Club</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <b>£7.50 a session</b>	<b>All Years Mixed Football Club</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <b>£7.50 a session</b>
<b>All Years Mixed Football Club</b> <b>Monday Lunchtime</b> <b>£6.50 a session</b>	<b>All Years Girls Football Club</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <b>£7.50 a session</b>

**Book online at [bit.ly/stpaulsclubs](https://bit.ly/stpaulsclubs)**

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All JAG holiday programs are built on our holistic child philosophy, fostering creativity, learning, inclusion, participation, well-being, and happiness, ensuring that children's time with us is always a highlight. These programs build confidence, nurture creativity, and keep young minds active during school breaks. Best of all, they're incredibly fun, leaving children with memories and experiences that shape their growth and development.

This Winter Wonderland, the excitement continues with a magical lineup of activities tailor-made for the season. From our enchanting festive fruit trees, Gingerbread Man tag, and Winter themed scavenger hunt, these themed adventures are sure to ignite young imaginations and create lasting winter memories!

## Our Activity Categories

- Creative Inventors**  
Exciting opportunities for children to express themselves creatively  
- Painting & Crafts  
- Role Play  
- Drama
- Brain Boosters**  
Captivating games & puzzles to entertain and perplex!  
- Quizzes & Brain Teasers  
- Puzzles & Building Projects  
- Code-Breaking
- Super Sports**  
Action-packed multi-sports sessions  
- Tennis  
- Football  
- Basketball
- Zen Masters**  
Activities that promote physical, emotional and personal wellbeing and happiness  
- Yoga  
- Zen Gardens  
- Healthy Heart Circuits
- Global Kids**  
A chance to practise life skills through a range of engaging learning experiences  
- Cooking  
- Rocket Building  
- Eco Warriors
- Power Teams**  
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- Obstacle Courses  
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