

# St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 25.04.25

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



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## Headteacher's Message

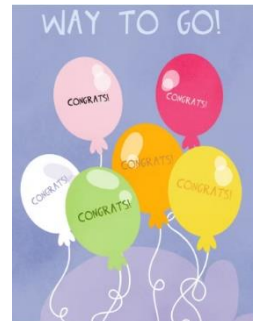
Dear St Paul's Families,

Welcome back - I hope that you managed some time to rest and relax with family and friends over the Easter break. Even though we have only been back four days, we have already managed to pack lots of learning in with the launch of new and exciting topics for this term!



We also have some new pupils joining us, Jareed (3B), Bella (3D), Sydney (3H), Maaz (4P) and Henry (5K). Our pupils are doing a good job of taking care of our new joiners and helping them find their feet, demonstrating our core value of "We care and we are kind".

Congratulations and huge thanks to Bethan, 6D, for an outstanding assembly on anxiety. It was a truly exceptional presentation and her ability to speak with such eloquence on the subject was remarkable. Anxiety is a topic that can be extremely difficult to talk about, but she approached it with such clarity and insight that it resonated deeply with both the pupils and staff. Not only did she help us to understand the challenges anxiety brings but she also taught us a range of practical coping strategies, leaving us with valuable tools to handle anxiety and manage our mental health more effectively. Well done, Bethan, you inspired us all!



We celebrated last term's sporting achievements of our teams and a number of individual pupils this morning and Mrs Foster had lots of trophies and certificates to present. We are always so well represented at sporting fixtures and as well as being extremely successful at winning, the message we are given time and again is how our children stand out for impeccable behaviour and the way in which they encourage and cooperate with one another. They really are amazing ambassadors for sport and for St Paul's!

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor

## School Uniform – No trainers or accessories

We have noticed a number of children are coming to school wearing trainers, hoodies and casual accessories, instead of school uniform. All pupils should attend school wearing full uniform. Trainers, sportswear, leggings, necklaces, bracelets nail varnish and false nails are not permissible and should be saved for non-uniform days and PTA events. Long hair should be tied back at all times, particularly as we have recently had reported cases of headlice.



**Our PTA sell pre-loved uniform in good condition – please follow this link to make purchases!**

[St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA](#)

## Caterlink Summer Term Menu – halal chicken sausages may contain beef derivatives

Our vigilant cook, Jason, thoroughly checks the full ingredients of every item on our new menus. Thanks to this, it was brought to our attention that the halal chicken sausages use a synthetic beef collagen casing. We are advised that while this collagen is derived from beef, it is not a meat product and is considered suitable for vegetarians. We recognise that for some families, any beef derivative may be a dietary or cultural concern. Caterlink are amending their menu to add a note that the relevant menu items “may contain beef derivatives”. We hope this provides full transparency so that parents are able to make appropriate meal choices with their children. We can confirm that chicken sausages were not served this week, but will be on the menu for Tuesday.

## Year 6 Bikeability

For those with children in Year 6, if you have not yet registered your child to take part in Bikeability **the deadline is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Please see the emails sent on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> April for full details.

## PTA Silent Disco

Earlier, you will have received a ParentMail letter from our PTA giving full details of the silent discos being held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Tickets ARE ON SALE NOW – DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO BOOK**

Y3/4 - [St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA](#)

Y5/6 - [St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA](#)



## Swimming and Games

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



We are waiting on the results from the laboratory which regularly tests our swimming pool water, and, all being well, we hope to start swimming lessons on Monday. On their swimming days, 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.

**For those who have swimming on Monday, pupils should also bring their indoor PE kit, just in case the pool cannot open as planned.**

If you have not yet had an opportunity to contribute towards the running of the pool, we would be very grateful if you could make a payment via Scopay.

**Swimming hats can be purchased from school for £2.50 – payable on Scopay**

**Please remember that earrings are not permitted during any sport sessions and must be removed AT HOME before attending school that day**

### Outdoor Games

All classes have Games each Thursday. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). No football shirts or brightly coloured sports kit!

**Games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their school uniform, in case they have to change into dry clothes.**

### Gene's Charity Fundraising Achievement



We are bursting with pride at Gene's (5M) phenomenal fundraising efforts over the Easter Holidays. Despite breaking his arm earlier, he ran 5km every day and raised over £515 for the Lonely Orphans Charity. Gene featured in Wokingham Today which celebrates his achievement.

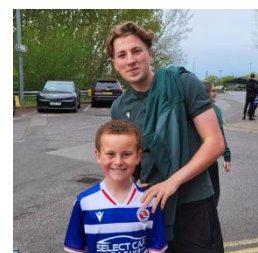
<https://wokingham.today/nine-year-old-runs-to-raise-hundreds-for-lonely-orphans-charity/>

### Football Success!



Just before the Easter break, Faith (6S) and her Wokingham District Primary Football team won The Southern County Final after defeating Newbury 3-0!! They have now progressed to the National Cup final, facing Liverpool next weekend – Good luck to Faith and the team!!

In more celebratory news, Jenson (5K) was called up to be a mascot for Reading Football Club on Good Friday for their match against Lincoln. He was delighted to walk out onto the pitch with his favourite player, Charlie Savage. He had a fantastic day and very much enjoyed the experience.



### Sports News



Today we celebrated our Spring Term achievements in the sports assembly. We congratulated our footballers on a great season and wished the Y5/6 Girls team good luck in the Spring Cup semi- final. We applauded all our runners who took part in the TVRL races this season and congratulated Noah on his silver medal in individual achievement. Certificates were handed out to all our participants in the School Games events last term: Ten Pin Bowling; TeamGym; New Age Kurling and In2Hockey.

Congratulations to Selwyn for winning both the Kurling/Boccia as well as the netball interhouse competitions. Both competitions were extremely competitive and very close.

The results were as follows:

Kurling/Boccia	Netball
	4 <sup>th</sup> place - Lewis
Walter – 95 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Jameson
Lewis/Jameson – 103 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Walter
Selwyn – 106 points	1 <sup>st</sup> place - Selwyn



We also had The School Games Panathlon this week. We were offered the opportunity to represent Wokingham as we are a Gold Standard School. Our team was made up from pupils from St Paul's and also St Sebastian's. The team took part in 10 different challenges designed to test their dexterity, hand/eye coordination, speed as well as teamwork. It was a brilliant morning and we all thoroughly enjoyed the event.

## Forest School

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below. 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.

28/04	12/05	19/05	09/06	16/06	23/06	30/06	14/07	15/07	16/07	21/07	22/07
3B	5M	4P	3H	5K	5B	4L	6D	6T	6S	4R	3D

## Junior Adventure Group – May Half Term Holiday Club



### Unlock Your Child's Super Senses This May Half Term with *Holiday HQ: Awaken the Unknown!*

This May half-term, a new kind of hero is rising... and the power lies within! Across four days of non-stop action, children aged 4–11 will dive into a comic-book world of bold adventures, epic challenges, and mind-blowing sensory missions.

At **Holiday HQ** — our multi-activity holiday club — sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch aren't just senses — they're superpowers waiting to be unlocked.

From crafting musical instruments and edible snacks to solving sensory puzzles and celebrating with glowing lights, bubbles, and textures at every turn, every moment is designed to inspire curiosity, confidence, and connection. Whether they're sculpting squishy slime or dancing through time, each child becomes the hero of their own story.

And the best part? Your child can join the adventure for their favourite day, a few days, or all four — it's totally flexible! Let your child become the hero of their own sensory-powered adventure this May half-term!

Here's a sneak peek at what's in store at *Holiday HQ: Awaken The Unknown*.

#### Day 1: Seeing is Believing 👁️

Activate your X-ray vision! Explore illusions, crack secret codes, and decode visual puzzles in a day where nothing is quite as it seems. Super sight starts here.

#### Day 2: Listen Up! 🗣️

Tune in like a sonic superhero! Use sound to solve challenges, unlock rhythms, and groove through time. Can you master the power of hearing and become an audio adventurer?

#### Day 3: Scent & Savour 🍷

Smell the clues. Taste the truth. Step into a flavour-filled world of edible missions, mystery aromas, and fast-paced sensory games. A true test of your super sniffer!

#### Day 4: Touch and Texture 🖐️

Get hands-on with your powers! From squishy, scratchy, smooth, and bubbly — explore a world of tactile challenges, team tag, and a touchy-feely finale fit for a hero.



Plus, grab **10% off** your booking with our early bird offer! Use the code **HERO10** at checkout before May 4th, 2025.



[Click here to book your spot today!](#)



## Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this helps us to provide curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children. Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 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 Mrs Collins in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-extra-funding-your-childs-education>

## NEXT WEEK IN SCHOOL

Week of 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Extra-curricular Clubs Start
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Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to Upton Court
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 9.00am	5K Class Assembly

## Diary Dates

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NO BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS: Badminton, running, gymnastics, Little Musketeers</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	5M Class Assembly
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 – Mind the Gap Workshop
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Silent Disco
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 9.00am	6S Class Assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 3.30pm	Break Up For Half Term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First Day Back After Half Term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class Photos
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00am	3H Class Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 3.30 – 6.00pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 9.30-10.30am	Leavers Service at St Paul's Church – Year 6 Parents Welcome to Attend
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term – 2.00PM finish
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of New Academic Year
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church



Wokingham Town Council's annual

# Children's Fun Day

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025

10am - 4pm

Langborough Rec (RG40 2DN)



**FREE Children's Event**

[www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/funday](http://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/funday)



Meet children's author

**Eva Nava Wong**

**Monday 12 May**

**4 - 5pm**

**Trinity Church Hall**

**Lower Earley**

**Suitable for 8 years +**

**Booking required**



**TRINITY**  
EARLEY

