

# St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 07.02.25

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



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Just a week to go until half term and the children are definitely in need of a break!

This morning, we had another wonderful assembly from 6D, who did a fabulous job of bringing their learning from across the curriculum to life. I am always so impressed by the confidence and poise of the children as they perform in front of their parents and the rest of the school and staff. This morning was no exception and the children should be extremely proud of their performance - I was!

By now, you will have received my letter regarding a furry addition to our school family. We think that all of our research and preparations are about to pay off as we may have found the perfect puppy to train as our school dog. I will be meeting the breeder in Manchester tomorrow and will update the children in assembly on Monday.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor

## Spring Term Parent Consultation – Bookings Go Live on Monday 7pm

Spring Term Parent Consultations are scheduled to take place after school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and during the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

You will be able to book Parent Consultations from 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Bookings will be via the Parents Evening section of ParentMail. On the mobile app you will find the Parents Evening section listed if you click on the three bars in the top left-hand corner.

## Year 5 Drummers

Music in Year 5 this term is African Drumming, looking at the musician Babatunde Olatunji and his playing of the Djembe drum in his piece Jin-Go-La-Ba. We have been very lucky to be loaned a set of Djembe drums so the children can experience African drumming first hand. We have been enjoying finding the beat and pulse on the drums as well as experimenting with rhythms through syncopation. Lots of fun had by all!



## Half Term Activities in Wokingham Borough Libraries



GET ARTY!



WBC libraries will be running the following activities over February half term:

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.30pm	Get Arty at Wokingham Library
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2:30-3.30pm	Dogs Trust at Lower Earley Library
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 10.00-12:30pm	Guide Dogs at Woodley Library
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 3:45pm	Get Arty at Winnersh Library
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 10:30-11:30am	Explore Learning at LOW
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2:15- 3:15pm	Get Arty at Finchampstead Library



Bookings will be available from Monday 3 February.

<https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/EVENTS?HOMEPRMS=EVSESPARAMS>

### Keep Safe in Wokingham Campaign February 2025

'Involve Community Services' and Wokingham's Community Safety Partnership are hosting Wokingham Borough's first KEEP SAFE CAMPAIGN.

This campaign is dedicated to promoting safety for all our residents. A launch webinar on 3 February will introduce a series of **virtual learning sessions** throughout February for people of all ages focusing on online safety and understanding how this can impact on keeping safe in the physical world.

The launch event will hear from keynote speakers including Amanda Stephens who will talk about her family's personal story of losing their son Olly.

Other keynote speakers are:

- **How well are we doing helping children and teenagers manage their online lives, and a readiness for adulthood in a digital world? - Adrienne Katz, Youth Works** Director (Author of the ground-breaking Cyber Survey [thecybersurvey.co.uk](http://thecybersurvey.co.uk))
- **Taking a deliberately positive approach to empowering young people and helping those who work to support them - Tim Wiseman, Thames Valley Violence Reduction Partnership** (Stay True To You: [staytruetoyou.co.uk](http://staytruetoyou.co.uk))
- **Award-winning mental health service - Tellmi** (delivering peer, counsellor and specialist support to young people 365 days a year, with no referrals and no waiting lists)

With learning events targeted at different audiences including parents and carers, people of all ages and local practitioners, we hope to bring a greater awareness to challenges such as cybercrime, e.g. scams and hacking and how to avoid being a victim, technology enabled abuse and how everyone can keep safe on-line. The aim is to help residents to navigate the digital world safely.

Webinars will be delivered by organisations such as **South - East Cybercrime Unit, Violence Reduction Partnership**, and the **NSPCC**.

Click here for more information to book a space at the launch and the webinars of interest to you:

[Keep Safe In Wokingham - Involve Community Services](#)

### Well Done to Our Platform Group Performers



Many of our pupils are members of Platform group who took to the stage recently at the Whitty Theatre with a performance of The Addams Family.

As you can see from the photo, Olivia (5M) looked great as Wednesday Addams and we are reliably informed that she was brilliant in this leading role.

Congratulations to you all on your fantastic performances, we are very proud of you!

## Forest School

Due to winds gusting at over 40mph last week, we had to cancel 4R's class session. Many thanks to Mrs Vickers and the children of 4R for being so adaptable. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 2nd April for your revised session.



The children in the afternoon sessions were nature detectives last week, looking throughout the woodland at the different wildlife we share this part of our school with. They found over 10 different species, including a robin and his nest, freshly dug fox holes, worms, slugs and beetles. The children discussed how we could encourage more wildlife to our woods and came up with ideas such as making bug hotels, making bird feeders and creating log piles. They also thought about the things that would make them feel safe if they were a woodland creature. This week the children have continued to be nature detectives and this week have observed wrens, robins and bluetits in our woodland along with the sighting of a red kite flying overhead. The children have enjoyed using our selection of nature books to identify and find out more information about the wildlife they have seen. Whittling has been high on the children's agenda with many trying it for the first time. Many would agree that it is harder than it looks, but by following our school value of "we are determined and resilient" the children were successful.



On Monday, 3B had their class session in the woodland. They were challenged to build a stick tower and worked collaboratively to achieve this goal. After hearing the story of Stanley's Stick, the children went off to have their own stick adventures in the woodland. We talked about how they could use their fantastic imaginations in their next piece of writing in English – Mrs Buchanan can't wait to see what the children write!

With the weather being so mixed, our woodland is becoming muddy in places. Please remember to send your child with clothes and footwear that you are happy for them to get muddy in!

10/02	24/02	03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04	02/04
6D	5M	4L	3H	6T	5B	4P	3D	4R



Pupils will need to bring suitable warm clothing with them on their Forest School day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

## Sports News



Last week we had a fantastic afternoon of running at the TVRL race at Braywick Park, Maidenhead. There are two divisions and we are in Division 1. However, once a season both divisions join up and all the schools compete against each other. This is called the MOB race. This was our MOB race and it was extremely busy with over 23 schools and nearly 800 runners taking part. The children were all fantastic, they all tried their very best in tough, muddy conditions, supported each other and as always were superb ambassadors for St Paul's. There were lots of amazing performances well done to each and every one of the children. Thank you to all our amazing parents who volunteered to help out and support the event.

## Indoor PE and Games

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

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

## Outdoor Games

**PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN BRING THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SCHOOL SHOES WITH THEM ON THURSDAYS**





# Have some serious fun on bikes

Spring  
half term  
2025

## Sign up for a Bikeability course

Pick your time and place - book online

Prospect Park

Learn to ride

17 Feb  
0930-1045  
1100 - 1215  
1330 - 1445

18 Feb  
0900 - 1015  
1030 - 1145  
1315 - 1430

20 Feb  
1000 - 1115  
1130 - 1245  
1400 - 1515

Highdown School

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb  
All day

Level 3

20 Feb  
0930 - 1500

Woodford Park

Level 1 & 2

17-18 Feb  
All day

Jocks Lane  
Bracknell

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb  
All day



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