

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 06.12.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Our week started with a very special Christingle Service for Year 3 led by the wonderful Sue and Penny Chapman.



Well done to all of the children who entered the competition for Monday evening's Dressing the Christmas Tree. It was hard to choose which decorations should represent St Paul's as all of the entries were very original. After much deliberation, our winners were Phoebe 4L and Jenson 5K. Both attended the celebration in the Town Square, along with their families, and presented their decorations to the Mayor of Wokingham Town. Congratulations to them both!

Talking of Christmas trees - thank you to Mr Pearson and Mr Roseweir for putting up our beautiful tree in the hall. Miss Plumley did a brilliant job of hanging more than a hundred baubles and our 12ft beauty is now dressed and standing in pride of place, ready for tonight's Christmas Fair.



Our brilliant PTA Committee have been beavering away in preparation for this event and have been out at the gate every day this week, ready to receive your donations.

They have spent much of the last five days getting everything ready, which has involved a huge amount of work for the benefit of our children and school.

When we count our blessings, we count our PTA twice as they provide such excellent support for our school. Thank you to the committee and to everyone who has sent in donations or signed up to man stalls and help out after school today.

Christmas lunch (18th December) is a very special event for us. We will have two sittings, one for Y3 & Y4 and the second for Y5 & Y6. All lunches will be eaten in the hall - packed lunches and Caterlink lunches - which will be set with banquet style tables, dressed with festive runners and crackers, courtesy of the PTA. The staff and children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper for this non-uniform day should they wish to.



Finally, well done and thank you to the fantastic 4R for a brilliant festive assembly. They taught us all about a range of Christmas customs from around the world, rounding off with a wonderful performance of Feliz Navidad!

Have a wonderful weekend - Mrs Taylor

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Our extra-curricular clubs have all finished for this term and will re-start in the new year. The exception to this is the clubs run by Just Play Sports. We understand Just Play Sports will be emailing parents to confirm their finishing dates.

Sports News

What a busy couple of weeks we have had. On Friday 22nd we had our Y5/6 Mixed football County Cup match against Wheatfield. It was rather one sided, but gave our team a great opportunity to try out different formations. It was a comprehensive 10-0 win. Well done to everyone who played.



Last Tuesday, our Netball team took part in the School Games Netball Tournament at The Holt School. It was a fun afternoon playing 9 other schools in the sunshine. The team played really well, especially considering they had to change positions every time. Everyone had a ball and the improvement during the afternoon was incredible. Well done to all the girls.

Back at school, the mixed football team were in action against Westende. The team were unfortunately plagued by injury so had no subs, but it was a cracking match finishing up 2-3 with some super goals, great teamwork and strong defence. Thank you, as always, to Mr Ohsan Ellis for coaching the team.

On Wednesday, we took part in the School Games Indoor Athletics competition for the Y5/6 boys and girls. It was a fabulous morning of running, jumping and throwing and everyone had lots of fun. There were too many excellent performances to mention specifically, it was great to see how everyone supported each other and the athletes from the other schools. Congratulations to all of you – you are all a credit to St Paul's.



We began this week at Loddon Valley for the School Games Inclusion Festival. We paired up with another school so it was a lovely opportunity for our pupils to meet and work together with those pupils. We had a trio of energetic and enthusiastic trainee teachers from Reading University who were fantastic – so patient and encouraging. The children all took part in New Age Kurling, Boccia, Seated volleyball, Table tennis, Dance and all had a fun session in the soft play area. Everyone had a great time.



Christmas Celebration

Please do read the letter we sent on 21st November regarding the Christmas Celebration. In particular please note the arrangements for picking up from church after the evening performance as it explains how we manage to reunite almost 400 pupils with parents quickly and efficiently – it does require your cooperation and a prompt pick up (6pm)

There are events happening in the church hall during our performances. To avoid the risk of blocking hall users' vehicles, we ask that you **do not park in the church car park**.

We will not be issuing physical tickets for the performances. On the day of the performance please show your digital ticket when entering the Church.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to secure your tickets for our Christmas Celebration at St Paul's church or would like additional tickets for grandparents, there are tickets still available to order for the 2pm performance on Tuesday 10th December. **[Order Christmas Performance Tickets Here!](#)**

Congratulations to our Pianists!



We always enjoy hearing of successes in our school family. This week we are delighted to share that Sophia, Skye, Joel and Aidan (all in year 4) obtained distinctions and merits in their recent piano exams!



Winter Mini Challenge



Running 1 December 2024 – 20 February 2025, children can take part in the Reading Agency's Marvellous Makers winter reading challenge for free on wintermini.org.uk, where they will unlock a special digital badge and a new certificate of achievement once they meet their reading goal.

Encourage children to borrow books from their local library, then log and review them on our website, where they'll discover fun activities related to amazing children's books and book recommendations from their peers.

Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies:

Learning Mentor: Monday – Friday 8.50am – 3.30pm

Learning Mentor with added Lunchtime Controller duties: Monday – Friday 8.50am – 1.30pm

Lunchtime Controller: Monday – Friday 12.15pm – 1.45pm

Please share if you know anybody who may be interested in applying for a position. Full details can be found on our website <https://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/web/>

Absence Reporting

We no longer to subscribe to the Absence Reporting section of ParentMail.

Absences must be reported in writing by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, you must email by 8.15am on each day of the absence, ensuring you give your child's name, class and symptoms. Stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

Any request for term time leave must be in writing on our Leave of Absence Request Form, which can be found on our website under parents > absence reporting

Next Week at School	
NO CLUBS	CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THE TERM
Monday 9 th December 2.00pm	Christmas Performance at St Paul's Church
Tuesday 10 th December 2.00pm and 5.00pm	Christmas Performance at St Paul's Church
Friday 13 th December 9.00am	4P Class Assembly
Monday 9 th December 2.00pm	Christmas Performance at St Paul's Church
Diary Dates	
Wednesday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch – Non uniform. Christmas Jumpers encouraged
Friday 20 th December 9.00am	6S Class Assembly
Friday 20 th December 2.00PM	Last Day of Term – 2PM FINISH
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	First Day of the Spring Term
Friday 24 th January 9.00am	3D Class Assembly
Friday 31 st January 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Friday 7 th February 9.00am	6D Class Assembly

Is your child registered for

SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5



Child OVER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DfES.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

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🌲 Join us for festive fun & activities this December at JAG! 🍪

As December arrives, our wraparound clubs are gearing up to bring festive sparkle to your child's days. Every day will shine with seasonal games, activities, and crafts from our **Adventure Programme**, giving every child the chance to celebrate, create, and explore.

Here are some of the special occasions we'll be celebrating this December:

🌐 **Antarctica Day (W/C Monday 2nd)**

We're diving into the wonders of the "coolest" continent! To celebrate Antarctica Day, children will explore the signing of the Antarctic Treaty through quizzes, games, and activities from our **Brain Boosters** category.

🎄 **Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday, December 12th)**

It's Christmas Jumper Day! Children can wear their silliest, sparkliest jumpers and enjoy fun activities from our **Wellbeing Warriors** category, including selfies at the Christmas Jumper Station and mindful colouring.

🍪 **Christmas Celebrations (W/C Monday 16th)**

The countdown to Christmas begins! Children will dive into festive activities from our **Creative Inventors** category, creating crafts and learning about holiday traditions from around the world.

Don't miss out on December's festive fun, discovery, and celebration!

📄 **Secure your spot here:** <https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/>

💖 **Parent Support:** <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/>

❓ **FAQs:** <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/frequently-asked-questions/>

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Come join the fun with JAG today!