

# St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 21.03.25

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



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

As we welcomed more sunshine this week, I'm excited to share some of the brilliant things that have been happening at school. The brighter days brought with them lots of excellent learning and happy times out on the playground, with the children enjoying the warmer weather.

Year 3's hands on history workshop was fantastic, completely immersing the children in what life might have been like during Viking times. They spent the day exploring Viking culture, crafts, and stories. Thank you so much for supporting this event with costuming and for your voluntary contributions towards financing the day.

Great news regarding the Book Fair - you raised a staggering £1000 in commission. Our budget grows ever tighter and this will make a huge difference, benefitting every class library throughout the school.

This morning, our Year 6 pupils took part in the Easter Experience, where they had the chance to explore the meaning of Easter through an interactive and reflective journey. The session provided a meaningful learning experience, tying in beautifully with our RE curriculum.

We were all delighted by 5B's assembly on the life of Captain Cook. The children did an outstanding job of bringing this great explorer's journey to life with a lively and well delivered performance. They should be tremendously proud of the way they impressed every member of their audience.

Good luck to Miss Peachey who completed her final teaching practice in 5M today. A promising career in education awaits and we wish her every success for the future.

As we continue to enjoy the spring sunshine, we look forward to more exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Taylor

# Year 3 Viking Day





## Child's Mental Wellbeing Workshop

### WAYS TO RECOVER FROM STRESS



On Wednesday 2nd April we are holding a workshop for parents which will focus on practical ways to support children's mental wellbeing. This is being led by Mel Poxon, our link Education Mental Health Practitioner from Wokingham's Mental Health Support Team – a team who provide early help support for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. The workshop is free of charge and will run from 9.00am – 10.00am. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details of what to expect. Places on the workshop are limited and if you would like to secure a place please complete the booking form which you will find in ParentMail.



## Message From Our PTA



Many thanks to everyone who brought bags of clothing in for recycling on Tuesday – you brought 175kg and the amount raised was £75.75!

Also, thanks to those of you who shopped at ASDA – we signed up to the cash pot for schools' scheme and have now been paid £78.49!

As a reminder, the fundraising effort never stops – **if you have not already signed up to easy fundraising, please take a look** – it is really easy to sign up and every little, really does help:

[Fundraising](#) | [Charity Fundraising Online](#) | [You Spend Online](#), [Brands Donate](#) | [Easyfundraising](#)

Finally, the PTA will be coming to a school assembly next week to talk about the 2025 challenge. Some of you might remember, we did the 2024 challenge last year where 30 children took part and raised over £700! Just imagine if more children took part this year! The children who took part had fun with the challenge, some of them joined forces with friends and some chose to do the challenge alone – there are so many possibilities – there were bake sales, car washing, household chores and more. This time, the children will have 25 days to complete the challenge from April 1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> - They will be asked to design and create their own sponsorship form which could be themed around their chosen activities. So, during the holidays, if (or when) you hear the words **"I'M BORED!"** the challenge is a great way to have fun, get involved and raise money at the same time.

## Forest School

It was 6T's turn to join us in the woodland on Monday afternoon. They split themselves into 8 small groups and worked tirelessly to get their small fires lit. After discussing the risks involved in fire lighting and sharing their knowledge of the fire triangle, every group was successful enough to toast their marshmallows. Well done 6T!

Our afternoon groups have met for the last time this term, and it has become a St Paul's tradition for the children to toast s'mores at this session. Before this could happen though, the children used their collaboration skills to collect wood and then graded it from very thin kindling up to thicker sticks. A wide variety of conversations often occur during our time in the fire circle and this week was no different. Topics discussed included talking about different sized families, Ramadan and culminated in a game of "Would you rather..."



Our reflection this week has been linked to the sentence starter, "In the woods, I can be..." The children shared their thoughts, and these included "myself" "happy and calm" "part of nature" and "a good friend."

24/03	31/03	01/04	02/04
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. The woodland is quite wet underfoot at the moment, so please ensure that your child brings wellies or shoes/trainers that you are happy to get muddy!



Last Wednesday our Kurling team were in action at the School Games New Age Kurling Festival. We scored lots of points and had great fun improving our aim and strategic thinking.

On Friday our Y3/4 Boys were in the Wokingham District Y3/4 Football tournament. They were brilliant; coming runners up in their league and progressing to the knockout stages.



Our Y5/6 Netball team played KeepHatch on Tuesday. We had lots of fun and everybody enjoyed playing in all the positions as we rotated around for each quarter. Thank you to KeepHatch for hosting us.



On Wednesday the Y5/6 mixed team played in their County Cup semi-final against Trevelyan Middle School, Windsor. The game was extremely tense and very balanced. We were unlucky to concede in the second half and unfortunately were unable to proceed to the final. The team were magnificent – they kept their heads and continued to fight all the way to the final whistle. Well done to each and every one. Thank you to Mr Judd and Mr Mugnier for coaching and refereeing the match.

On Thursday we had the final TVRL event of the season – The relays. The weather was fantastic and we all had a wonderful time. It was great to see the children having fun representing the school and cheering on their team mates. After the relays had finished there was a presentation to celebrate the season. Congratulations to our Y3/4 Boys who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and a massive well done to Noah for achieving the silver medal for his fantastic individual performance.



Thank you to all our parents who have transported and supported the children over the season. Over the 4 events we have had nearly 100 young runners taking part which is incredible and I am looking forward already to next season. Congratulations to all the children who have been such fantastic ambassadors for St Paul's.



### 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 SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SCHOOL SHOES WITH THEM EVERY THURSDAY.**

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 a gloves, scarves and hats if the weather is cold alongside their school uniform, in case they have to change into dry clothes.**

## Bikeability Holiday Courses

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above,  
(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)  
**Woodford Park, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4LY**

**9th April, Wed 9am to 3.30pm**, Woodford Park Level 1 & 2, £10, 1 day course  
**14th & 15th April Mon 9.30 to 3pm** Woodford Park Level 1 & 2, £20 2 day course  
**16th April Wed 9am to 3.30pm** Woodford Park Level 1 & 2, £10 1 day course

For queries, please contact Avanti Cycling at [info@avanticycling.co.uk](mailto:info@avanticycling.co.uk)

The website is; [We run great holiday courses. - Cycle training specialists \(avanticycling.co.uk\)](http://www.avanticycling.co.uk)

## Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this helps us to provided 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

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm	SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents – <b>entry via Murray Road</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

## Diary Dates

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 9.00am	4P Class Assembly
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm	Last Day of Term – 2PM FINISH
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 9.00am	5K Class Assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
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 or Indoor Cricket</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	5M Class Assembly
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Silent Disco
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





**Practical ways to support your child's mental wellbeing workshop, with skills practice.**



**Date :** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**Time :** 9:00- 10:00

**Location :** St Pauls school hall .

**What to expect:**

Open non-judgemental support and tips.

Group discussion and activities.

Skill demonstration and practice .

Activities that you can take away and use at home.

Bookings will be via the school, MHST Tel: 0118 237 8792;  
[Mel.Poore@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Mel.Poore@wokingham.gov.uk)



**Just Play Sports Holiday Clubs**

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

**Discover a new sport or game**

Kids'll experience a winning combo of awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Nerf • Slip'n'slide
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**Savings to suit every pocket**

**Save:**  
 10% when you book the whole week  
 10% for siblings

**Where you'll find the fun**

St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham  
 Colleton Primary School, Twyford  
 Cranford Park, Yateley  
 Oaklands Junior School, Crowthorne  
 (see website for other local venues too!)

**Flexibility to suit you**

Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm  
 Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm  
 4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm



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