

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 08.11.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



Thank you so much for the generosity of your donations for our Harvest Festival. The collection boxes were full to overflowing by the time the last child arrived. We donated 171.3 kgs of food. Your donations will make a huge difference to families in our local community and help plug the gaps where the foodbank was low in stock. We celebrated Harvest with a special assembly about appreciating how lucky we are and remembering to be thankful for what we have.



A special thank you to Bea, Ellie and Lyla for doing a brilliant job of selling poppies and other items for the British Legion. We still have a few reflective poppies and zip charms left and these will be on sale at break on Monday.



Our Sing-Along-Fun Club were wonderful signing to the residents of Oakingham Place at lunchtime today. The children were a credit to the school and brilliant ambassadors for St Paul's. Special thanks to Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs Garwood, Ms Vickery and Mrs Caldeira for helping Miss Osborne and Miss Best walk the children to and from the venue.



We were delighted to celebrate the children's progress and achievements at this week's Parents' Consultations. Almost every family took advantage of making an appointment to talk with the class teacher and if for anyone reason you were unable to attend, please email the office and we will try and reschedule your appointment.

I sent out a Parentmail earlier to advise of a Whats App Group called 'Join all your contacts, except family to this chat'. If you missed my previous message, please check your child's phone as a matter of urgency as some of our pupils are members of this group, which contains pornography, hate crime, details of rape and other very disturbing content.

Have a good weekend.
Mrs Taylor

Message From Wokingham Foodbank



I am writing to thank you for your generous Harvest donation to Wokingham Foodbank. It is heart-warming to know that in spite of everything else going on in the world there is still so much compassion for others in our community who are less fortunate and struggling with the cost of food.

Donations to our foodbank have been lower this year, which has placed strain on our stocks. Thanks to the generosity of donations such as yours we are in a strong position to face the challenges ahead.

Sports News

We had a great start to the term with a friendly football match against Southlake for our Y5/6 Mixed B Team. It was an excellent team effort and some superb goalkeeping from Edward. Well done to the girls who stepped in to make up the numbers after illness affected the team. Thanks as always to Mr Ohsan Ellis for coaching and supporting the team.



We had our first sports assembly of the year this morning, congratulating all of the many children who have taken part in the sporting activities this term. We celebrated the achievements of our Tag Rugby and Netball teams, both the Y5/6 and Y3/4 football teams and all our superb runners who took part in the TVRL race at Cantley Park. We can't wait to see what this half term has in store.

PTA Events - Autumn Disco and Christmas Fair

The Autumn Term Disco is taking place on Friday 15th November. If you haven't already done so, please book your tickets:

Y3/4 – 6:15PM – 7:15PM - [St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

Y5/6 – 7:30PM – 8:30PM - [St Paul's CoE Junior School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

Junior Adventure Group – After School Club



Get ready for an autumn packed with exploration and excitement at our After School Club, JAG! Our Adventure Programme is kicking into high gear, and your children are invited on a thrilling journey of discovery as they celebrate special occasions, festivals, and unique days.

This November, there are themed games and activities for these fabulous special days:

- **Diwali:** Celebrating the dazzling Festival of Lights through our Global Kids category, inspiring our children to become thoughtful global citizens!
- **Bonfire Night:** With thrilling activities from our Creative Inventors category, encouraging young minds to unleash their imagination through arts and crafts.

- 🕸️ **Remembrance Day:** Celebrate Remembrance Day with heartfelt activities from our Creative Inventors category, giving our little ones a beautiful way to learn and reflect.
- ❤️ **World Kindness Day:** Let's spread the love! Celebrate with joyful games and activities from the Wellbeing Warriors category, designed to boost happiness and mindfulness.

📅 **Secure your spot here:**

<https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/>

Property Left At Parent Consultation



A Spiderman cap was left in the hall after our Parent Consultation. If this belongs to you, please contact the school office to reclaim it.

Forest School News



We welcomed 3B into the woodland for their first visit on Monday afternoon. They embraced the challenges set for them and showed their communication, teamwork and resilience skills.

Our afternoon groups have been exceptionally busy this week! Tuesday afternoon saw the children collecting 10 bags of leaves from our pond area and moving them into the woodland. This will help ensure the water in the pond does not become stagnated and the wildlife can continue to flourish.



During Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, the children were thinking about the significance of Remembrance Day. This led to some children crafting their own poppies.



11/11	18/11	25/11	02/12
6D	5K	4L	3H

Please remember to send your child to their Forest School session with long trousers and a warm, waterproof coat.

Indoor PE and Games

Our swimming pool is now closed for the winter. From now until Easter, we will be having indoor PE classes in place of swimming. On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into.

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

Outdoor Games

All classes will continue to have Games on Thursdays. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). Games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their uniform too, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

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

Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th November	House Captain Hustings
Wednesday 13 th November	Wokingham Fire Service Visit Year 5
Friday 15 th November	House Captain Elections
Friday 15 th November 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Diary Dates	
Friday 29 th November 9.00am	5M Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th December 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Friday 6 th December 3.30pm – 5.30om	Christmas Fair
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
Wednesday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch



JUST PLAY SPORTS CLUBS HAPPENING RIGHT HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL!


We are currently running sessions in your school and I am delighted to let you know that we still have spaces for the remainder of the term.


If you are already booked up, then you don't need to worry!

Please head to the website (see below) for more information. Alternatively, scan the QR code below, search for your school and away you go!

For any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch!



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MANAGING CHILD ANXIETY



A chance to learn more about your child's anxiety and how to help. Find out how to recognise it, how to respond to it positively and how to help. You will learn how to respond positively to your child's anxiety.

Starting 12 November to 19 November
Tuesdays, 7pm to 8.30pm
Online via Zoom

£15 or free to those on job seeking benefits or low incomes



To find out more and book:
Web - www.webenrol.com/wokingham
Call - 0118 9743797
Email - adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk



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Building your Child's Resilience

Wednesday 27 November and Wednesday 4 December
7pm to 8.30pm
Online via Zoom

Cost - £15 for both sessions
Free to those on job seeking benefits or low incomes (£22,000)

Help your child recognise, understand and accept feelings and to express them in appropriate ways

Book here:

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