

St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 24.01.25

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



I have the loveliest news to share, Mrs Deen, our school business manager, was blessed with two new grandsons both of whom arrived this week! Zakariah, came into the world on Sunday, weighing a very healthy 3.14kg, with Shayaan arriving at 11.54am today, weighing 4.3kg. Both boys and their mummies are doing well and Mrs Deen is on cloud nine. Congratulations, Grandma!



This week we welcomed two new pupils, the brothers Mustafa and Murtaza to 5M and 3B respectively. Our kind, supportive pupils are doing a great job of taking care of them and helping them find their feet.

There have been several occasions of late where we have been unable to contact parents when their child has been unwell. Please remember that if you move or change your telephone number, you must keep us updated by emailing office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Polite plea - if you are the driver of a green Fiesta that parks on the far side of the Oxford Road each morning, please could you park elsewhere as this is reducing the road to only one lane, making it particularly difficult for passing traffic because of the entrance into Villers Mead, Walter Infants and St Pauls, both of which are in constant use.

We have received several complaints regarding some of our pupils who cycle or scoot to/from school unaccompanied by an adult. Sadly, there have been several occasions when pupils riding abreast on the pavement have refused to move to single file or dismount, forcing pedestrians, some with pushchairs, into the road. When asked to dismount because the pavements are very narrow, children have been rude and disrespectful in response. Should something like this happen again, those involved will not be permitted to bring or store their bikes at school.

I was sorry to have missed 3D's assembly, but was lucky enough to see them in rehearsal yesterday. Mrs Harris has reliably informed me that this morning's performance was brilliant and not only did the children look amazing in their Egyptian outfits, but they sang beautifully and wowed their audience with lots of fascinating facts and information about the history they have been learning.

Mrs Taylor

Ava's Fundraising for the WWF



Last weekend Ava was inspired by a WWF fundraising stand, together with a book she is reading called "The Storm Leopards". The book includes information about the WWF encouraging the Mongolian people to protect their big cats.

That afternoon Ava ask to host a bake sale. She decorated her table with signs and then made and decorated cakes.

After inviting all the neighbours and some local school friends she raised £74 for the WWF.

We're very proud of Ava! Well done!



Althetics Achievement!



Charlie (6D) has been chosen to represent team Berkshire Sportshall u11 at the South Regional indoor athletics final which takes place in Sussex in February.

He was selected after taking part in the Sportshall County Championships on Sunday where he represented Bracknell Athletics Club. His team won a silver medal, missing gold by just 2 points

Well done Charlie and good luck for the final next month!

Active Travel Poster Competition



My Journey are pleased to launch their Active Travel poster competition.

They are asking pupils across Wokingham Borough to design a poster to encourage walking, cycling and scooting to school.

The winner will receive printed posters for their school and a £50 Decathlon voucher! There are also runners up prizes available.

The closing date for entries is Monday 24th February 2025.

Please follow this link for more details [Design an Active Travel Poster Competition](#)

Uniform – New Delivery Options

School uniform with St Paul's logo can be purchased from Gooddies by following this link: [order school uniform here](#)

Parents can choose from the following delivery options:

- Free Delivery to School – If ordered before 15th of the month delivery will be 10 working days after 15th. If ordered between 15th and the end of the month, delivery will be 10 working days after the last day of the month.
- Express Delivery to School - £3.95. Delivery is approx. 5 – 7 working days (subject to stock availability)
- Home Delivery - £6.95. Delivery is approx. 5 – 7 working days (subject to stock availability)

Reminders

Labels

Please be reminded that all clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes or anything brought into school must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

We recommend labels which can be purchased from STIKINS as these are fantastic quality and last through the wash. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=21479>

Our school fundraising number is 21479. Please use this when ordering to earn 30% commission for St Paul's Junior School.

Lunches

Our school lunches are £2.65 each day. If your child is having a meal, please ensure there are sufficient funds in their lunch money account. Caterlink do not offer a credit service so meals must be paid in advance.

Leave of Absence Requests

If you have to take your child out for school for a reason other than medical appointments, please complete a Leave of Absence Request form. This may be found on our website under parents > absence reporting

Sports News



Our Y3/4 boys were on the football field this week with Round 16 County Cup knockout match. The team have not been able to practise since our qualifying matches so this was the first time they had been able to play together since then. Wow, what an improvement! The team were tenacious on the ball, showing great skill and determination, brave tackles in defence and lots of excellent goals. It was a fantastic performance. Unfortunately we were unable to progress losing 3-4 to a well drilled team from St Teresa's but they were all wonderful ambassadors for St Paul's. Thank you to Luca's grandad for coaching the team and to James' dad for refereeing the match.

Our Y5/6 Mixed team were also back on the pitch playing their knockout match on Wednesday. We were playing an excellent team from Dolphin School. Shocked by an early goal our team gathered themselves and dug in, putting in a superb performance. They did not give up; fighting for every ball. We equalised with a cheeky back heel from Evan then Dolphin once again took the lead. Another equaliser from Reuben then Faith sealed the match with a fantastic winner. There followed a tense 5 minutes whilst the team held onto the lead. Congratulations to all of them on an excellent win and the team now progress to the quarter finals. Thanks as always to Mr Ohsan Ellis for coaching the team and Mr Mugnier for refereeing!



Forest School

We enjoyed the company of 5K in the woods on Monday afternoon. They worked in groups to build small fires to toast mini marshmallows on. This required the children to use many of our school values: we are determined and resilient; we have a voice and listen to others; and we encourage and collaborate. Mr Kellet was, quite rightly, very proud of the children in his class.



Our afternoon groups have been learning new skills while making a stick picture frame. They used reef knots, clove hitches and learned how to do square lashings to join their sticks together – the photos below show their fabulous results. The children then used natural items found in the woodland to create a piece of art for their frames.



During our reflection, we thought about someone or something that we felt grateful for. The children spoke about their family and friends, our school and woodland, their warm clothing and also for food.



The afternoons have been chilly this week and although many of the children came well prepared, we have discussed the importance of layers to help keep them warm all afternoon.

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.

27/01	03/02	10/02	24/02	03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04
4R	3B	6D	5M	4L	3H	6T	5B	4P	3D

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

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

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>

Diary Dates

Friday 31 st January 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 th February 6.30pm	Year 5 Parents Meeting re Liddington
Friday 7 th February 9.00am	6D Class Assembly
Friday 14 th February 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 14 th February 3.30pm	Break up for Half Term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 24 th February 8.40am	First Day Back After Half Term
Wednesday 5 th March – after school	Parent Consultations
Thursday 6 th March – morning	Parent Consultations
Friday 7 th March 9.00am	5K Class Assembly
Friday 14 th March 9.00am	3B Class Assembly
Friday 21 st March 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 28 th March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 4 th April 9.00am	4P Class Assembly
Friday 4 th April 2.00pm	Last Day of Term – 2PM FINISH

6 February 2025 9:30am-11:30am

The Kitchen at Earley Crescent Centre

Cooking alongside your child offers a fantastic opportunity to apply maths in a hands-on way at home. From measuring ingredients to understanding fractions, this session will boost your confidence in your maths abilities and inspire you to share these skills with your child.



To enrol visit:

www.webenrol.com/wokingham