

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 04.10.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

3D kicked off this year's class assembly with a stellar performance, setting the bar high. They are clearly loving being here and took us on a journey, visiting topics they had covered in History and English this term. Not only did they sing about life in the Stone Age but they also sang Old McDonald had a farm in Latin - very impressive! The class did a marvellous repeat performance after break for a small select audience and it was equally fantastic - well done, 3D.

On Monday, we received the very sad news that one of our governors, Jan Norbury, had passed away. Jan was a much loved member of our school family who gave many dedicated years of service to St Paul's as governor, volunteer reader and friend of the school. As an ex Headteacher, SENDCO and SEN teacher, education was in her blood and she was a staunch advocate of every school being a warm, safe, welcoming haven where every child is able to access learning. She was hugely respected by everyone here and will be very sorely missed by her school family. In time, we will mark Jan's contribution to our school but until then, please remember her family in your prayers.

"Rooted in the school's values of care and kindness, positive relationships are the heartbeat of this happy, welcoming school.....pupils and adults feel a strong sense of belonging; they are known and nurtured as individuals.' These are just two of the strengths identified in our SIAMS Inspection Report and we are over the moon with the report and our inspection outcome, especially as the points identified for development reflect those in our own self-evaluation document. Please do take a few minutes to read through the report which will be sent to you alongside the Newsletter.

Have a good weekend, everyone.

Mrs. Taylor

World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10th October

**Hello
Yellow**
THURS 10 OCT

Next Thursday is World Mental Health Day and we are encouraging the pupils and staff of St Paul's to wear something yellow alongside thousands of others across the UK. As Thursday is a PE day, we are inviting children to wear something yellow as part of their PE kit; e.g. yellow T shirt, socks, hair accessory etc. This is not compulsory so please do not go to any trouble.

We are not fundraising but will be using the day to raise awareness and demonstrate that nobody is alone with their mental health because we stand brighter, together.

Safety Announcement

This morning, we were notified by WBC of a potentially concerning incident which took place on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 15.09, by Wokingham Station. A secondary school aged boy was approached by a male driving a van and asked if he would like a lift home to keep out of the rain. The driver was quite persistent, but the boy sensibly refused, went home, and told his parents. The matter has been reported to the police.

Monday's whole school assembly will focus on how to stay safe wherever you are.

Recognition of Outstanding Compassion and Calm



Last month Bethan J (5K) and her mum (a doctor) were shopping when they came across a lady on the floor who was very unwell and in a lot of pain. Her mum stopped to help the lady.

Bethan remained incredibly calm in what could have been a traumatic situation and helped by holding a sign to shield the lady from the sun and onlookers. She was also an invaluable help in keeping the lady's partner calm by chatting to him whilst they waited for the ambulance.

Without Bethan's help her mum would not have been able to support the unwell lady who was subsequently taken to hospital and spent three days in intensive care. We are pleased to report she is now on the mend.

We are incredibly proud of Bethan for her compassion and calmness when faced with a situation which many adults would find daunting.

Sports News - Introducing our Trainee Sports Leaders



Giorgia, Noah B-W, Rosie, Sadie, Noah D and Chaitanya are our new Trainee Sports Leaders who have had their first training session for the School Games Leadership Academy at The Holt School. They enjoyed learning about teamwork, communication, responsibility, organisation and health and safety – all the attributes needed to be a good Sports Leader and to be able to run their own sessions. The young leaders will now begin to plan and deliver some sessions at school to practise for the next training session.

In other news this week, we had the first evening of the School Games Netball league on Tuesday. We were the host to four other schools. The event was fantastic with all the children taking part with energy and enthusiasm despite the rainy conditions. Our team came joint first place winning 3 matches and drawing the final match. They all played extremely well and were fantastic ambassadors for St. Paul's.

Photographs – Missing QR Code Cards

After our photographer took portrait photographs on Tuesday, we are aware that a number of the QR code cards did not make their way safely to parents. If you have not received the QR code, please email the school office as soon as possible on office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk and we will obtain another from the photography company. We will be requesting the new codes early next week and hope to be in a position advise parents of the codes by the middle of next week.

Community Champions



Amber (Y3), Laasya (Y6) and Abi (Y4) took care of their community over the weekend by litter picking in their neighbourhood.

Thank you for being fantastic ambassadors of our school and helping the local community. We are very proud of you!

Forest School News



It has been another mixed week of weather for Forest School, thankfully the shelters, that were put up with the help of the children, have kept the worst of the weather off of us.

We welcomed 3D to Forest School on Monday afternoon where the children explored the colours in the woodland.

Some of our afternoon groups have been learning how to light a fire using the flint and steels. They definitely used our school values of 'we are determined and resilient', along with 'we encourage and collaborate' to achieve this task.



On Thursday, we made the most of the good weather and got to work in our allotments. The children weeded, dug the soil over, delighted at the abundance of worms and planted some broad beans. At the end of the afternoon, they each picked an apple from our trees to take home – we look forward to hearing what they thought of them as they are our first crop after planting the trees a couple of years ago.

07/10	14/10	21/10	04/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	02/12
6S	5M	4R	3B	6D	5K	4L	3H

Please remember to send your child with long trousers (preferably not jeans) and a waterproof coat for their Forest School sessions. Old clothes are best as the children are very likely to get dirty!

Thursday Games

Games lessons take place each week in all but the most extreme weather. With poorer weather upon us, please ensure your child brings their school uniform to school on Thursdays in case they need to change into dry clothes after their session. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit (navy/black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt)

New Parent Tours

If you know any prospective new parents who may be interested in a tour of our fabulous school, we are now taking bookings.

Tour dates are:

2pm Wednesday 9th October

9am Thursday 10th October

9am Thursday 28th November

2pm Friday 29th November



Prospective parents can book a place on a tour via TicketSource using this link: [Click here to book on our tour](#)

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2025 please do book onto one of Walter Infant School's tours: www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school

Just Play Sports – October Half Term Holiday Club

We are only a few weeks away from October Half Term. Just Play Sports will be running a full week of activities at our school. This is a great camp with opportunities for children to enjoy sport and play games in a fun and safe environment. It's also a great chance for parents to get a little break if they need it!!

The link below will take parents direct to the booking system.

<https://justplaysports.coordinate.cloud/project/61214>

After School Club – Junior Adventure Group

JAG's After School Club offer fun, happy and safe places for children to play freely across age groups and take part in structured activities such as arts and crafts and active play. Providing an energising end to the school day, children can join group activities, enjoy a healthy snack, or chill out with toys and games that are all set up and ready for them to enjoy.

Find out more at: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/>

Absence Reporting

We can no longer afford 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

Tuesday 8 th October 3.45pm	Anxiety Workshop
Thursday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – accessorise wearing yellow
Friday 11 th October 9.00am	3H Class Assembly 9.00am
Diary Dates	
Tuesday 15 th – Friday 18 th October	Year 6 Residential Trip to Liddington
Friday 18 th October 9.00am	3B Class Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Flu Immunisation
Friday 25 th October 9.00am	6D Class Assembly 9.00am
Friday 25 th October 3.30pm finish	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Children Return to School
Wednesday 6 th November 3.40pm – 7.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7 th November 8.40am – 11.40am	Parent Consultations
Friday 15 th November 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd November 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Friday 29 th November 9.00am	5M Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th December 9.00am	4R Class Assembly
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



28th October – 1st November

October Half Term Holiday Camp

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

Discover a new sport or game

Play awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Archery • Parachute games
- Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Cricket • Arts and crafts

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

Flexibility to suit you

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

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

justplaysports.co.uk
[fb.me/justplaysportsuk](https://www.facebook.com/justplaysportsuk)
[@justplaysports](https://www.instagram.com/justplaysports)

Book now
bit.ly/jpsholidayclubs

Pumpkin Trail

A family event during half-term at:
The Look Out, Bracknell
26th Oct – 3rd Nov

Fun events for all the family
www.firstdays.net/event-list
Registered Charity: 1137899




GLOW WALK

A family event at:
Dinton Pastures, Wokingham
Saturday 16th November

LOW COST SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

2 - 5pm

FINCHAMPSTEAD
TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER
FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead RG40 4ES

WOODLEY
THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER
The Centre Stage, Woodley Precinct, Woodley RG5 3JH

SHINFIELD
WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER
Shinfield Community Church, Fairmead Road, Shinfield RG2 9DL

Primary & secondary uniform, wellies and coats available, while stock lasts! Come and give excellent quality school uniform a second life.



BIG SALE EVENT

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EVERYONE WELCOME




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