

# St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 17.01.25

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



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



We have had another brilliant few days with our remarkable children working their socks off to get back into the swing of a new term jam packed with learning. We are very proud of their efforts so far and on Wednesday, we had the opportunity to share examples of work from across the school with our Strategic Education Partner, Majid Ali, as part of a Writing Review. It was an extremely positive morning where we shared planning, children's books, visited lessons and spoke with pupils and teaching staff. Majid was extremely impressed with the quality of teaching and of the high standard of writing the children produce - well done everyone, particularly Mrs Dwyer and Mrs Armstrong, our Writing Subject Leaders.

Punctuality and eradicating poor attendance is crucial for any school and where problems such as this are persistent, they are reviewed by the Education Welfare Service as part of their monitoring of our registers. Thank you to all those parents who ensure their child arrives on time and to those families who have made a concerted effort to improve their child's punctuality this term. In the first four days back, we had over 60 pupils arrive late but this is steadily reducing, with only 5 children signing in after 8.40am this morning. Arriving on time ensures a calm, orderly start to the day and avoids lost learning and as traffic congestion is a long standing issue in the area, please allow extra time if you have no choice but to travel to school by car.



**Attendance Matters**



The depths of winter can feel like they will last forever, but Spring is definitely just around the corner as the weather becomes milder and the mornings and evenings are slowly becoming lighter. Whatever you get up to, enjoy your weekend, everyone!

Mrs Taylor

## Morning Clubs

If your child takes part in one of our morning clubs, please ensure you accompany them all of the way into school. Our carpark is in active use first thing every morning and we have had several near misses when children have run behind reversing vehicles.

## Launching Active Movement



Next week sees the launch of Active Movement, a fully-funded programme designed to increase every child's activity levels. It's not an exercise or training initiative, but a 12-month campaign designed to encourage children to sit less, stand often and move more as part of everyday routine. There is no equipment, no special coaching, no class disruption – just teachers and

children working together to bring movement into everything from answering questions to reading, memorising information to class discussions, even homework.

**Ask your child about Active Movement – and how you can benefit your own well-being too!**

## Dance Club



**IMMIE**  
HEAD SPORTS  
COACH

Dance Club at St Paul's takes place on a Thursday morning 7.45am – 8.30am. Each class is enthusiastically run by dance coach, Immie. It is designed to develop physical skills, stamina, creativity, expression, and musicality using a range of movements and musical styles. There are many benefits to dance including increased balance and flexibility, but most of all, children get to have lots of fun!!

It is a fantastic club run by a great coach. If you would like to sign your child up to Dance Club, please follow the link below or visit our website under extra-curricular clubs.

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/684>

## Sports News



Our first School Games competition for this term was the TenPin Bowling competition held on Wednesday at the Wokingham SuperBowl. We had a team of 6 eager bowlers who competed against 13 other schools. The team did really well, showing considerable improvement during the afternoon and many of them scored strikes and spares to add to our total. We were placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of the 14 schools which was a fantastic achievement. Everyone received a certificate and medal during a short presentation at the end. It was a super occasion and all the children had a wonderful time. Congratulations to all of you for being excellent ambassadors



for St Paul's!

## Ellie's Sponsored Walk for Epilepsy Action



This February Ellie (4P) and her mum are fundraising for Epilepsy Action. Ellie's mum will be walking 50 miles and Ellie will be joining her for some of the challenge.

Please follow this link if you would like to support their journey.

[Ellie & Mum's Sponsored Walk February Challenge for Epilepsy Action](#)

## Highly Commended, Dviti!

Well done Dviti (4R) for achieving a "Highly Commended" honours in her IFTA Latin Dance medal test which was held in December. She attended an awarded ceremony where she was given a certificate and trophy.



## My Journey – Learn to Ride Sessions



Does your child need help learning to ride a pedal bike?

The My Journey Team at Wokingham Borough Council run weekly training sessions for all children aged 5 or above.

**Finchampstead Baptist Church on Wednesdays at 4-5pm and Woodford Park on Thursdays at 4-5pm**

All session need to be booked from the My Journey Events page: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/>  
Generally, most children will be riding within 2 sessions.

## Forest School

We started the new year off with a chilly afternoon in the woods with 6S. They impressed us with their enthusiasm, determination, teamwork and resilience while making small fires. During our reflection, we talked about how they could transfer these skills back into the classroom.

Our new afternoon groups met for the first time this week. After going through our rules, we discussed how we would need to assess the risks depending on the weather conditions. The children decided that if it was an icy day we may need to avoid tree climbing as branches could be slippery.

The children took part in an activity that involved using either a reef knot or clove hitch, as well as square lashings. Their results were fabulous and it was great to see the children helping each other out and providing encouragement.

Our reflection was centred around blessings and we talked about who or what we were grateful for that day. Many spoke about the nature around them: the trees, leaves and creatures. Others spoke about family and friends. We are looking forward to the adventures that lie ahead for these groups this term.

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.

20/01	27/01	03/02	10/02	24/02	03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04
5K	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

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 provide 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 of 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>

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> /Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Running/Netball Clubs start
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 9.00am	3D Class Assembly
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 9.00am	6T Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm	Year 5 Parents Meeting re Liddington
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 9.00am	6D Class Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm	Break up for Half Term – 3.30pm finish
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 8.40am	First Day Back After Half Term
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – after school	Parent Consultations
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – morning	Parent Consultations
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00am	5K Class Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00am	3B Class Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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



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## Clerk to the Governing Bodies

We are looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance, to work with both governing bodies

**Salary: Grade 5** (point NL12 – NL17, £26,421 - £28,770 pay award pending) **pro rata per annum (term time only) – hours to be confirmed at interview to be confirmed at the interview.**

The Governing Bodies of Walter Infant School and St. Paul's CE Junior School are looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance. You will need skills in good administrative practice and experience of minute taking. You will also need to be confident in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel and email and have access to the internet.

Most meetings will take place via TEAMS and will be recorded to aid minute taking. The successful candidate will be able to work from home.

Responsibilities will include working effectively with the chair of governors, headteacher and other governors to secure the continuity of governing board business.

To advise on procedural and legislative matters to ensure the Governing Board works to the legal framework. An understanding of confidentiality is essential for this role.

Tasks include the preparation and circulation of papers, taking minutes at meetings, providing procedural and legal advice as appropriate, record keeping, and other duties as agreed with the governing board.

**Full training and ongoing support will be provided.**

**We warmly welcome visitors, so if you are interested in finding out more about us, please contact Mrs Anita Pugh at Walter Infant School and Nursery on [finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) to arrange a visit or to request an application pack.**

**Closing Date: Applications considered upon receipt**

*Walter Infant School & Nursery and St. Paul's CE Junior School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS Clearance will be sought from the successful candidate. Our Schools welcome applicants from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.*



## St Paul's CE Junior School Term Dates 2025 to 2026

### Autumn 2025

Thursday 4th September - Start of Term  
27th October to 31st October - Half Term Break  
Friday 19th December - End of Term (2pm finish)

### Spring 2026

Monday 5th January - Start of Term  
16th February to 20th February - Half Term Break  
Friday 27th March - End of Term (2pm finish)

### Summer 2026

Monday 13th April - Start of Term  
Monday 4th May - School Closed - Bank Holiday  
25th May to 29th May - Half Term Break  
Monday 1st June School Closed - Inset Day  
Friday 17th July - End of Term (2pm finish)

# Cool Milk



Dear parent/guardian. If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com), logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)

**Reminder for schools:** under the standards, children eligible for benefits-based free school meals should be offered milk free of charge. Our School Payment Scheme (SPS) allows you to easily manage this by logging in here and selecting 'Drinker Management'. Any children flagged as 'yes' under 'School Pays' will receive free milk up until their 5th birthday, we'll then continue delivering milk charged to the school. You can remove them at any time by amending the flag to 'No'. If there are any eligible children who now require milk but do not appear on your account, just add their details to our usual registration spreadsheet ([download a copy here](#)), enter a 'Y' in the 'SPS' column and submit it to us at <https://www.coolmilk.com/upload>.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation when it comes to the provision of milk at your school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact). We're here to help!

Kind regards,

**The Cool Milk Team**