

# St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 14.03.25

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



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

This week has been filled with lots of lovely opportunities for the children to be immersed in a variety of lessons and activities that are helping to foster a love for learning and we are proud to see such high-quality work being produced across all year groups!

Thanks to Mrs Tustin for organising another very successful Book Fair and to you for helping us to earn lots of lovely commission to buy books for classrooms. We will let you know how much you raised when the final numbers are in.



In other news, our school dog, Nuala, is settling in beautifully! The children have been enjoying seeing her around and about school and she is finding her feet in terms of developing the confidence to work alongside so many children and staff. Thank you to everyone who has sent her gifts - she has been well and truly spoiled and will always put her thanks in her daily diary which can be found on our [website here](#). She is quickly becoming a beloved member of our school community and her calm, friendly nature has brought smiles to so many faces.

A special mention goes out to 3B for their brilliant assembly this morning! They presented with confidence and creativity, and it was a real treat for all who attended. It was definitely a Boom Chaka Boom of a performance - well done, 3B!



Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Simpson, new Clerk to Governors, who has taken over from Mrs Wells. We are delighted that she is joining the team and looking forward to working alongside her in the coming months.

As we head into the weekend, I want to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable time with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another fabulous week of learning ahead!

Mrs Taylor

## Forest of Imagination



Wokingham Borough Council has partnered with Bath Spa University, House of Imagination, and Grant Associates to bring the award-winning Forest of Imagination to the borough. This is a unique arts project which originated in Bath in 2014 and has inspired people to explore environmental issues through creativity and art. This project will run until May and is bringing a celebration of nature-themed art and cultural experiences to people of all ages and from all walks of life. For more information follow the link <https://forestofimagination.org.uk/wb/>

## Child's Mental Wellbeing Workshop

### WAYS TO RECOVER FROM STRESS

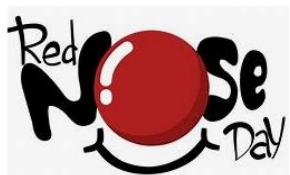


On Wednesday 2nd April we are holding a workshop for parents which will focus on practical ways to support children's mental wellbeing. This is being led by Mel Poxon, our link Education Mental Health Practitioner from Wokingham's Mental Health Support Team – a team who provide early help support for 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.



## Last Chance to Pre-Order Red Noses



We are selling Red Noses for Comic Relief on a pre-order basis at £2.00 per nose.

Pre-order for the Red Noses is via the Products section of SCOPAY and **will be available until the end of the day on Sunday 16th March**. If you would like to order more than one nose, you can make a custom payment in multiples of £2.00.

There are 5 different Noses to collect, each design celebrates iconic Red Noses throughout the last 4 decades. Noses will be distributed randomly and children will not be able to select which design they are allocated. There is also a 1 in 125 chance that someone may get a rare 'Ruby' Nose, a glittering gem to celebrate Comic Relief's 40th birthday!

The noses will be distributed to the children on Thursday 20th March, and may be brought into school and worn on Friday 21st March - RED NOSE Day, along with their school uniform.

**No Red Noses will be available to buy on the day so don't miss out!**

## Little Recyclers – Collection on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March



Just a reminder that we have The Little Recyclers (in place of Bags2School) collection on Tuesday. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for confirmation of what can be recycled. Our PTA will be at the Murray Road gates at school drop-off to assist with collecting the bags.

Many thanks for your support in our fundraising.

## JAG – Easter Holiday Club

### Venture into the big wide world with JAG this Easter—it's a passport to discovery!

Children will embark on an unforgettable journey across continents, where every day brings new discoveries. They'll unravel the secrets of ancient civilisations, dive into vibrant cultures, and celebrate the incredible traditions that make our world extraordinary!

Each day unlocks a new destination, packed with hands-on crafts, exciting physical challenges, and immersive experiences designed to ignite curiosity and creativity.

Our Easter clubs will be hosted at the below venues in the Wokingham authority area:

- **Bulmershe Leisure Centre**
- **Evendons Primary School**
- **Floreat Montague Park Primary School**
- **Hawthorns Primary School**
- **St Paul's C of E Junior School**
- **Willow Bank Junior School**

Book now and take advantage of our early bird offer— **save 10%** by simply using the code **TRAVEL10** at checkout. (This offer expires at 23:59 on Sunday, 16th March.)

[Click here to learn more about Holiday HQ: World Explorers](#)

[Click here to book your spot today!](#)

## Forest School



It was a pleasure to welcome 3H into the woods on Monday afternoon. They impressed us with their collaboration, communication, determination and resilience as they built their stick towers – we think they have built the tallest of the term so far!



We continued to embrace World Book Day with our afternoon groups and Mrs McBain and Mrs Gray enjoyed hearing all the children read in a variety of places. The reflection for this week was, "Do you think reading outside develops your imagination?" The children spoke about the sounds in the woodland and how they could put them in their own writing, how they could really imagine they were in their settings if their book was set outside and that being in the woodland made them feel calm, which then allowed them to absorb themselves into their books.



Planting seeds, visiting the pond, whittling, making swings, crafting and learning how to light the fire were all activities that the children chose to partake in this week. What will next week bring?



17/03	24/03	31/03	01/04	02/04
6T	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!

## 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.**

## 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>

## Reporting An Absence

Absences must be reported in writing by emailing [absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

For any requests for term time leave, please complete the Leave of Absence Request Form, which can be found on our website under parents > absence reporting

## NEXT WEEK IN SCHOOL

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm	Clubs Bookings Open for Summer Term
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 8.40am	The Little Recyclers Collection (in place of Bags2School)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Viking Workshop
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 9.00am – 12.00	Year 6 Easter Experience
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day - - school uniform with red nose

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm	SATs Information Evening
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
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:</b> Badminton, running, gymnastics, Little Musketeers or Indoor Cricket
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

**YEAR 5 AND 6  
GIRLS  
WE WANT  
YOU!**

Fancy taking up a new sport and making new friends? No matter what experience you have, come and join us at Reading RFC!

For more information, please contact [doyr@readingrfc.co.uk](mailto:doyr@readingrfc.co.uk) or find our Instagram page [@reading\\_rfcgirls](https://www.instagram.com/reading_rfcgirls)



## 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
- Cricket • Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • 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  
 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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Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

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[info@justplaysports.co.uk](mailto:info@justplaysports.co.uk)

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**Book now**  
[bit.ly/jpsholidayclubs](http://bit.ly/jpsholidayclubs)



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#### WEEK ONE



#### Ready, Set, Explore

Kick off your adventure with unique crafts and mind-bending puzzles from around the world!



#### European Expedition

Build iconic landmarks and race through exciting European challenges!



#### African Safari

Craft masks, play safari animal games, and create wildlife scenes!



#### Spanish Fiesta

Make your own Castanets, design vibrant fans, and dance the flamenco to the beat!



#### Party in the USA

Create Hollywood stars, launch rockets, and tackle American football challenges!

#### WEEK TWO



#### Polar Express

Build igloos, discover ice science, and stretch with Arctic animal yoga!



#### Island Escape

Craft ocean wonders and take on the Water Olympics for some splash-filled fun!



#### Into the Outback

Build shelters, leap through challenges, and craft vibrant Aboriginal art!



#### Ancient Egypt

Build pyramids, craft ancient pottery, and race through a Pharaoh's tomb to escape!



#### The Final Flight

Compete in the Ultimate Explorer Relay and celebrate with a closing ceremony!



**Find your local venue and dates here**

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## 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.Poison@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Mel.Poison@wokingham.gov.uk)



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation  
**1 kg = £0.45**

## YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

### 18 MARCH TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

**WE ACCEPT**

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

**WE DON'T ACCEPT**

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvelts & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Brk-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

**PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!**

**RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES**

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