

# St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 13.12.24

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



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



Our Sing-Along-Fun choir, ably led by Miss Osborne and Miss Best, made a brilliant contribution to the Loddon Valley Carol Concert, having given up lots of lunchtimes to rehearse and learn hundreds of words. It was a wonderful evening of carols and Christmas songs, the perfect combination of a 400 strong children's choir and a full orchestra.



Jason and Gemma are busy preparing for Christmas Lunch next Wednesday. If you have ordered a meal for your child, please ensure their Scopay account is in credit. Pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper should they wish to on this donation free non-uniform day. Should you have any unwanted children's festive jumpers and would be happy to gift them to school, we will make sure they go to good homes.



Huge thanks to our PTA Committee for a fantastic Christmas Fair. With their army of willing helpers, pupils and staff, they pulled off another fabulous fundraiser. A special mention to our Y6 pupils, Nathaniel, Charlie, Adelaide, Hailey, Aita, Isobel, Charlotte, Mayuri, Mahathi, Tilly, Elly, Daisy, Alice, Megh and Sofia, who were brilliant at manning the games room. We are very grateful to everyone who came along to join in the fun, helping us raise £2456.93!

The children shone at every performance in church this week, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. They sang beautifully, read beautifully and their behaviour was outstanding - we are tremendously proud of them. The collection for Crisis raised £556.23, a wonderful amount to help homeless people with a safe place to stay, a Christmas meal and access to health practitioners. The fact that we had more parent volunteers than ever before, too many to mention here, made taking the children to and from church far easier than usual - thank you to everyone who lent a hand.

4P took us on a journey in their assembly this morning, stopping off at various points to share work from a range of subject areas. It was clear from the quality of their writing and explanations that the whole class have been 'on board' with the idea of working hard and giving their best. They were in good voice, delighting their audience with three renditions of 'Leave her Johnny' - well done 4P!

Have a good weekend - Mrs Taylor

## How to Contact A Member of Staff/Contacting the School Office

We do not distribute email addresses of teachers or any staff members and all communications should be sent via the school office.

Email [office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).

Whenever communicating with school, please remember to **include your child's full name and their class**. This leaves no room for error and ensures information swiftly reaches its intended recipient.

We require all messages to be in writing, including when advising of absences or that someone other than a parent will be collecting your child from school.

## Spring Term Extra Curricular Clubs

There are still spaces on some of our Spring Term extra-curricular clubs. Please see our website (parents >> extra-curricular clubs) if your child would like to join dance, gymnastics, Spanish, French, Just Play Sports (football and multi-skills). For our Sing-Along-Fun Club, follow this link [Sing-Along-Fun Booking Form](#)

## Singing at Oakingham Place's Christmas Party

Our Sing-Along-Fun Club members delighted the residents of Oakingham Place at their Christmas Party this afternoon. It was a brilliant performance and the children had a wonderful time singing Christmas Carols. The residents certainly enjoyed being their audience! Many thanks to Mrs Castello for helping with the visit.



## Sports News

It continues to be a hectic finish to the term. Last Tuesday the Y5/6 Girls football team were in action playing their Wokingham League matches. The girls began with a tense 0-0 draw against Floreat Montague. The teams were evenly matched with neither giving an inch. They then followed with a dominant display against Sonning who were playing in their very first School football match. The match finished 10-0. Our team will finish top of their group therefore qualifying for the Spring Cup competition next term. Well done to everyone who took part and a special mention to Elissa who was representing the school for the very first time.



On Wednesday our team took part in the School Games Boccia competition. There were a variety of different activities designed to improve their skills as well as a number of games against other schools. Everyone was fantastic and wonderful representatives of St. Paul's. Well done to our team!

On Friday the Y5/6 Mixed team participated in the Wokingham District Football Tournament. Everyone had a great time and it was lovely to see the whole team having fun. As always a big thank you to Mr Ohsan Ellis for coaching and encouraging the team.



Today we saw the final event for this term with our football teams playing in a friendly match against Dedworth Middle School from Windsor. Thank you to Dedworth for travelling over to Wokingham and giving our children a game. Both matches were excellent and it was wonderful to see so many children representing the school. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

## 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](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.

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	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch – Non Uniform (no donation necessary) – Christmas jumper optional.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am	6S Class Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00PM	Last Day of Term – 2PM FINISH
<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First Day of the Spring Term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday Clubs Start (taekwondo, chess, football)
Week Commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> January	All other Clubs Start – barring running club and netball club
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
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
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 8.40am	First Day Back After Half Term
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

**Let's come together to celebrate Christingle**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

**Come and join us!**

**Location:** ST. PAUL'S CHURCH  
READING ROAD  
WOKINGHAM

**Date:** 23rd December **Time:** 3.0pm and 5.0pm and

**To find out more, contact:**  
Louise on 0118 979 2122

christingle.org

Scan the QR code to find out more.

# Sing along fun

Does your child just love to sing?  
Do they sing in the car and around the house?  
Then we have just the club for you...

**When:** Tuesday lunchtimes  
at 12:50

**Where:** 5M classroom

[Book Sing-Along-Fun Club Here](#)