

PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 3rd May 2024

Our Paulton Junior School 6R values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Terms 5 & 6 Dates

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - No school

Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SATS Week

Friday 17th May – Year 6 Greek Day - Those History People

Tuesday 21st May - Class photos and Year 6 individual Leaver's photo

Friday 24th May - Last day of Term 5 - Half Term holiday

Monday 3rd June – Back to school

Monday 17th June - INSET DAY

Tuesday 18th June – Junior School Sports Day 1pm start

Thursday 4th July – Year 6 Move up day – visit to new schools

Friday 5th July – PTA Summer Fair 3.15pm onwards

Tuesday 23rd July - Break up- Last day of term 6

Visit Mr Doodle at The Holburne Museum

Paulton Junior School are one of just five partnership schools working with The Holburne Museum, Bath. Our pupils have been given 'Golden Tickets', valid from the beginning of May, to go free of charge with their families. There they will see the amazing work of Mr Doodle; interactive activities and workshops will also be available. Your child has brought their ticket home this week so why not have a fabulous family trip to The Holburne Museum, Bath and enjoy the delights of Mr Doodle.



Year 3 Trip

The Year 3 classes ventured out to Radstock Museum to learn about our local history. They were treated to a range of interactive activities. They learnt about what life was like for a mining family, what the conditions were like down a mine and experienced a lesson inside of a Victorian classroom, someone even volunteered to wear the dunce hat! It was great fun, exciting and an engaging morning with the children asking lots of questions and taking part in role play activities.

Lemmy said, "I really enjoyed learning about the mine and being able to go inside of one to see what it was like. One thing that I found really interesting was how they used to weigh their food when they went to the shop, it wasn't sold in packets."

Imogen said, "We learnt how hard it was for the miners to live during the Victorian times. I enjoyed seeing what the classroom was like for Victorian children. I would have liked to have been there!"





Lucy, a volunteer from the museum, remarked how knowledgeable, bright and engaged the pupils were and... 'Busy morning down the pit for John my coal miner hubby - with lots of new 7 and 8 year old recruits to train up. Meanwhile, I was slaving away in the miner's kitchen preparing food and washing clothes for my 11 children... then had to fetch the water and boil it on the range for the tin bath for the John and sons to wash the coal dust off on their return from the pit! Ugh exhausting!'





Uniform

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform. School shoes must be worn everyday unless it is a PE day. Also, no jewellery (except a watch and small ear studs), no nail varnish or make up. Use this link for the uniform list www.paultonjuniorschool.co.uk or https://www.paultonjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=58

Attendance

At Paulton Junior School the school day starts at 8.30am. Children need to be punctual and to be present when the register is taken. If late, your child should enter through the front of school and report to the office, they have arrived. Below, this table indicates how many learning hours that are lost when there is poor attendance. School have regular meetings with the Local Authority and with parents regarding attendance and can support families if there is a need.

Descriptor	Attendance Rate	Equivalent days attended	Days absence	Learning hours	School Actions
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	
Good	95% - 99%	180 – 189	1-10	5 – 50	
Cause for concern	90% - 94.9%	171 – 179	11-19	55 – 95	Parents to be made aware
Unsatisfactory	85% - 89.9%	161 – 170	20 – 29	100 – 145	Parents invited to discuss attendance
Serious cause for concern	80% - 84.9%	152 – 160	30 – 38	150 – 190	Education Welfare Officer becomes involved
Critical	Below 84.9%	Below 152 days	Greater than 38 days	Greater than 190	

Year 4 Field to Food Trip

Year 4 ventured to The Bath and West Showground earlier this term to explore British Farming and gain a greater understanding of British farm produce – the journey our food takes before it reaches our shops and homes. Watching sheep being shorn- seeing the fleece and feeling its texture, learning how to identify the Queen bee in an actual bee hive in front of us and creating the freshest apple juice from a Braeburn apple in our hands were just three of the many interactive stalls visited by all pupils. The year 4 pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the day and made all staff that attended very proud.

"I couldn't believe how tiny the piglets were. I wanted to take them home to sleep in my dog's bed." Bronson 4PW

"I enjoyed milking the fake cow." Eli 4B 'I liked feeling the seeds.; Bo 4B

"I loved learning about the farming machinery because it is interesting to find things out. I have always loved learning about vehicles." Leo 4W

Cricket Trip



A NICE DAY OUT AT THE CRICKET

On Wednesday 1st May, some of our Year 6 children journeyed to Somerset CCs County Ground in Taunton, to watch Western Storm take on South East Stars in a Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy match. We arrived under leaden skies and mild drizzle to (unfortunately) a delayed start. However, our spirits were not

dampened and the atmosphere bubbled like the finest

champagne as Team PJS found their voice cheering on local favourites Niamh Holland and England's Sophia Smale as they took to the field to try take advantage of the overcast bowling conditions. The only thing raining were sixes from the bats of the SE Stars openers, who got their team off to a flyer! Each boundary and (occasional) wicket was met with enthusiasm and excited cheers from the visiting fans - mainly us. Here's what the children thought.

"I loved cheering for Holland, she's an excellent bowler," William H

"I really loved the throwing games! Lucas and I held the record on the corn hole game," Archie R

"We loved getting our faces painted and playing games in the activity zone," Isla G "The SE Stars batted well but I think The Storm can chase it down. C'mon Holland!" Josh C



We left at the 'tea' interval with SE Stars having posted 298 for 5 in their 44 overs. (Scholfield 74, Davidson-Richards 65 and Cranstone 64*; Holland 2-59). As we left the ground, we were hopeful for a strong fightback from the Storm yet a little disappointed that we wouldn't get to enjoy the run chase. Overall, a good time was had by all.

Thanks to Miss Burke, Western Storm and Somerset Cricket for making the trip possible.



Netball Finals

On Tuesday 16th April, Paulton Junior School's Netball Squad competed in the Large Primary Stingers Netball Finals which they qualified for back in Term 1. As we were reminded on the day by the event organiser, the competition was fierce and we were in for a morning of competitive netball. The squad first competed in three Friendly Matches in the following order:

- 1. Paulton vs Stoke Bishop
- 2. Paulton vs St Nicholas
- 3. Paulton vs Headley Park

At the finish, the squad then took on Ashton Gate in the Friendly Final. The squad grew in confidence and ability with every match and enjoyed representing their school at such a prestigious venue which hopefully you can see in their beaming smiles on the photograph.



Miss Richards is extremely proud of all the girls who took part as they were resilient against experienced opposition and worked well together as a team.

Paulton Junior School Netball Squad:

Phoebe F, Poppy B, Darcey M, Darcey E, Seren A, Roxy O', Skye Y