



# PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### Learning Together, Learning For Life

#### Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

#### Diary Dates

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices rehearsals start running for 4 weeks

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – School Clubs begin running for 4 weeks

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Skern Lodge Camp

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Term 4 begins. Clubs re-start running for 4 weeks

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices Concert

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – School Clubs end

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Dance Umbrella Show

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Term 4 Ends

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Term 5 begins

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3. It has been a positive start to the term, with a good deal happening, whilst establishing all of the important routines and expectations in school.



A **huge thank you** from all of the School Council Members and staff at Paulton Junior School for supporting the '**Very Merry Mile**' fundraiser before Christmas. We had such a lot of fun completing the run. There were smiles all round and the children enjoyed doing their part to raise funds for their much-loved Forest School. We are proud to announce that we have raised an amazing **£2600** which is a huge amount of money and goes a long way towards the funds required to complete the work in our Forest School area.

## Year 5 Space Night, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The sky was clear, the planets and stars did not disappoint! As part of their science learning on Space, the year 5 children were treated to an incredible evening. Last week, they came back into school to be inspired by the night sky. The report below is written by some of the children.

We were lucky enough to be visited by Bath Astronomers. We had so much fun and did some amazing learning!

### Planetarium

So first of all, we went in to a portable planetarium and watched a short video. We learned how an astronaut survives in space and we also learned about Rosemary Coogan. She is training to be an astronaut and you can follow her progress online.



### Telescopes

Using amazing telescopes, we got to look at Jupiter and the storms on Jupiter itself. We also managed to see 3 of Jupiter's moons! We had the experience of seeing what the craters on the moon looked like, through telescopes tracking.

### Paper Rockets

We did a fun activity that included craft skills. We followed step by step instructions to create paper rockets, we got to decorate them. Finally, we got to launch them to the moon and back down to the Earth.

**JACOB B, MAIA B AND ELI P - 5SG**



### Badminton Tournament

#### **HOORAY! CONGRATULATIONS TEAM**

On 14<sup>th</sup> January, four Year 6 children visited Norton Hill School and took part in a Badminton Tournament.

Drum roll please .... **Paulton Juniors won!**

Taryn, Olivia, Fletcher and Jaylin were so resilient and really put in every effort to do their best and improve their skills and technique.

The progression the children made was phenomenal and they should be extremely proud of themselves for not losing a game and scoring the highest points.



### Extra- Curricular clubs

**Extra- Curricular clubs** at lunchtime and after school, start next week – **beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January for 4 weeks. They will continue for 4 weeks from 25<sup>th</sup> February in Term 4.** This is a commitment and there is an expectation that if your child has signed up for a club, they need to attend or send their apologies. The staff take time to plan the sessions and create the opportunities for the children to enjoy taking part in such fun and engaging activities. Your child will have received the list of clubs that they will be attending and will bring this home from school.

## Ten-Pin Bowling



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, a group of Year 5 children visited Bath Leisure Centre for a Ten-Pin Bowling event. They had a lot of fun and scored some of the highest points. Some of the children had never bowled before and were so excited and grateful for the opportunity.



## PTA Fundraiser



The PTA met this week to discuss the progress of the fundraising campaign; also to plan new events for the rest of the school year. Everyone is thrilled by the wonderful fundraising that has happened so far and hope to continue the momentum and enthusiasm. The pupils and families at our school have been

phenomenal in supporting all the events: disco, buying cards and of course the sponsored Merry Mile.

So far the grand total raised in just two terms is **£6317**

If you would like to get involved and help with an event or even have a go at your own fundraiser, please see the details on the school website or contact via email [PTA@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk)



## Open Door Friday

Open Door Friday is an opportunity for all parents/ carers to come into school to look at your child's learning. Once the children come out of school to greet you, please come into the classroom and celebrate and share the work that your child has been doing.

## School Uniform Reminders

It is important that everyone upholds the school dress code as this reflects our high standards and expectations. Please note the following: children are permitted to school shoes, not boots, and trainers can only be worn on PE days. The only jewellery allowed is stud earrings – no bracelets, rings, necklaces or hoop earrings. Nail varnish or make-up is not permitted. Thank you for your support in meeting our standards.

## Mobile phones and Smart devices

This is a reminder to everyone that personal smart devices- mobile phones, fitbit step trackers, watches that have any smart technology are **NOT** allowed in school. Thank you for supporting our decision and school policy to keep everyone safe.

## Governor Recruitment

Would you be interested in becoming a school governor? Paulton Junior School currently looking for **new governors** from within our local community, to join our Governing Body. Our school governors are volunteers from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience who all share a common interest in striving for the best possible education, for the children in our school.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor of the school please contact the school office 01761 418137 or email the Chair of Governors Simon Memory [chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk) for a recruitment pack.



## Super Pirates

If you are in need of childcare, remember that there is wrap-around care provision -Super Pirates- at Paulton Infant School. This is also available to Junior School pupils. It's led by a team of play workers, actors, teachers and early year professionals.

The breakfast club is 7.30am-8.30am £7 and after school club 3pm-6pm £13.50. Breakfast and a healthy snack included. If you are interested in your child attending please contact them directly [@superpirates.co.uk](mailto:@superpirates.co.uk)

## B&NES Information

The following details of the upcoming Parental Knife Crime Awareness events held by the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP).

### Knife crime awareness events

Join us at

**Newbridge Primary School**  
Wednesday 22nd January, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

**Chew Valley School**  
Monday 10th February, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and carers in B&NES are invited to learn about the devastating impact of knife crime and how they can support young people to steer away from its dangers of a series of events. You will hear from a guest speaker with lived experience who has been personally affected by knife crime. There will be an opportunity to hear about the support available for children and families in B&NES and view a partnership film on county lines.

There will also be a panel discussion with an opportunity to ask questions.

Free tickets can be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](#), search for **B&NES VRP** to find your nearest event.

The event is organised by the Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership which aims to prevent and reduce violence in our area.

**Any questions about the event can be emailed to**  
[VRP\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)

**Or book** your ticket now on [Eventbrite](#)

**For more information visit**  
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