



# PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

### Learning Together, Learning For Life

#### Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

#### Diary Dates

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Dance Umbrella Show  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Rocksteady Concert 10.30am  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parents Evening  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 Ukulele Concert 9.35am  
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  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 5 Bikeability begins  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 4 Field to Food Trip  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Current Year 5 Parents/Carers Skern Lodge Meeting 3.15pm  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Class and Year 6 Leavers School Photos  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 5 Zoo Trip  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Term 5 Ends  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Term 6 begins

#### PJS Choir Shines at Young Voices!

On Wednesday 26th February, the PJS Choir had an unforgettable experience performing at Young Voices in Birmingham! The energy in the arena was incredible as thousands of children came together to sing, dance, and celebrate music. We were especially inspired by the amazing acts, including the phenomenal dancers from Urban Strides, who had everyone up on their feet! A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for giving up their time to make this possible and to our fantastic parents for their support—and for raving with their kids! We're already counting down to next year!



## Tree planting

Volunteers from PiP (Pride in Paulton) helped us to plant the first 7 apple trees along the fence by the path between the playground and the playscape. We also planted daffodil bulbs in front of each tree and a rosemary bush on the end. The trees were donated by Thatchers Cider. We are hoping to add bug houses, more fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, rhubarb and herbs along the fences for everyone in the village to enjoy and eventually pick as they walk along the path.



## Bath Rugby Foundation

On Monday 10th March, children from across the school had an exciting trip to Bath Leisure Centre, where they worked alongside the Bath Rugby Foundation. The children took part in a variety of rugby-style games, both indoors and outdoors, learning new skills and strategies. The day ended with a fun game of kick tennis, where the pupils showcased their excellent teamwork and nurturing skills, supporting one another and working together to succeed. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, learning, and fun!



## World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and pupils for making this year's World Book Day a truly memorable event at PJS! We loved seeing everyone's creative costumes and the fantastic homework creations that showcased so many beloved characters, stories and authors.

Throughout the day, children took part in a variety of exciting activities to celebrate a range of books and authors. Along with many other activities, they participated in an exhilarating book trail, took on drama challenges that brought their favourite stories to life and tested their knowledge with fun and engaging quizzes. It really was a fantastic opportunity to share a love of reading.

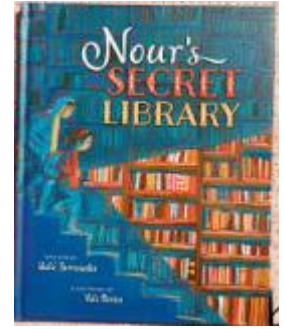
We are so proud of everyone for embracing the spirit of World Book Day and making it an inspiring experience for all pupils – and staff!

Thank you once again for your continued support



## Year 4

In Year 4, we have been exploring Nour's Secret Library by Wafa Tarnowska. A narrative which transported us to Damascus, Syria, where two children named Nour and Amir created a safe haven for their family and friends during the civil war. Our main focus this term has been to write an additional scene for the book: a scene where Nour finds a friendly soldier using the library and they bond over their love of books and reading.



4F: Then Nour stopped immediately in her tracks; it felt like someone was watching her. It could only be described as the Greek Goddess Medusa's glare gazing over her. **Nia**

Suddenly, out of nowhere, the bookcase collapsed into pieces of splinters and ash that surely alerted the soldier. The footsteps became louder and louder and quicker and quicker. **Luke**

4M: As Nour was sucking up all of her bravery and determination, she tripped over a broken, Victorian ladder and a big THUD filled the room. As she sat there frozen in fear, she heard footsteps coming closer and closer. **Ronnie**

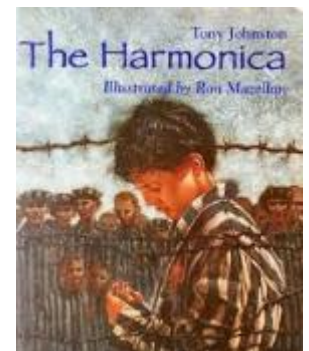
The soldier looked around, he found nothing he wanted, but then, he stepped on something. What was it? It was a book, the soldier smiled with tears in his eyes dropping onto his cheek. **Isabella**

4W: Automatically, without any time to think, Nour zoomed across the library's carpeted floor, almost skidding on her way, to find a place to hide. Petrified and scared, Nour watched the movement of the fading candle held by the man pacing around the library. **Willow P.**

Suddenly, amongst all of the ancient books and towering shelves, they saw a shadow flickering in the distance. There was something lurking in their LIBRARY! **Mya**

## Year 6

Year 6 are captivated by our Term 4 picture books: The Harmonica by Tony Johnston and Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti : two stories that narrate the second world war through the eyes of children from this period in history. Year six have written character descriptions of a young boy who was taken from his humble family life to a concentration camp; his Harmonica became the invisible string to his former life and a reassuring, daily hope.



6PL: Marcin had a musical talent which many didn't have – his music flowed from key to key and the music made the life change of whoever listened. **Elsie-Rose**

Despite having the darkest moments at the camp, the melody so pure and loving, echoed off the walls knitting a duvet of warmth. **Daisy**

6R: Determination held his fragile body upright despite desperately desiring to collapse to the ground. In his hand he grasped his most prized possession – his harmonica, a gift from his father. **William Higgs**

His body was frail, his stomach was empty, his head screamed to escape his merciless captors, yet stood tall as a tree battling the relentless winds that attempted to knock him down. **Phoebe**

6S: Being together was important to Marcin. Dancing, singing and playing music was them having one soul, one heart; one body. **Hannah**

They would dance to music all night long. In Marcin's house, breathing was like singing. **Felix**



**In History**, Year 6 have started to consider the impact of The Second World War on our local community of Paulton, starting with a local walk to The War Memorial in the centre of Paulton. On return, children researched inscribed names – considering each individual’s family life, work life and the impact their loss had on loved ones and the local community.

The Netball Team had a match this week against St Vigor & St John Primary School. They were resilient and improved their attacking and defending skills throughout the game. The result was 0-8 to St Vigor. The girls were in good spirits and enjoyed the opportunity to take part and represent the school.

The Boys’ Football team have been successful recently with a victory over Westfield 7-2 and a match against St John’s MSN 6-0. All the players really work well as a team and have had positive attitudes.

Thanks to the teachers who make these fixtures possible.



### **Become a school governor**

Paulton Junior School is a maintained school, currently looking for people 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.

You may be a parent, a relative, a friend/ neighbour who lives in the community or retired and wants to give back and volunteer. If you have skills in HR, finance, business, teaching, administration or other experience please get in contact to find out about the role and how you can make a positive impact as a governor. Get in touch- Contact school 01761 418137 or email [chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk)

**PAULTON SCHOOLS PTA**

## CHALLENGE YOURSELF FOR FOREST SCHOOL!

Can you run an event and help raise money for Forest School? It's easy to set up a page via our Forest School GoodHub Campaign

[www.goodhub.com/go/paulton-pta-forest-school-campaign](http://www.goodhub.com/go/paulton-pta-forest-school-campaign)

just click the FUNDRAISE button and follow the instructions. Money should be raised within your family and friends not at school.

Paper sponsorship forms are available.

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