



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

Learning Together, Learning For Life

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd November – Term 2 Begins – Clubs restart running for 4 weeks

Tuesday 18th November – School Discos

Monday 24th November – Nasal Flu Vaccines

Tuesday 25th November – School Photos

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 9th December – Rocksteady Christmas Concert (morning)

Thursday 11th December – Year 3 Parent Christmas Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 12th December – Year 4 Parent Christmas Assembly 2.15pm

Monday 15th December – Year 5 Parent Christmas Assembly 2.15pm

Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Parent Christmas Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 19th December – End of Term 2

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January – Term 3 Begins

Wednesday 14th January – Young Voices Concert

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February – Year 6 Camp Skern Lodge

Friday 13th February – End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February – Term 4 Begins

Year 6 SATS week Monday 11th May -Thursday 14th May 2026

It's been a very busy and positive first term back at Paulton Junior School. From the first in September, the pace and the dedication of staff to provide an enriching and purposeful education has been non-stop. There has been lots of learning, visits and events that the pupils and staff have been involved in to ensure we nurture, learn and grow to attain the best outcomes. Thank you to parents and carers who have attended parents' evenings, we hope that these proved helpful and we look forward to the next term. At the end of the newsletter there are a few events advertised in the local community, you may find useful. Have a restful half term holiday.



Harvest Collection for Food Bank

The Food Bank were very grateful for all the kind donations for the charity. They came to collect their boxes and were delighted with the generosity from our families. Thank You so much.



Year 3's Monumental Trip to Stonehenge!

Last week, our Year 3 pupils had a great day travelling back in time on a double-decker coach for their amazing visit to the world-famous Stonehenge.

As part of their history topic on the Stone Age, the children walked an ancient route to the stones, enjoying the beautiful countryside and spotting long barrows along the way.

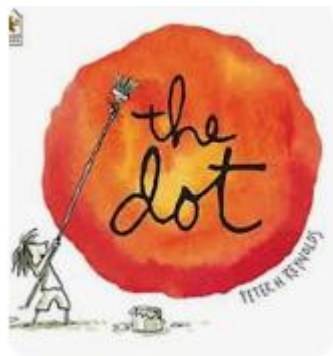
They were amazed by the sheer size of the giant sarsen stones and had a wonderful picnic lunch right next to the ancient monument.

After lunch, they explored the visitor centre, looking at Stone Age artefacts and exhibits. The children had lots of ideas, pondering what Stone Age people might have used Stonehenge for—was it a temple, a calendar, or something else entirely?

It was a brilliant day of hands-on history that brought their classroom learning to life. All the children behaved beautifully and represented Paulton Junior School with pride. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make the trip such a memorable success!



Dot Day



All of PJS came together to celebrate Dot Day this year in conjunction with Stand Up To Racism. We demonstrated our individual talents and unique gifts through an afternoon of art inspired by the book 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. Through communication, collaboration and self-expression children all contributed towards beautiful artworks which were self-directed and were then shared with the wider school community during open door Friday. Great fun was had by all!



Show Racism The Red Card



Last week, all the staff and children at PJS came to school wearing red clothes and accessories in support of Show Racism the Red Card. It was such a valuable day and part of the week in which we learnt about the importance of celebrating diversity and difference, also Black History



Month. In assembly and in class children were encouraged to talk and learn about Equality, Equity, Inclusion and the protected characteristics. Rod Dixon, who is a trustee Bath Black Families Education Support Group, was a guest in assembly. He spoke about his life growing up in Bath: explaining about his parents lives, being part of the Windrush generation and moving to Bath in the early 1960s. His mother worked as a nurse and later became involved in the local area, supporting families. She was instrumental in setting up the Saturday Supplementary School for Black and Minority Ethnic children at Riverside Youth Centre in Bath. Many of those young people attending moved on to higher education and university. This group in later years became Bath Black Families Education Support Group. This group is still in operation 24 years on – What an achievement! She also helped to establish Mosaic (a mental health support group for the Black and Minority Ethnic community. She later received an MBE in recognition for her community and charity work. It was a very powerful and emotive assembly which gave real insight into his life and a message of showing respect and acceptance of all.



We are all different and unique and should be celebrated! Not discriminated.

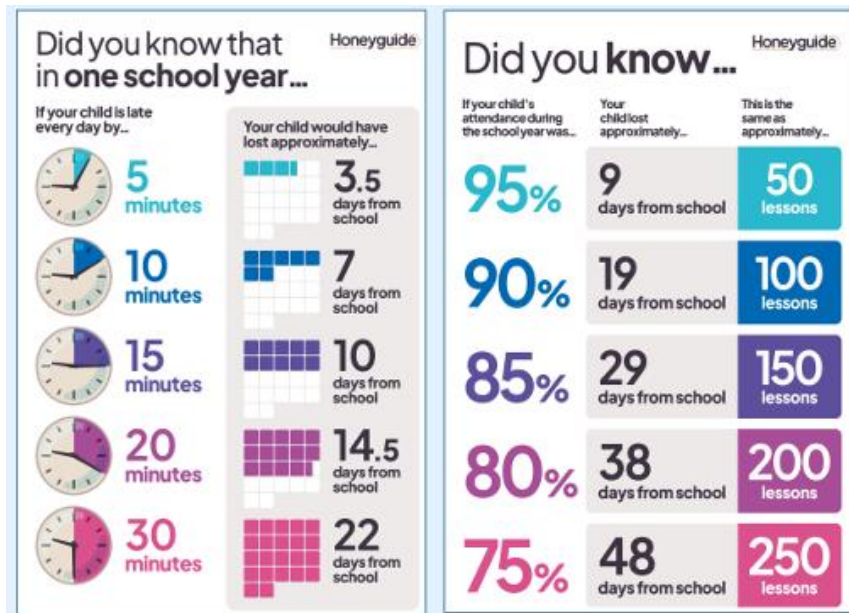


Learning about Equality and diversity has made me want to find out about my heritage.

By Year 6 pupil

ATTENDANCE - DfE statutory attendance guidance - 'Attendance Counts'

There has been growing national concern regarding declining school attendance rates across the UK. In response, the Department for Education introduced statutory guidance, aimed at reducing term-time holidays and unauthorised absences, and supporting families whose children are struggling to attend. The primary goal of these measures is to ensure that children do not miss out on their education. Every lesson is a crucial part of your child's learning journey, and frequent absences can significantly hinder their progress. Thank you for your continued cooperation in supporting your child's education and attendance at school.



Netball match

The afterschool netball club played a match against St Mary's Timsbury. They were very resilient and really improved during the game. Miss Richards was proud of their efforts and determination against a strong, developed side. All the PJS players improved and became familiar with the game and tactics in defence and attack. On this occasion they didn't win however, they can build upon this first experience and be proud of themselves.



VICTORY FOR PAULTON IN SEASON OPENER!



Our school football season kicked off in spectacular style with a fantastic 14-0 win against Norton Hill Primary School.

It was the first game of the season, and the team was clearly excited to be back on the pitch. They played some amazing football from the very first whistle, moving the ball around fluidly and working together as a team. The passing was crisp, the movement was smart, and their hard work led to plenty of goals. It was a brilliant performance from everyone involved.

A huge well done to the entire team for their hard work, sportsmanship and for representing the school so well. We're looking forward to the next match!

Cross-Country

Year 5 & 6 pupils represented the school in the B&NES annual cross-country event at Odd Down playing fields. Over 30 Primary schools took part and all of our pupils completed the course; running individually but also for a team place. They cheered, encouraged and supported each other throughout and really tried their best. Well done to all competitors.



Friday 26th September was a beautiful day for a visit to the gardens at the Newt near Castle Carey with Mrs Shackleton.



Alfie, Amber, Jessie and Marcus worked so hard in the school garden last year that a visit to the Newt was a small way of saying thank you.

We visited the spitting toad first where everyone laughed when Mrs Shackleton got wet first. We then toured the flower gardens and took lots of photographs in the vegetable garden and around the small lake.

Close-up of a borage flower. Photo by Jessie





Close-up of the blue glass newt in the bottom of the pool. Photo by Amber



Photo by Alfie



Reflections of a lovely day out

Jessie and Amber in the willow egg. Photo by Marcus



Community News

Half Term events

Children bring your adults along in pursuit of the planets. Find them all and win a small FREE prize.

www.radstockmuseum.co.uk for opening hours and admission fees.

Or visit Sound Church in Bath for a Glow Party on 31st October for a fun, scare-free, trauma informed event.



SOMERSET COALFIELD LIFE
RADSTOCK MUSEUM

Planet Pursuit

Half Term Children's Trail at Radstock Museum

25th October - 2nd November 2025

Head off in pursuit of all 8 planets with Alex the astronaut. Find them all & win a FREE prize!

Activity FREE for museum visitors. Usual ticket admission prices apply.

Check www.radstockmuseum.co.uk for opening hours and admission charges.

Charity no: 151575 company no: 07442552 tel: 01761 437792 radstockmuseum.co.uk



You are invited to a fun, scare-free, trauma informed

GLOW PARTY

For Reception to Year 6 aged children

Glow face painting, lights, games, pinata dancing & events!

What to wear: Bright colours, neon & glow in the dark! No Halloween costumes please!

Plus free hot drink for adults

Friday 31st October
5:30PM - 6:30PM
at Sound Church
Lower Bristol Road, Bath, BA2 1EP
Book your tickets at soundchurch.co.uk/events



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

<p>Bath Central Library National Trust, Bath Abbey & American Musuem & Gardens family workshop</p> <p>Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>Keynsham Library Fashion Museum, Bath Drop in. Hands-on design activities. A chance to hear about the museum's brilliant collection</p> <p>Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>Storytime Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>Midsomer Norton Library Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>Storytime Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>Board Game Saturday's</p> <p>Mobile Library The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.</p>	<p>Wednesday 29 October 2.00pm - 4.00pm Drop In</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00am Every Wednesday (term-time only)</p> <p>Thursday 30 October Friday 31 October 9.30am - 4.00pm</p> <p>9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am Every Tuesday (term-time only) 10.30 - 11.00am Every Thursday (term-time only)</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00am Every Monday (term-time only)</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00am Every Wednesday (term-time only) Every Saturday</p>	<p>Spooky fun at B&NES Libraries during Half Term Week</p> <p>In all B&NES Libraries join us for some festive fun with Halloween themed colouring and crafts in our children's area.</p> <p>Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October. During opening hours.</p>
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For the Route Timetable, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

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