



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025

Learning Together, Learning For Life

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th December - Year 6 Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 19th December - End of Term 2

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January - Term 3 begins

Tuesday 6th January - Young Voices additional rehearsal 3-4pm

Monday 12th January - Young Voices final rehearsal 3-4pm

Wednesday 14th January - Young Voices

Wednesday 28th January - Year 4 Trip to Bristol Museum

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February - Year 6 Camp to Skern Lodge

Friday 13th February - End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February - Term 4 begins

School Council

This term School Council have been working hard to raise money for charity. They first conducted votes in their classes for pupils to vote for a charity they would like to raise money for and that was important to them. The winning votes were for the RSPCA. Councillors then began drafting ideas for ways to raise money. With the Christmas fair at the end of this term they decided to run a stall: **Guess the name of the teddy**. The children raised an impressive **£24.50** and the winning name was Fudgie. Fudgie was presented to his new owner: Arthur in the infant school, by Matilda and Solly. Well done School Council, raising money for such a good cause!



Eco Club

Eco Club this term has completed 2 litter picks around the school grounds and collected, unfortunately a lot of litter! We are encouraging everyone to use the bins or composter around the school to help protect our lovely school grounds.

We are also working hard on an initiative that we are going to introduce next term, encouraging pupils to use less single use plastic. Our focus will be on our lunch boxes and how we can reduce the use of single use plastic by using reusable pots/containers to bring our food into school.

Watch this space for more information!

Year Group Christmas Assemblies

Thank you all once again for supporting your children as young performers. Each year group is performing their Christmas celebration assemblies for parents and carers over the next few days. The children have been singing with such enthusiasm and it has been a delight to watch them prepare; rehearse, practise and perfect. These occasions are such an important part of the school year, as the assembly provides the opportunity for you to come and visit the school during the day as well as enjoy seeing our children shine on stage. As we know, it requires confidence to perform songs, play music or read aloud in front of an audience. For some children, it is their first time and we feel very proud of everyone's achievements.

Year 3 performed The Christmas Nativity. All the children participated, retelling the Christmas story through songs and reading aloud. The songs were interwoven with a mix of traditional carols and modern songs. Even an oldie had a revamp- I'm a believer could be heard throughout the school as the children entertained us with an encore.

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed bringing Julia Donaldson's 'The Christmas Pine' to life in their Christmas assembly this year. The children became confident storytellers as they retold this heart-warming poem which celebrates the annual tradition of Norway gifting a Christmas tree to Britain, a tree that is proudly displayed in Trafalgar Square, each year. The children took great pride in reciting and performing the poem, sharing their hard work and excitement during the Christmas season. They also impressed us with some fabulous singing and a touch of festive glockenspiel too!

Year 5 have really enjoyed retelling a poem interpretation of the pantomime 'Cinderella'. They have amazed us with their confidence and musical talents! They have been rehearsing all term in their music lessons and have worked together to sing along to the ukelele chords for not one, but two of their songs. They have also been learning the French version of Jingle Bells and have learnt sign language to accompany 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' – they are true linguists! Well done Year 5.

Year 6 –their Christmas assembly is on Tuesday and we look forward to being entertained by their retell rap of 'T'was a night before Christmas' and a range of jolly jokes to keep the festive fun alive!



Christmas Rocksteady Concert – Tuesday 9th December

What a fantastic way to celebrate the festive season! On Tuesday 9th December, an enthusiastic and energetic crowd gathered for our annual Christmas Rocksteady Concert, and they were certainly not disappointed.

The show was brilliantly led by our inspiring band leader Alex, who guided the performances with passion, humour and festive cheer. Taking to the stage were our nine amazing Rocksteady bands, each bringing their own unique style and huge amounts of talent:

The Cool Kids	The Rocking Pumpkins	The Crazy Koalas
The K-Pop Diamond Hunters	The Pizza Eating Koalas	The Soy Sauce Sushis
The Grizzly Old Shoebrushes	Hell Divers	The Evil Goals

Every band delivered a performance to be proud of. The progress our young musicians have made this year is truly incredible — from growing in confidence to mastering new skills, they continue to amaze us with their dedication and enthusiasm.



A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support, encouragement and for helping make events like this possible.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to even more brilliant music-making in the New Year! 🌲 ✨

PTA



What a wonderful Christmas Fair! Thank you everyone for attending the event. It was a great success, with a variety of stalls, fun games and many prizes to win. The news of the grand total raised will be shared shortly. The funds will be divided between both schools and go towards paying for school resources.

Junior School Discos

Both lower school and upper school pupils had an incredible turn out for their Glow Discos. The children were entertained by the music from DJ-Mr. Smith whilst they showed off their dance moves with staff and PTA who helped at the event. Once again, funds have been raised to support the learning within our school, thank you.

Our PTA raises funds for both the Infant and Junior School. If you can help at an event or would like to be a member of the PTA please get in touch and email PTA@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk

Year 3

This term we have been learning about different climates in Geography. The children have enjoyed researching the hottest and coldest parts of the worlds and what a tropical climate is. Year 3 have especially enjoyed learning about animals that live in these climates and what grows and doesn't grow there.

In P.E we have exerted a lot of energy on the fields, passing, dodging and creating space in tag rugby. The children have had a lot of fun despite the colder weather!

In D.T we have been investigating ways to strengthen paper and create structures. Children have designed a Christmas photograph frame, using all the skills they have learnt. They are looking forward to bringing these precious gifts home soon!

Year 4

This term, Year 4 have delved into the world of Ancient Egypt - a topic that has inspired learning across many of our subjects. In English, the children have been captivated by Joe Todd-Stanton's 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx', an adventurous tale that has sparked some wonderfully engaging story writing as well as impressively persuasive letters. It has been fantastic to see the children's curiosity and fascination with Ancient Egypt shine through in their work.



In History, pupils have explored many aspects of Ancient Egyptian life, from mummification and pharaohs to everyday routines, approaching each lesson with great enthusiasm and curiosity. This excitement has extended into DT, where the children have worked creatively to design and make their own pop-up books inspired by our topic. They have applied a range of folding mechanisms to produce some truly impressive creations!

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming school trip in January, where the children will take part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop and learn even more about this fascinating ancient civilisation.

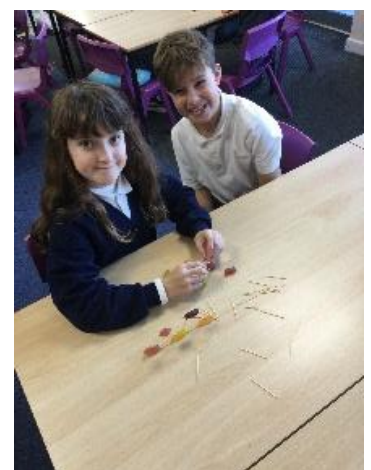
Year 5



Year Five have had an exciting and practical few weeks in science! The children have been exploring different forces through hands-on experiments, including creating parachutes to investigate air resistance. They have also investigated friction, water resistance and buoyancy. See the Year 5 Page for more photos!

They also enjoyed a visit from **Wessex Water**, where they learned about the importance of saving water, as well as revisiting the water cycle and the three states of water: solid, liquid and gas. They were very thoughtful in their suggestions of how to save water and how the lack of water could impact the world around us.

In addition, in D.T., the class has been studying the structural engineering of bridges and have been using their new knowledge to design and create impressive bridge models of their own. We were so impressed by how strong their bridges were – well done Year 5!



Year 6

Year Six impressed Wessex Water with their knowledge of The Water Cycle in a recent workshop held at school. Through many collaborative activities, children used their scientific and geography skills to explore images and facts presented to them. Climate change was considered and the importance of being responsible for the future of our precious world was taken on board by each and every member of Year Six. Practical demonstrations and experiments carried out by the children themselves brought discussions to life and inspired many questions that our expert from Wessex Water was able to answer. What a pleasure to watch our Year Six pupils represent our school with such a genuine interest and care for the future of our planet.

In D.T. we have been busily designing Christmas decorations and over the coming week, we will be bringing these designs to life with our sewing skills. Make space on the Christmas tree for a bespoke, hand-made creation that will certainly hang with pride.

Church assemblies

Last week, Year 5 and 6 visited Holy Trinity Church for a Christmas service, hosted by vicar Adam Pitt. The service highlighted the story of the Bible and how people had been waiting for the long-anticipated arrival of Jesus and how many before had struggled to spread the message of God. Reverend Pitt spoke about the importance of Christmas and the hope it brings. The children also sang beautifully and took part in a lively rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, which was enjoyed by everyone. Staff were extremely proud of the pupils' respectfulness throughout the visit and their thoughtful and mature contributions to vicar's questions. Year 3 & 4 visit next week.



SPORTS events @PJS

Paulton Girls Show Spirit in Narrow 2–1 Defeat

Our Paulton girls' football team put in a brave and determined performance against St Vigors, despite a narrow 2–1 defeat. The team worked tirelessly from kick-off, showing excellent teamwork and resilience throughout the match.

St Vigors scored twice in the first half, both through superb solo runs by their talented striker. Despite this, our girls regrouped at half-time and came out fighting in the second half, showing real determination and belief as they pushed to get back into the game.

The Prestigious Holburne Museum Visits Paulton Junior School

The Holburne Museum brought intrigue and enjoyment to a group of Year 4 and 5 children this term when they delivered a workshop entitled 'Sensing Sculpture'. Children explored different sculptures from past to present day and gained inspiration to create their own mud rock and wire, figure sculpture. Take a look at the cabinets, placed in reception, to see these masterpieces. It is a real privilege to be a Partnership School of The Holburne Museum, Bath and we look forward to future workshops and visits in the new year.



Healthy snacks

We kindly ask that you send healthy snacks with your child to school. Nutritious options help keep students energised and focused throughout the day. We suggest and promote that children bring for example: fresh fruits or vegetables, yogurt, whole-grain crackers, cheese sticks, fruit or cereal bars (without chocolate). We are a NO NUT school, therefore please check the ingredients of some of the cereal bars. Thank you for your support to encourage healthy choices and lifestyles.

The Parent Carer Forum <https://banespcf.co.uk/>

The BANES Parent Carer Forum are an independent, parent-led organisation supporting families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in Bath & North East Somerset, from birth to age 25. Run by parent carers, for parent carers, they understand the challenges, and the joys, that come with navigating the SEND journey. They host events – many with guest speakers- throughout the year for parents and carers to attend. Have a look at their website and find out more.

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