



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026

Learning Together, Learning For Life

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Diary Dates

Friday 17th July – End of Term
Monday 20th July – INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st July – INSET DAY
Thursday 3rd September – INSET DAY
Friday 4th September - INSET DAY
Monday 7th September – Start of Term 1

Hot school meals are returning this September!

As you are aware, we are delighted to share the news that hot school meals for every child is returning to Paulton Junior School this September!

We have partnered with MSNP Catering Services to bring healthy, warm lunches back to school, with three daily meal choices available to ensure there is something for everyone!

The new meals' service will be available from Monday 7th September, when we return for the new academic year.

Many of you have shared how important hot school meals are to your families. Now that they are back, the future of this service rests entirely on parent support. We look forward to our school community actively using and supporting this service to ensure hot food stays at our school for good!



Thank you to all of you who have already signed up to School Grid ready to order your child's meals, every week.



Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC) Success



We are *incredibly* proud of our Year 4 children for their outstanding performance in the Multiplication TimesTables Check this year. Their hard work, determination and dedication really paid off, with an amazing **66% of the year group achieving a full score of 25/25**.

This is **SIGNIFICANTLY** above the national average of **44%**, reflecting the effort the children have put into practising their times tables throughout the year. **The average score for our pupils was an amazing 24.1 and the national average was 21.6**

Congratulations to every child for their fantastic achievement—we couldn't be prouder. Thanks also to the year 4 teachers-Miss Walker, Miss Burke, Miss Russett, Mrs Redwood and Mrs Davis- plus parents who have worked hard to support the children in practicing and recall their times tables in preparation for the test.



FABULOUS SATs Results – Well Done to Year 6



We are delighted to share the incredible end of Key Stage 2 SATs results with you. These truly reflect the hard work and effort that the year 6 pupils and teaching staff have made to help support the children in their learning and preparation for their secondary school. The results are the best that the school has achieved for past few years and this is such a celebration to share. In SPAG, Reading Writing and Maths, the results are significantly above the National Average. The Combined KS2 Reading, Writing and Maths is also above the national comparison.

Thanks also to Mrs Pearson, Mr Smith, Mrs Langan, Mrs Jones, Mrs Scott and Mrs Grainger.

Paulton Junior School SATs results at end of KS2 2026

End of KS2 Results 2026	PJS 2026 Result % at EXPECTED	PJS 2026 Result % at HIGHER STANDARD	National 2026 Result % at EXPECTED
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	84% Av SS 106.3	39%	74% Av SS 105
Reading	81% Av SS 105.6	35%	75% Av SS 106
Writing (Teacher Assessment moderated)	75%	16%	73%
Maths	89% Av SS 105.8	25%	75% Av SS 105
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	67%	5%	63%

Av SS = Average Standardised Score

PTA



THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to fundraise or donate to the school PTA. We are forever grateful to you supporting our events as all the money goes towards improving the learning opportunities for your children.

The total raised from this year's SUMMER FAIR was **£1,717.83**

If you would like to volunteer at the PTA or have some fundraising ideas please get in contact

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SPORTS DAY - Congratulations to Beech!

A few weeks ago, it was the annual PJS Sports Day. It's always a fantastic day where everyone comes together to enjoy competing and representing a house team. After a series of thrilling races and closely contested events, we were delighted to announce Beech as this year's overall Sports Day champions! A massive congratulations to everyone in Beech for their fantastic teamwork and effort.

Incredible Spirit and Sportsmanship

While Beech took home the trophy, every single student was a winner. We could not be prouder of all our children. The sportsmanship, motivation and friendly competitiveness on display were truly inspiring. Whether sprinting across the finish line, cheering on teammates, or helping up a friend, our children embodied the absolute best values of Paulton Junior School. Some children smashed records and others were embracing the opportunity to 'have a go' at a new event or practice a skill in the house team games.

An event like this wouldn't be possible without our amazing school community. We want to extend a huge **thank you to all the parents, carers, and families** who came out to support the children. Your enthusiastic cheering, help, and positive energy truly helped make this Sports Day a fantastic and memorable event



BATH in BLOOM – GOLD AWARD

This year, Paulton Junior School has achieved the highest marks Bath in Bloom have ever awarded it and the top award of Gold for its wonderful achievements. It has been a joy for the judges to see what the children and the school have achieved.



Steve Rae has sent his comments to Mrs Shackleton and Mrs Rawlings in which he praises the efforts of everyone involved in creating the wonderful planting environments, around the school. *"We enjoyed meeting all the many brilliant children involved in making your gardens so special and they gave us a wonderful tour! We love the new garden area at the front of the school which is a big and impressive project! It makes a beautiful entrance to the school."*



It is also great to see that the beautiful flowers and shrubs planted by the children are growing so well in the flower beds beside the fence alongside Plumptre Close and this provides a lovely approach to the school gates.

The main garden areas beside the classrooms, with your wonderful established flower beds, fruit trees and delicious seasonal fruit and vegetables are looking superb. We love to see what the children are growing and it is a special place for them to enjoy.

The fruit trees and colourful flowers planted beside the public footpath leading to the swimming pool are looking great and provide a lovely community benefit to the people of Paulton as well as to the school.

The day of our visit was very hot and the Forest School area was full of children enjoying the learning spaces and cool places to sit or play without being roasted by the sun!

*It is also very special that children have produced brilliant and beautiful art work on the theme of **Our Beautiful Countryside** and we will arrange for this to be displayed at our events. Paulton Junior's children have achieved an excellent reputation for their artwork."*

Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Triumph!

On Thursday 18th June, a team of talented Year 3 and 4 pupils proudly represented our school at a gymnastics competition held at Writhlington Sports Centre.

Our Level 1 team, Harper, Myla F, Myla H and Thomas, impressed the judges with their confident floor routines and carefully executed vaults. Their fantastic performances earned them a well-deserved **4th place** finish out of 11 competing schools—a brilliant achievement.



Next, our Level 2 team of Phoebe, Esme, Elsie, Kyla-Rose and Jorgie delivered outstanding routines, showcasing excellent skill, determination and teamwork. Their hard work was rewarded with an impressive **3rd place overall**. There was further success for Phoebe and Esme, who were recognised for their exceptional individual performances, with **Phoebe finishing 2nd** and **Esme taking 3rd** in the individual standings.

Finally, Ellie represented the school in the Level 3 competition. She performed a powerful vault and an outstanding floor routine – with some impressive combinations to secure a fantastic **3rd place overall**.

Every gymnast demonstrated incredible dedication, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them for representing our school so brilliantly. Congratulations to all of our gymnasts on their

fantastic achievements!



Quad Kids

The Year 4 Quad Kids Tournament at St Benedicts took place in the heatwave, but this did not deter the children from competing at their best. They gave their all to ensure that they were proud of their performance and also representing the school with a positive attitude. Well Done!



Year 3 DT pencil cases

This term Year 3 pupils have been investigating, designing and sewing their own pencil cases and have done a wonderful job! They have practised running stitch, back stitch, whip stitch and have also learned to sew on a button, all practical life skills and have impressed staff with their concentration and listening skills. Who knows there may be a future clothing designer amongst them!

Year 3 history walk around Paulton

Year 3 went on a wonderful wander around Paulton in the last week of term. We took the chance to listen to crickets, enjoy the sunshine and see far-reaching views of our lovely village, we even spotted our school from a distance. We spied different types of housing, including some miners' cottages, and looked for buildings that have a long history like the Baptist Church. We trekked up the cow field – avoiding some cow pats, and enjoyed a well-earned biscuit break under the trees at the top. We marched through the corn field and looked at where the corn cobs have started to grow. We had a lovely time and were all very pleased to get back to school for a picnic lunch!



Art Workshop with Holburne Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in a Roman-themed art workshop led by a visitor from the Holburne Museum. The children learned how to create their own clay Roman coins, using a range of tools to imprint patterns and add detailed designs. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring this hands-on activity and produced some brilliant coins, showing great creativity and care. Well done, Year 4!



Ukulele Concert

Our Year 4 children have been developing their ukulele skills during Music lessons led by the West of England Music and Arts (WEMA) Music Service. To celebrate everything they have learnt, they recently performed in a wonderful ukulele concert.

The children played a selection of songs, confidently using the techniques and notes they have practised over the past few months. Their enthusiasm and musical development shone through in every performance, making it a truly enjoyable occasion. It was fantastic to welcome parents and carers to share in this special event and recognise the children's dedication and achievements. Congratulations to all of Year 4 on such a brilliant performance!



Year 4 English

Year 4 have been busy writing their own sequels to *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Inspired by Kate DiCamillo's beautiful writing style, the children carefully used short, powerful sentences to create emotion and build suspense in their stories. They showed great imagination and confidence in their writing, producing thoughtful and engaging sequels that captured the spirit of the original book.

Year 5 Carnival!

Year 5 spent 2 days learning all about carnivals; the origins and history behind some of the world's biggest carnivals and even creating our own samba music! Over the day and a half, we also produced some fabulous fish for the Bath Carnival which was held on Saturday 11th July.

It was wonderful to see some of our enthusiastic (and glittery) Year 5 pupils take part in the Bath Carnival. They were among over 1,000 participants that paraded around a very sunny Bath! All the children were amazing, smiling all the way and enjoying the carnival atmosphere and the hundreds that came out to see the carnival! **Huge well done to all those that came and a special thanks** to Mrs Goucher, Mrs Norman (and Dylan) and Mrs Curtis who also came along for a great afternoon!!



Holborne Museum Art Exhibition

Some Year 6 children's artwork has been chosen to be displayed at The Holborne Museum, Bath in The Holborne Partner Schools Summer Exhibition 2026.

The artwork was chosen from the art lessons at school and as a thoughtful and talented piece using mixed media; we are proud to have it representing Paulton Junior School at The Holborne Museum. The exhibition has been open for children to share with friends and family on the weekends of in July, during the museum opening hours. This follows a private view of the exhibition where the children and family, Mrs Pearson were invited along to see the exhibition before it's opened to the public. **Well done to Eli, Autumn, Erin, Scarlett, Ben.**



Year 6 Unforgettable Production of *Aladdin*

Aladdin

Congratulations to all of the Year 6 pupils on your outstanding production of **Aladdin**. The costumes, scenery, acting and singing were truly excellent, creating a spectacular show and a fabulous way to celebrate and showcase such a successful final year at Paulton Junior School. Your hard work, determination and countless hours of practice certainly paid off, as you raised the roof with three fantastic performances for parents and carers to enjoy. Every pupil should be incredibly proud of the confidence, talent and teamwork displayed on stage. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment shone through in every performance, and they truly left a lasting legacy at PJS. It was wonderful to see so many children grow in confidence and reveal some hidden talents. A special thank you also goes to the year 6 teachers and teaching assistants whose dedication helped bring the production to life, creating wonderful musicality, memorable singing and dancing routines, and plenty of humour along the way. Special tanks to Mrs Todd who volunteers; she played the piano and wrote the special lyrics and music 'Rock Steady', which the children sang. We are immensely proud of every single Year 6 pupil. Their performances were a fitting celebration of their journey through PJS and a wonderful way to mark the end of their primary school years. Congratulations to our amazing cast and crew—you have been simply brilliant!



FRENCH lessons

Français - Année 3



Year 3 wowed their Year 5 peers this week with a fantastic performance of the story *Jacques le Gourmand*. Showing impressive focus and memory, the children brought the story to life with expressive actions. Year 5 were a wonderful audience, highly impressed by Year 3's confidence, enthusiasm, and excellent French pronunciation. Please do ask the class teacher if you would like to watch the video of this performance or, even better, ask your Year 3 pupil to perform it at home! *Très bien, Année 3!*

Français - Année 4



Year 4 recently brought the sights and sounds of a French seaside town to our classroom - using their wonderful language skills, the children successfully ordered delicious ice creams entirely in French. They confidently asked for multiple scoops (*cornet triple, s'il vous plaît!*), chose from a fantastic variety of flavours, and made sure to request their favourite toppings like chocolate sauce and sprinkles (*avec de la sauce au chocolat et des vermicelles !*). It was wonderful to hear such vibrant, fluent conversations as they practised buying their treats with great enthusiasm and excellent pronunciation. *Félicitations, Année 4!*

Français - Année 6



Year 6 also got in on the culinary action, enjoying a delicious French breakfast of freshly baked *croissants* and *pains au chocolat*! While we originally planned to sip traditional *chocolat chaud*, the summer heatwave prompted a quick menu update to refreshing *milkshakes au chocolat* instead—a highly popular substitute! The classroom was filled with a wonderful buzz of French conversation as the children politely ordered their treats, asked for their preferred pastries, and chatted together in fantastic French. *Bon appétit, Année 6!*

Year 4 Tennis Tournament

Aira, Solly, Reuben and Florence, Levi, Cruz, Marnie and Eyoma were triumphant at the recent Tennis tournament at Writhlington Tennis Centre. Team A were awarded first place and Team B were awarded second place. Everyone came away with a medal and the bespoke trophy. This was



an incredible achievement. All the children played individual timed matches; their points were added together for a total for each team. There were some excellent shots, and everyone played with a great attitude- improving their ability as they played the various schools from the Radstock/Midsomer Norton area.



It was a joy to see them play, and they felt very proud of themselves, as for many it was their first ever time, representing the school. Well Done!

Staff Leaving

This week, we have said 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to some staff who are leaving us, at the end of this term. Sadly, Mrs Waterhouse, Mrs Suchecki, Mrs Weaver, Mrs Jones and Mrs Redwood are leaving; we had assemblies to read poems, share wonderful memories and give presents to them. They have all dedicated their time and careers to improving outcomes for children: teaching, nurturing, providing a safe, secure environment and supporting their emotional, social and academic needs.



Both Mrs Weaver and Mrs Jones are retiring and we look forward to hearing about their next adventures -travelling, spending time with family, learning new hobbies and hopefully relaxing.

Here is a note from Mrs Suchecki

Thank you!

When I started my teaching career at Paulton Junior School, I never dreamed that I would remain in post for twenty-one years and looking back it does not seem that long ago that I was applying for my NQT post and interviewing in what is now Mr Barge's classroom.

Over the years I have been so lucky as to work with wonderful children, staff and families and I have always felt that my job has been a gift to get to teach such funny, bright and interesting pupils, as those that come from Paulton. My decision to leave has been a difficult one to make mainly because of the wonderful community of Paulton that I will leave behind, however as I told the children in my assembly on Tuesday- like the swallows I have painted for the school as my gift, that come back every year, I'm sure I will pop back to see them!



Thank you so much to you all, you really are very special!

From Mrs Suchecki



Have a wonderful Summer Holiday everyone. Stay Safe and enjoy spending time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 7th September at 8.30am.

We wish the Year 6 the best of luck, as they leave Paulton Junior School. We hope everyone has happy memories and feel ready for their next adventures.

Stamp your Feet i Read to the Beat! 🎵

Calling all 4-11year olds

July 20th - First day of the Summer Holidays

What to do? 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

**Get down to Paulton Library and
Step to the Beat through the Library Door,
With your Ticket to explore.**

**A Librarian is ready to help you start,
With a Story Book and a Sticker card.
The only thing you have left to do
Is browse the shelves for a book or two.**

**But Paulton Library isn't open on
Monday mornings!**

Oh Yes it is!

**We are Open on July 20th for
A Special Registration Morning
just for you!**

You can

- Join the Library
- Register for the Summer Reading Challenge
- Receive your free Story Booklet etc,
- Choose, Read and Borrow Books

All morning from 10am -Bring an adult too.

Note : The Library is also open as usual on Monday afternoon.

SUMMER PLAYDAYS 2026

"Nothing lights up a child's brain like play."
— Dr. Stuart Brown

NATIONAL PLAY DAY

PENNYQUICK PARK 5TH AUG 12-3PM
Newton Road BA2 1RW

Samba Band – Straw Bale dens – Swingboats –
Inflatables – Play Wooden – Radio Bath – Bright
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WEEK 1

Monday 27th July **Green Park**
Green Park Road (City Centre) BA1 1DZ
Tuesday 28th July **Midsomer Norton Town Park**
Gullock Tyeing BA3 3JH
Wednesday 29th July **Sandpits Park**
Meadow Road, BA2 3JH
Thursday 30th July **Play Out Wild**
Paulton Scout Hut & Recreation Ground SS29 7QV

WEEK 2

Monday 3rd August **Westfield**
Mortimer Hill Recreation Ground BA3 1BY
Tuesday 4th August **Roundhill**
Almott Road, Bath BA2 6JG
Wednesday 5th August **National Play Day**
Pennyquick Park, Newton Road BA2 1RW
Thursday 6th August **Play Out Wild**
Brookdown Lane Bath BA2 1LJ

WEEK 3

Monday 10th August **Alice Park**
Gloverton Road, Bath BA1 7NL
Tuesday 11th August **Keynshaw**
Mortimer Road Park BS31 3JL
Wednesday 12th August **Weston**
Brockington Ground BA1 1DY
Thursday 13th August **Play Out Wild**
Timothy's park west to Gargery Bath BA2 0LJ

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09:00 - 15:30



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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

1	Mon 20 th July Tues 21 st July Wed 22 nd July Thurs 23 rd July Fri 24 th July	Gymnastics Summer Sports Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance OR Football Musical Theatre	
2	Mon 27 th July Tues 28 th July Wed 29 th July Thurs 30 th July Fri 31 st July	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football Summer Sports Dance OR Multi-Sports Musical Theatre OR Multi-Sports Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football	
3	Mon 3 rd Aug Tues 4 th Aug Wed 5 th Aug Thurs 6 th Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Summer Sports Football Dance OR Multi-Sports	
4	Mon 10 th Aug Tues 11 th Aug Wed 12 th Aug Fri 14 th Aug	Football Summer Sports Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance	
5	Mon 17 th Aug Fri 21 st Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football Dance	
6	Mon 24 th Aug Tues 25 th Aug Friday 28 th Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Summer Sports Football	
	Tues 1 st Sept	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football	






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Support your child to:

- Learn social skills and build friendships
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Be more independent
- Deal with puberty and sexuality

As a parent, learn how to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Deal with the challenges
- Support the needs of your other children
- Manage challenging behaviour

Weekly from **Monday 7th September – 19th October 2026**
(excluding school holidays or Bank holidays)

at Bath Children and Family Centre, 12 Charlotte Street, Bath, BA1 2NE
from 10.00am to 12:00pm

For more information or to reserve your place please contact:
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