



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Learning Together, Learning For Life

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Diary Dates

Monday 7th September – Start of Term 1
Friday 25th September – Year 6 Trips to Lifeskills
Monday 28th September – School run Clubs begin for 3 weeks
Tuesday 20th October – Nasal Flu Vaccines
Wednesday 21st October – PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 22nd October – PARENTS EVENING
Friday 23rd October – End of Term 1
Monday 2nd November – INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd November – Start of Term 2
Tuesday 3rd November – School run Clubs re-start for 4 weeks
Wednesday 4th November – Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge
Tuesday 24th November – School Photos
Friday 4th December – PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8th December – Rocksteady Concert 10.30am
Friday 18th December – End of Term 2
Monday 4th January – Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 3

Welcome back

Dear parents/carers

As we have been back in school for a few weeks now, I wanted to take a moment to say how wonderfully the children have settled into the new academic year. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, positivity and engagement across the school.

Children are already fully immersed in our exciting curriculum and have made an excellent start to their learning. Across the school, pupils have been enjoying writing, story-based learning, mathematics, art and PE, developing new skills and building on prior knowledge. A huge thank you must go to our class teachers and support staff, who have worked incredibly hard to ensure that every child has made a positive start to the year. Their commitment and care have helped create classrooms where children feel happy, secure, challenged and fully engaged in their learning.

We are fortunate to work alongside our specialist sports providers, with Tom from Ignite Sport and Matt Anults a sports coach, helping to deliver high-quality physical education and sporting opportunities for our children. Our outdoor learning provision is also underway, and the children have been making excellent use of our wonderful school grounds, including the field and playscape. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for exploration, teamwork, creativity and personal development.

I would also like to share that, following Mrs Weaver's retirement as our SENDCo, I will be overseeing the role on an interim basis.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the term with a year 6 trip, a whole school art project and sports events, and we really look forward to all that lies ahead this year.

Kind regards,

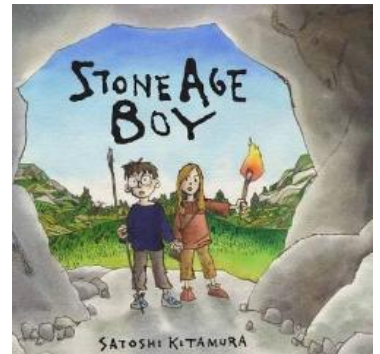
Mrs Rawlings

Headteacher

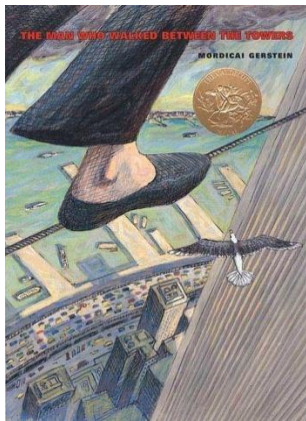
what have we been learning?

Year 3

What an amazing start to life at Paulton Junior School! We are already settling into all the routines and expectations that come with a new school and boy, have we learned a lot already. In science, we have been investigating, sorting and classifying rocks using the scientific Vocabulary of Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic to describe how the rocks are formed. We have also been exploring loads of books already, including: *Stone Age Boy* (which we have used for all our writing so far), *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark* and *George's Marvelous Medicine*. This is just 2 of the things we have learned so far this term and we look forward to catching up with you about how your children have settled in at Parents' evening at the end of Term 1.



Year 5



English

This term, Year 5 have been reading *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordicai Gerstein. They have relished the opportunity to step into the role of authors themselves, retelling the events and exploring how carefully chosen details and dialogue can bring characters to life.

We have been blown away by the creativity, imagination and skill of our wonderful writers! It has been fantastic to see the children experimenting with language and making thoughtful choices to engage their readers. We certainly have some budding authors in Year 5!

Mr Nosworthy Returns!

Year 5 have been delighted to welcome Mr Noseworthy back to PJS for their ukulele lessons! They have already enjoyed several sessions, learned new chords and developed their playing skills. They are looking forward to building their confidence and musical knowledge over the next two terms.



Science:

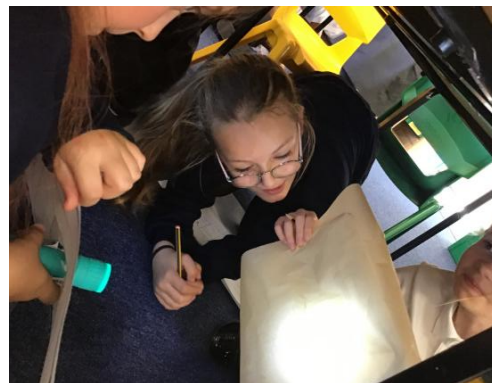
Year 5 have been busy experimenting with different materials, exploring their properties and considering why certain materials are best suited to particular jobs. They have approached their learning with real curiosity and, this week, became scientists themselves!

Working collaboratively in groups, the children put their practical scientific skills to the test, investigating and comparing a range of thermal insulators and considering which were most effective. It was a wonderful hands-on activity, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Year 6

Science-

Over the first three weeks, our Year 6 pupils have embraced collaborative work to develop essential team-building skills which will be at the heart of many achievements this academic year. A major highlight was the thrilling egg-drop challenge. Working within a strict budget, teams designed creative packaging to protect an egg dropped from their second-floor classroom window. The ingenuity on display was fantastic with every group producing inventive solutions. Huge congratulations to the winning team for 6PR and 6S for their exceptional engineering skills and great team work!



Additionally, our recent science lesson has created a wonderful buzz of excitement as groups tested the reflectivity of various materials by diving under the tables, in small group, with a range of materials and a torch. Class teachers were super-impressed with the children's enthusiasm and team work used to gain answers to their scientific questions.

Inclusive Sports Festival

Last week, some children were able to attend the Inclusive sports festival at Odd Down. They were able to practise many skills to improve their gross motor skills, hand-eye co-ordination, throwing, catching, team collaboration and communications. Mr Barge was very impressed with their positive attitudes and development of their individual sports skills.



PE Days

	<u>PE days</u>	<u>Forest School days</u>
3B 3MH	Wednesday & Thursday	Tuesday
4R	Monday & Thursday	Friday
4BR	Monday & Friday	Friday
5CG	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday
5W	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday
6S 6PL	WEDS- SWIMMING THURSDAY -PE	

School Uniform

The Paulton Junior School is mainly **GREY and NAVY BLUE**. All children are expected to wear the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child wears only black school shoes not ankle boots. Also, **NO** black trousers, **NO** black skirts including a tube style or skorts for main uniform.

On P.E days, the children will wear their P.E kit to school, including House T-shirt. Only school jumpers should be worn with navy or black shorts, skorts or leggings and trainers. Check the website for all PE days.

All details for the school uniform are available on the school website

<https://www.paultonjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=58>

You may receive a text or email to remind you of the expectations if your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we do have some spare items they could borrow. If you require some support, please contact the class teacher.

Medication and Allergies

If your child has an allergy or requires daily medication, you must inform the school office via phone or email (01761) 418137; also inform the class teacher. You will be required to go to the office and complete a form that gives permission and details of the times and dosage of the medication required. In addition, if your child has an allergy and/or requires an epi-pen, It is vital that you notify the school staff and obtain a formal Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) or BSACI action plan from your GP or paediatrician.

Inhalers

Children will need to keep their inhaler in their school bag and be responsible for taking them on visits or to events. In each classroom there is a medical box and it is advised that the school keep an extra inhaler for your child in this box, for use in school. Please complete the form at the office if your child has to use an asthma inhaler and **send a named and in-date inhaler** to school to be kept in the medical box.

Healthy Snacks - NO NUT School

Children can bring a healthy snack such as fruit, cheese, bread sticks for a playtime snack and please make sure that there are **NO NUTS** in anything that they bring in.

All children must bring a **named water bottle** to school every day. This is for use during class time, break, lunchtime and PE lessons. NO fizzy or flavoured drinks. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Wednesday 21st October & Thursday 22nd October 2026 3pm-6pm.

Parents Evening details will be shared very soon. You will need to sign up to a timed appointment via the Teacher2Parents. All the meetings take place at school and you are encouraged to attend with your child. This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's learning and achievements from the first term and meet the class teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Thank you for your support in signing your child up for an extra-curricular club in Terms 1 and 2.

Term 1 Clubs:

- Week beginning 28th September
- Week beginning 5th October
- Week beginning 12th October
- Week beginning 2nd November
- Week beginning 9th November
- Week beginning 16th November
- Week beginning 23rd November

If your child has been successful in securing a place in a club or clubs, they will have ticked their form, which was sent home this week. This form (which has been attached to this email) provides a reminder of which day their club takes place, the name of their club and the venue they need to go to. Please ensure your child knows that once they are signed up for a club, they must attend every week, as club numbers are limited and there is often a waiting list for each club.

For after-school clubs, all children will exit and collected from the main school gate by the Infant school, at 4pm. If they are able to walk home by themselves, or meet you elsewhere, please let the teacher or office know.

Attendance & Penalty Notices



Understanding the '10 in 10' Attendance Rule



The Rule: 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period (50 school days) triggers a penalty.
(Remember: 1 school day = 2 sessions).



Mix & Match:
Unauthorised holidays and arriving late after the register closes all count together. Absences do not have to be consecutive.



Across Terms: The 10-week 'clock' pauses for holidays, meaning it spans across different terms and school years.



Moving Schools: The 10-week period travels with your child. Year 6 absences can combine with Year 7 absences to trigger a fine at secondary school.



First Offence:
£160 (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days).
Second Offence:
£160 flat rate, with no option for a reduction.

Attendance Matters: Term 1 Update & Guidance

A huge thank you to all our families for helping us achieve an impressive 97.8% whole-school attendance so far this term—exceeding our target of 97%!

Last year we achieved 96.5% and 45 pupils achieving 99%+ attendance. Every day in school makes a significant difference to your child's learning and confidence.

Here are 2 helpful guides-

- **NHS Illness Guidance:** A quick visual reference on when children should stay home versus when they can still come into school.
- **Understanding the '10 in 10' Rule:** An overview of the national statutory framework regarding **unauthorised absences** and **penalty notices**.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education and well-being.

The whole school attendance percentage for the year so far is:

97.8%

We are aiming for at least 97%

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES THIS YEAR

15 days

of learning lost so far this academic year because of unauthorised absences.



Should I keep my child off school?

Advice from the NHS and Department for Education

No, but inform your child's class teacher

- Cough
- Feeling anxious/worried
- Sore throat (keep off school if also a high temperature)
- Earache
- Head lice
- Hand, foot and mouth
- Threadworms
- Glandular Fever
- Slapped Cheek
- Tonsillitis
- Conjunctivitis
- Cold Sores

Yes (until...)

- Chicken Pox (until all blisters have crusted over).
- Vomiting and diarrhoea (return 48 hours from the last episode).
- Flu-like temperature (until they no longer have a high temperature).
- Impetigo (until their sores have crusted and healed or 48 hours after they started antibiotics).
- Measles (4 days after the rash first appeared).
- Mumps (5 days after the swelling started).
- Scabies (until they've had their first treatment).
- Scarlet Fever (until 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics).
- Whooping Cough (until 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics).

Sporting family Change – Kindness project



Year 4 are working with Sporting Family Change on a project about KINDNESS

Over 6 weeks, the founder of the charity- Jimmy Deane is leading workshops to promote “Ability to be kind”. The children are working collaboratively within their classes -discussing and practicing ways to be kind to each other and to people within their families and community. They will be creating a film and sharing their work to parents and pupils to celebrate their learning.

<https://www.sportingfamilychange.co.uk/>



We are Sporting Family Change, a Charity in the South West who think kindness is really, really cool and want to create social change using it. We love using kindness, often through sport, to empower the local community to achieve things they never thought possible. Out of all the abilities in the world, we think the best is the ability to be kind.

The flower garden

WOW!! Hasn't our new front garden done well.

Thanks to lots of planting from every child in school at the end of last term and lots of watering from Mr Dowling over the summer holidays it is looking as pretty as a picture.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for raising the money for us to create it. Isn't it lovely?

Can you remember it looking like this?



Free Online Parent & Carer Webinars



Join the Mental Health Support Team for 1-hour online webinars for parents/carers of Primary School aged children to understand more about your child's mental health and learn some tips to help



Understanding Anxiety in Children and Young People

- Understanding anxiety
- Signs of anxiety
- Tips on how to support children who are anxious

Mon 19th Oct
9:30-10:30am

Click here to sign up

[Teams Event Link](#)



Sleep Hygiene

- Understand more about sleep
- How sleep relates to mental health
- Tips to improve sleep

Tues 20th Oct
4-5pm

Click here to sign up

[Teams Event Link](#)



Recognising and Understanding Barriers to School Attendance

- Anxiety and attendance
- Talking about school worries
- Working together
- Parent wellbeing

Weds 7th Oct
4-5pm

Click here to sign up

[Teams Event Link](#)

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides early mental health and wellbeing support for pupils aged 5-18. We offer individual and group support for mild to moderate anxiety and low mood.

If you feel your child would benefit from support, speak to your school's Mental Health Lead about a referral to the MHST

NHS

Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Could you tell if your child was being exploited online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

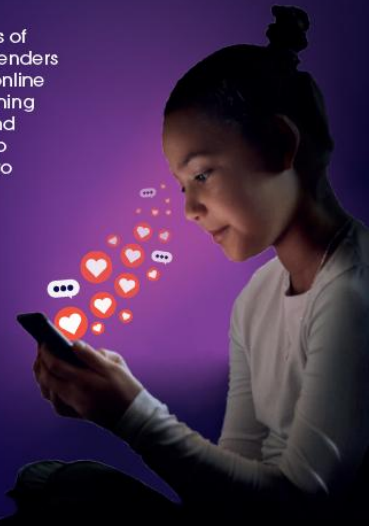
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct





Years R - 6

HALLOWEEN PARTY & FOOTBALL CAMP

Paulton Junior School, BS39 7QY

Wednesday 28th October

09:00 - 15:30

www.ignite-sport.co.uk



After school sports club Term 1

Paulton Junior School

Years 3 - 6

Thursdays: 15:00 - 16:15

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