



# St. Paul's Newsletter

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## Sporting Success

I think it is fair to say that this have been one of our more successful sporting years for a while. We have experienced wins at the Emmaus cluster netball, hockey AND cross-country events. Our netball team have gone from strength to strength and progressed to the regional stages of their competition.

Thanks go to all involved who have coached, transported, supported and washed kit for the children– not least of all Mrs Wybrow who has co-ordinated PE this year.

Thank you to parents for the continued support of your children and our school. It is not a coincidence that since our "Team St Paul's" t-shirts have been in use, our performances have been enhanced! Thanks also therefore to the fundraising forum who have help to fund these shirts.

## Fortnite Advice for Parents

There is much talk on the playground and in the media about the latest craze game called Fortnite. The following article is worth reading to ensure you are fully informed.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

Fortnite has a [PEGI rating of 12](#), PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'.

## Sun Safe Reminders

Please refresh yourself with the school's policy on sun safety and in particular the aspects regarding sun cream.

The policy can be found here:  
[https://](https://www.stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=689&type=pdf)

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But the main points are:

- Encourage pupils to apply sunscreen before school commences on sunny days during the summer.
  - Further sunscreen may need to be applied before lunch breaks and PE lessons
  - Sunscreen, if brought into school MUST be named and stored in a central place in each classroom
  - Children must be able to apply their own cream.
  - Sunscreen must be in the form of a cream and NOT a spray (to avoid accidental spraying in eyes etc)
  - Pupils must not share creams with others
- Fingers crossed we will get some more weather where this advance becomes relevant! Please not forget sunhats and water bottles.

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## One World Week: Sikhism

Monday 18th June marks the start of our annual "One World Week". Children engage in activities and work that examines their place in the world and aims to raise awareness and understanding of other world religions. This year we will be focussing on Sikhism. There will be a whole school launch assembly, workshops and a visit for KS2 to the Gurdwara in St. George, Bristol. In recent years we have had excellent feedback from both the children and from parents who have helped or accompanied trips. We pride ourselves in the approach we take to exploring other world religions and firmly believe children should have opportunities to learn about and respect those with beliefs different from themselves. Many members of our school community are practising members of other faith communities. It is an act of respect and courtesy that our curriculum helps them to reflect on the nature of their own religious identity. The teaching of other faiths prepares the pupils in our Catholic school for life in modern Britain, giving them an understanding of the beliefs of others. This in turn will help to improve social cohesion and contribute to the common good by increasing mutual respect between those of different religions. The governing body of St. Paul's also has a legal duty to fulfil the following criteria:

- Learning about the religion and cultures of those who do not share the Catholic faith is one of the ways in which Catholic schools embody the call to love one's neighbour. As the Church says, "The love for all men and women is necessarily also a love for their culture. Catholic schools are, by their very vocation, intercultural." ([Congregation for Catholic Education](#) p61).
- It is required by the Bishops, who state that the Catholic nature of our schools entails "a willingness... to try to understand better the religion of one's neighbours, and to experience something of their religious life and culture." ([Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) p3)

I thank you in advance for your support in the this area of the curriculum. Should you have any questions about the programme please do come and discuss them with us. As RE lead teacher, Mrs Rogers plans the programme on a four yearly cycle and is well equipped and qualified to answer any queries.

## Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 19th June. I know this reserve date will not be as convenient for some of you, but feel it is still important for the children to have the experience if possible. If the weather is unkind to us again, there are no further

plans for this event.

The events will start as close to 9.00am as possible and will conclude at 12.30pm.

We will have a family picnic and ask that you vacate the school site by 1.30pm. Children will be expected to stay in

school for the afternoon.

Please note that there **will not be a school meal service that day**. All children need to bring their own packed lunch, eat with you or pre-ordered a school packed lunch.

## Summer Fair Friday 6th July 3.30pm-6.00pm

Our next big fundraising event will be the summer fair on Friday 6th July. Please note the event is straight after school which should allow as many people as are picking up their children to attend.

We need volunteers to help set up and run stalls and pack away. Each volunteer who signs up to help will be entered into a "helpers raffle" to win a special prize. So please think about what you might be able to offer and look out for the signing up sheets. We have a limited number of pre-bookable tables available for stall holders. £10 per table. Please email [fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk) if you or someone you know would like a stall.

**Date for the diary: Mufti-day Friday 29th June.** Wear non-school uniform in exchange for a bottle for the bottle stall. Any bottle welcome.

We are also in need of the following items:

- Good quality children's books
- Screw top wine bottles (full)
- Screw top wine bottles (empty)
- Items of school uniform for a second hand uniform stall
- Toys and games
- Soft toys for teddy tombola (see Yr 6 below)

### Tesco Bag packing

Despite competing with a royal wedding, the bag packing event was successful. The shoppers who were out earlier in the day were in buoyant mood and gave generously. We collected **£277.91** in just 2 hours. Thank you to all who came along to help. Our thanks also to Tesco and Georgie Hudd, Community Champion for their continued support of our events and fundraising.

### Year 6 Enterprise

Over the next few weeks groups of Year 6 are organising various fundraising and enterprise events to support their forthcoming trip to London. Look out for:

**Penalty shootout: Tuesday 19th June (after sports day)**

**Bring and buy sale and teddy tombola: Monday 25th June 3.45pm**

Please keep me handy!

## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 16th June:** Festival of Youth Sport  
Family Bingo 5pm

**Monday 18th June:** One world Week

**Tuesday 19th June:** Sports day and family picnic

**Wednesday 20th June:** Yr 4 retreat day at Clifton Cathedral

**Thursday 21st/Friday 22nd June:** Gurdwara Visits

**Monday 25th June:** Sports Week

**Wednesday 27th June:** Whole School Mass, SS Peter and Paul. All welcome

**Friday 29th June:** Reception Class Assembly 3pm-  
parents welcome

**Monday 2nd July:** Year 2 music festival at Wellesley

**Tuesday 3rd July:** Year 2 music performance to parents  
(3pm)

**Wednesday 4th July:** Year 2 Westonbirt trip

**Thursday 5th July:** Year 6 London Trip

3.45pm Cross Country series @YOSC

**Friday 6th July:** New Reception Induction afternoon  
**3.30-6.00pm SUMMER FAIR**

**Thursday 12th July:** Year 6 Play 7pm

**Friday 13th July:** Year 1 Class assembly **9.00am**

New Reception Induction afternoon

**Wednesday 18th July:** Whole School Mass (Yr 6 leavers)

**Thursday 19th July:** Last day of term for pupils.