



Paulton Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. The children and staff have come back to school full of enthusiasm and energy which is lovely to see. Unfortunately the rain has returned which has meant yet again we are having to rest the ground in Forest School. Having risk assessed Play Scape, we feel that it is just too slippery and muddy to take children there. I am very grateful for your patience with this and hope to make up sessions for those classes that have missed so much once the weather gets better.

Gem Power Winners

Gem Power Certificates celebrate the Gem Power Behaviours, We display the names of the winners in the hall each week.



Mulberry: **Oli** for using his Emerald Power when he demonstrated fantastic maths and **Seth** for using his Emerald Power when comparing height in maths, **Amelia** for using her Emerald Power for a fantastic effort with Colourful Semantics

Elder: **Alona** for using Emerald power to have a go with phonics and poetry, **Amelia** for using Ruby power to always help tidying the classroom and **Albie** for using Emerald power to have a go at writing CVC words.

Hazel: **Jakub** for using his Diamond Power when problem solving in maths. **Ray** for using his Emerald Power for his fantastic effort in phonics and **Lawson** for using his Emerald Power when showing determination in our maths lessons about fact families.

Hawthorn: **Rosie** for using her Ruby Power and always being kind and helpful to everyone all the time, **Dexter** for using his Emerald Power by showing amazing resilience when practising joining up his writing and **Meredith** for using her Sapphire Power and having super concentration during independent writing tasks.

Sycamore: **Luna** for Emerald Power for increased motivation to give new learning tasks a go, **Arthur** for Emerald Power for giving things a go and trying to be more independent.

Levi for Topaz Power for fantastic group skills during our disco dance work and **Jenson** for Emerald Power for his amazing efforts as part of the dance umbrella group.

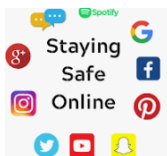
Maple: **Ella** for using her Emerald Power to always have a go at learning tasks and not giving up even when it is tricky, **Sofia** for using her Emerald Power to work hard in her maths learning and attempt new challenges and **Reuben** for using his Sapphire Power to manage distractions and write a fantastic dinosaur story.

Magnolia: **Morgan** for using his Sapphire Power to write a brilliant story, **Harry-Leigh** for using his Ruby Power to be a kind friend. **Robbie P** for using his Diamond Power to solve lots of problems in maths.

Holly: **Eloise** for using her Diamond Power for managing distractions so well during our phonics sessions.

On-Line Safety Tip of the Week

We are seeking the views of parents/carers around Online Safety as part of the ongoing development of our online safety curriculum. Please take a moment to complete this



short, anonymous survey by 10th March.

[Paulton Infant School Online Safety Survey for Parents/Carers - March 2024 \(office.com\)](https://paultoninfantschool.co.uk/office.com)

Best Practice Award

It is my absolute pleasure and delight to share with you the news that we have been awarded the 'Best Practice Award 2024' by The Virtual School for supporting our vulnerable learners. Many congratulations to the whole staff, including Katie Ireland who is our Designated Teacher for some of our vulnerable learners.

The  Virtual School
Best practice award 2024

Safeguarding—Knife Crime Awareness

I hope that you have all received the email about support for parents who are concerned about knife crime in the community. The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March. These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event was held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30-19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00-20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00-20.00). The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk.

Book your ticket now on Eventbrite: Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00-20.00 <https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk>
Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00-20.00 <https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>

Ukulele Performance

Before half term, the school were treated to a wonderful performance by the Paulton Ukulele Band. This wonderful activity was organised by Chloe Butcher and Sally Goulding. Many thanks to both and of course the band for providing such an inspirational session for children and staff!

Help Please!

We are running low on Art Aprons and they are really expensive to buy so if you have any children's long sleeve shirts that you are willing to donate (or small size womens!) please leave them in the office Your help is much appreciated.

World Book Day: Coming up soon: World Book Day Celebrations Friday 8th March - this year we will 'Dress as a colour' (red/blue/green or perhaps as a rainbow!)

Dates to remember:

07/03/24—PTA Pyjamas and Story Time (4pm—5pm)
13/03/24—Zoo Class Trip (Hazel and Hawthorn)
14/03/24—Zoo Class Trip (Magnolia, Maple and Sycamore)
18/03/24—Dance Umbrella
19/03/24 — Parents Evening
21/03/24 — Parents Evening
As always, please feel free to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes Emily Omell