



# Paulton Infant School

## Newsletter No.1 : September 2024

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### Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to this Autumn Term. It has been wonderful to see how all the careful transition work that we have put in place has been paying off. When I am walking around the school, I see children who are calm, engaged and settled. The teaching staff have been working very hard in establishing routines so that the children know what is expected and feel safe and happy in school. We have also been working really hard in ensuring that our learning environments are meeting the needs of all children and that there is clear consistency across the school. This again supports transition and children feeling safe in school. Our classrooms are organised, tidy and welcoming which supports our children's wellbeing.

### Enterprise Week in KS1

This week every class in KS1 has been working on an Enterprise project where they have planned and created a product that they plan to sell in order to raise money for something that they would like in school. It has been a fantastic learning activity that has used so many skills from different parts of the curriculum and has given a real purpose to their learning. More details of when and where the products will be sold will be forthcoming over the next few weeks (planned for the last week before half term).



### Playscape (Forest School)

Unfortunately, since sharing the news about the change from Forest School to Outdoor Learning for the foreseeable future due to staff absence, we have had some bad news. The big wooden structures in Playscape (the out door class room and the bridge) have become unsafe due to rotting foundations of the key support poles. As a result of this they are going to have to be taken down. As they are unsafe we will not be using Playscape at all for outdoor learning, although Class Teachers may plan some outdoor learning lessons in the rest of our play space on site (orchard, playground etc). Class Teachers will let parents know if this is the case and different clothing is to be worn. Both the Junior School and the Infants will now be raising money through the PTA to help replace these structures. More news on that to come in the future from the PTA.

### PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please feel free to attend this year's PTA AGM. All are welcome. It is being held at the Junior School on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3:10pm.**

### Class Assemblies

We are going to introduce Class Assemblies where parents/carers of that class will be able to attend an Assembly on a Monday afternoon at 2.30. The class will share an aspect of their learning with those that attend on the following Mondays as follows:

- Term 1**—Sycamore Class Monday 14th October
- Term 2** - Magnolia Class Monday 9th December
- Term 3** - Hawthorn Class Monday 3rd February
- Term 4** - Hazel Class Monday 24th March
- Term 5** - Mulberry Class Monday 12 May
- Term 6** - Elder Class Monday 7th July

### On-Line Safety Tip of the Week Online Safety Tip

In each newsletter, we will share some information or advice about ways to keep your family safe online. You can also find information for parents on our school website <https://www.paultoninfantschool.co.uk/online-safety>. This term we are thinking about **consent** - always ask before taking a photograph or video of someone. It is ok if someone says no. We must respect their choice.

### Library Visits

We are planning to strengthen our links with our wonderful local library. All classes will be visiting the library this year and borrowing books to share back in school. This forms part of our work on reading for pleasure and learning about our community. Teachers will confirm days/times: Term 1 Magnolia, Term 2 Sycamore, Term3/4 - Year 1 and Term 5/6 EYFS.

### Illness reporting and procedures

A polite reminder that when reporting your child absent due to illness, please provide a detailed reason, for example, sickness/diarrhoea, cough/cold, high temperature etc. In the case of sickness and/or diarrhoea, children must remain off school for 48hrs after the last episode. Please see the NHS poster at the end of the newsletter for helpful guidance.



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### Gem Power Winners

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



EYFS Classes are planning to join the Gem Power Assemblies in the Spring Term and therefore are not yet participating in these celebrations while they settle into school life.

Names	Class	Gem	Reason for awarding the certificate
Summer	Hazel	Ruby	For being a kind and helpful friend in Hazel class.
Hettie	Hazel	Sapphire	For super focus during all carpet sessions.
Toby	Hawthorn	Sapphire	Fantastic work in Phonics and English
Astrid	Hawthorn	Ruby	For always being kind to everyone.
Sonny	Magnolia	Sapphire	For super maths work partitioning numbers into tens and ones.
Jakub	Magnolia	Emerald	For working hard on our 2D shape hunt and talking about the properties of the shapes he found.
Rosie	Sycamore	Ruby	For being kind to her peers all of the time.
Addison	Sycamore	Emerald	For having a go at everything.

### Dates to remember:

- 26th September—Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations
- 27th September—Individual School Photos
- 15th October—Parent's Evening
- 17th October—Parent's Evening
- 28th October—1st Nov Half Term
- 5th November—Open Day for new starters September 2025

As always, please feel free to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.  
Best wishes Emily Omell



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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	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	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.