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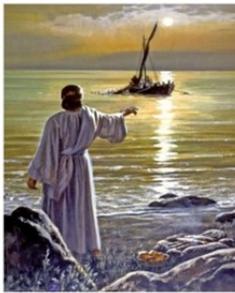
Habemus Papam

*We thank God for the election of our new Pope Leo XIV
May God Bless him as he begins his ministry as the Bishop of Rome and our Shepherd*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

FOLLOW ME!



In the gospel this week, we see the disciples back in Galilee, returning to their old familiar ways. The events of the Passion and Resurrection seem a long way off. They resort to what they know, what they are good at. It seems they have forgotten the call to spread the Word. Knowing the water like their own heartbeat, they fished all night and still they caught nothing. At dawn, they saw a stranger on the shore but didn't recognize him as Jesus. He told them how to fish: "Throw your net out on the other side!" They did and caught an enormous load of fish. Fish of all kinds. God had provided. John then recognises the Lord and Peter wades through the water to meet him. It is after they have shared a meal that Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Is this a chance for Peter to redeem himself after his earlier denials? Is this

Jesus saying I forgive you? Is this Jesus acknowledging Peter as the Rock on whom his Church will be built? Is this the incentive Peter needs for his mission? Whatever the reason, Jesus request is simple: "Follow me!" It is almost as if by deciding to follow Jesus, we return to our true selves, beloved of God who is there to guide us if we but listen.

HEADS UP

This week we interviewed two students from St Philip. In English, they were writing a news-report of Marcus Rashford. In Maths, they were solving different types of word problems. During Science, the class was learning about different types of switches. For RE, they were writing the story of Jesus on the Mount of Olives. They were practising a new race for sports day during their PE lessons.

The whole school had the opportunity to visit the St Paul's VE Day Museum, with many interesting artefacts, books and photographs, to honour the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. They celebrated by having a picnic on the field and singing some songs.

India and Abel

Popular Playground game: Tag.

May is the Month of Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone.



99.7% Attendance for St Philip's Class for week ending 1st May 2025

95% Whole School Attendance for week ending 1st May 2025

SPORTS DAY 23rd MAY



Over the next few weeks we are hoping that the weather will be kind to us so that we can advance our training and preparations for Sports' Day. Sports Day will take place on **Friday 23rd May**.

Junior events will take place in the morning, from 9.15am to 10.15am. Infant & Early Years events will be 10.45am to 11.45am with junior long distance and relays at 11.45 to 12.15pm. **At 12.15pm** parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with their children on the field –

don't forget folding chairs and blankets.

Children whose parents are unable to join us for lunch will sit on the field with their lunchtime supervisor.

Presentations will take place at 1.15pm to 1.30pm, children will then return to their classrooms to change, have afternoon registration and parents will then be able to take their children home.

All parents, siblings, and grandparents are warmly invited to attend the entire Sports Day event.

If your child will be going home with someone other than their parent or guardian, please ensure you inform the school office in advance.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting 35 households with food, thanks to your donations. The number benefitting is increasing every month, so we appeal to your generosity for more donations. This week we are short of wheatabix/cornflakes, pot noodles, long life juice, long life milk, sugar, baked beans, oil (small/medium size), rice pudding, biscuits and wet wipes. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Include as a reference, 'Your Surname, Foodbank'. Many thanks.



SEND SPOTLIGHT

News from the Emotional Health Triage. The EHA team have been working hard on providing up to date, relevant content and resources via our dedicated Emotional Health Academy Facebook page. Do take a moment to like and follow.

SEEKER OF THE MONTH

Gregory Tyler is from Winchester but is currently half way through his Novice year with the Augustinian Friars in Galway, a time when Candidates spend time in Discernment, testing their sense of vocation. Brother Gregory has many duties within his parish as well as spending time studying and praying. He's also been helping a group of children prepare for their First Holy Communion and has particularly enjoyed this part of his work. He asks that we pray for him and his brother Novices during this testing time in God's service.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.35—3.30pm

Diocesan Building Fund

There is now an item in the ParentMail shop for any Parents to contribute towards the Diocesan Building Fund (now known as the Legacy Fund).

Healthy School

Please be reminded that children are allowed fruit/vegetable snacks only for breaktime. No fizzy drinks or chocolate in lunch boxes and that we are a nut free

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Sat 10th	First Confessions
Mon 12th	SATs Week
Mon 12th	KS1 Trip to Windsor Castle
Sat 17th	First Holy Communion
Wed 21st	May Procession
Thurs 22nd	Rise Theatre Production—God's Planet
Fri 23rd	Sports Day
Mon 26th—30th	HALF TERM

JUNE

Mon 2nd	YrR Hearing Screening
Mon 2nd	First Aid Workshops for all year groups
Tues 3rd	Class Photos
Thurs 5th	First Holy Communion Corpus Christi Procession at Douai Abbey
Mon 9th	International Day
Mon 11th	Listen Up music performance
Mon 11th	6pm New Parents Welcome Meeting
Thurs 12th	Bikeability make up session
Tues 17th	New Children Parent/Child Interviews
Wed 18th	New Children Parent/Child Interviews
Mon 23rd	Interhouse Tournament TBC
Tues 24th	Yr6 Leavers Mass at Douai Abbey
Fri 27th	Mass for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul
Fri 27th	School Disco (details to follow)

JULY

Tues 1st	Yr6 Leavers Trip TBC
Tues 2nd	New Children Stay and Play
Mon 7th	Denefield/Little Heath and Theale Yr7 Transition Day
Tues 8th	BHF Public Speaking
Wed 9th	UKS2 Production to Parents 2pm and 6.30pm
Fri 11th	French Day
Sat 12th	Family Fun
Thurs 17th	Yr6 Leavers Party
Fri 18th	Yr6 Leavers Mass
Tues 22nd	End of Term 1pm