



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 32



**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for June**  
*Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on the world. Grant all Your children the grace of encountering You. Change, shape and transform our plans, so that we seek only You in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters and in our daily routine.*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**ONE WITH JESUS**



John's gospel this week gives us great joy and hope. He tells us that during the Last Supper Jesus prays these words to His Father: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." Jesus prayed for the apostles and for all who would believe. That is us! Jesus' prayer that "all may be one" can be misinterpreted. This "oneness" is something much deeper than uniformity, than people professing the same faith and observing the same religious practices.

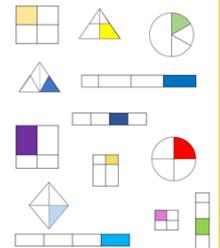
This is a oneness in which love is given and received, a love which embraces difference. Jesus and the Father, while being one, remain distinct from each other. The disciples, while being one with Jesus, retain their own identity and individuality. We are all different with different skills and qualities. Jesus prays that the Father will delight in these differences and allow us to follow in His footsteps as loving humans understanding that in love there is difference, but not division.

**HEADS UP**

This week we interviewed two students from St James. In English, they were writing about the story 'In the Savannah'. During Maths, they were revising fractions and in Science investigating explosions. For their PE lessons this week they have been practising their ball skills. Art was a favourite, they enjoyed painting the clay crowns they had made. Popular Playground Game: Hide and Seek-it.



That's it for this week.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**

Congratulations to Emmanuella, Enya, Elena LH, Ava, Maya Mc, Emily Mc, Eleanor, Florence, Alexandra, Otylia, Amelia C, Arthur, Jacob D, Damian, Dillon Lucas PG, Ravi, Patrick, Caio, Daniel S and Maisie who all made their First Holy Communion on the 17th May 2025



98% Attendance for St Matthew's Class for week ending 23rd May 2025

94% Whole School Attendance for week ending 23rd May 2025

## DOUAI ABBEY

On Thursday of this week, we were privileged to take our First Holy Communicants to a Corpus Christi Procession at Douai Abbey. The procession is a long tradition of the Church to honour the Feast Of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Our Lord. We were joined by other Catholic schools in the Greater Reading area.

We began with a picnic, before entering the Abbey in silence. There, Father Gabriel and members of Blessed Hugh Farington school led prayers before the Blessed Sacrament, which was being adored on the altar. After the prayers, Fr Gabriel and the altar servers carried the Blessed Sacrament under the golden canopy to process around the Abbey in song. It was a truly wonderful and reverent experience and our children looked lovely in their First Holy Communion outfits. A big thank you to all who helped this occasion take place.

St Philip's Class will be attending Mass at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday morning, families are welcome to join them.



## SEMANARIAN OF THE MONTH



Ryan Browne was born in Bournemouth and attended Corpus Christi Primary School. He was inspired by the work of priests when he was as young as five years old, experiencing how they helped his ailing grandfather. After University Ryan applied to become a Seminarian and spent five years studying in Rome. He returned to Portsmouth last September, based at our Cathedral where he has conducted Baptisms and taught First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes. He has particularly enjoyed visiting the local Catholic Schools. Ryan will be ordained on 19<sup>th</sup> July and asks for our prayers at this very special time of his life that he may always serve with love.

## MINI VINNIE REQUEST

In this Jubilee Year of Hope we the Mini Vinnies politely ask you to please buy some socks or pants for the homeless in our community. Please send in any you can afford, either to the school office or with your children after the half term break. They will be collected by the Mini Vinnies and delivered to the Drop In Centre. Thank you for your support. Diya and Eddie on behalf of the Mini Vinnies

## 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).

### **Rain Coats**

Please remember to send your child in with a suitable coat for wet weather as the children do go out in all weather conditions.

### **PE Uniform**

Please ensure that PE shorts are modest.

## TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 35 households with food, thanks to your generous donations. This week we are short of porridge, apple/orange juice, tinned meat/fish, marmite, instant mashed potato and toothpaste.

We are also in urgent need of more volunteers. If interested, do come over and meet us, during our Wednesday 1-3pm sessions, at St. Joseph's Church Hall. Many thanks.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9th	International Day
Wed 11th	St Philip's Class to Mass
Wed 11th	Listen Up music performance
Wed 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
Wed 18th	St Matthew's Class to Mass
Mon 23rd	Interhouse Tournament TBC
Tues 24th	Yr6 Leavers Mass at Douai Abbey
Wed 25th	St Barnabas to Mass
Fri 27th	Mass for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul
Fri 27th	School Disco (details to follow)
<b>JULY</b>	
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
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	<b>End of Term 1pm</b>