



*"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless."  
(Pope St John Paul II)*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH**



This week we celebrate what is traditionally known as the "Birthday of the Church."

The Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, is when Jesus kept His promise to send down the Holy Spirit through whose power the disciples were able to spread the Word to the entire world. The symbols used in the accounts of the Acts of the Apostles and St John vary, but each show the faith invigorated by the Spirit; be it in the flames or the breath of Jesus. Their faith may have momentarily left them, they were in fear for their lives, hidden and

cowered. God knowing this, had them gathered together supporting each other ready to receive the Spirit. Once it came upon them, they were renewed. On this wonderful feast let us pray that we are indeed open to the gifts of the Spirit and are willing to share them with each other. Wishing you all a belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**HEADS UP**

This week we interviewed two students from St John. In English, they were writing their own version of how the Elephant got its trunk. During Maths this week they were learning about 'statistics' and in their RE lessons they revised the story of Pentecost. In Art this week, they painted crowns made out of clay.



Popular Playground Game: Cops and Robbers.  
That's it for this week, come back next week for more!

Head boy and Head girl (Abel and India)



**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**

We are supporting approximately 35 households with food, thanks to your generous donations.

This week we are short of apple/orange juice, tinned hot dogs, marmite, baked beans, sugar, rice pudding and toilet rolls.

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.



### **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 the donations that have come in and for your support.

Diya and Eddie on behalf of the Mini Vinnies

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PTA**

- School Disco on Friday 27th June.  
Tickets available on ParentMail
- Family Fun on Saturday 12th July.  
Early Bird tickets available until 1st July <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-fun-day-saturday-12th-july-2025-tickets-1343596686859?aff=oddtcreator>



### **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).

#### **Hot Weather**

Kindly ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day

### **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.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tues 17th	New Children Parent/Child Interviews
Tues 17th	St Matthew's Class to Mass
Wed 18th	New Children Parent/Child Interviews
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
Wed 3rd	Interhouse Tournament TBC
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>