



"In the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus shows us in particular the truth about the love which is the very essence of God."

(Pope Benedict XVI, Sacramentum Caritatis)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

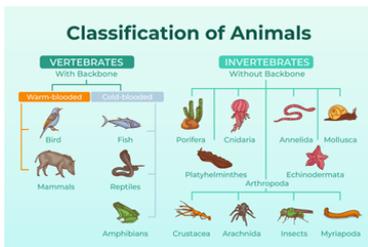
THE BLESSED TRINITY



"All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you." In these words from John's gospel we begin to see the working of the Blessed Trinity. John tells us that Jesus is the one sent by God: his "only Son." This is a reminder to us on the Feast of the Blessed Trinity that God is indeed One God with three persons: Father, Creator; Son, Redeemer and Spirit, Evangelist. We recognise this as a Mystery of the Church and though hard to understand, if we look at the humble shamrock used by St. Patrick to explain it to his flock; how one leaf can be made of three parts, it is somewhat clearer to us. Although we may not have the scientific explanation of this phenomenon, we have our faith to remind us that this is indeed what we believe. It is integral to our faith and is used and re-instated every time we make the Sign of the Cross.

HEADS UP

This week we interviewed two students from St Barnabas. In English, they wrote instructions on how to walk to Tilehurst Triangle. During Maths this week they have been learning about equivalent fractions and in their Science topic, classification on the Animal Kingdom. In RE they were revising their knowledge of Mother Teresa.



Popular Playground Game: Stuck in the Mud.

That is it for this week's Newsletter, come back next week for another one. Head boy (Abel) and Head girl (India).

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul and will be held at school on Friday 27th June at 11am. We are hoping for good weather so that Mass can be held outside, with a picnic afterwards. All parents, families and parishioners are invited to celebrate this Mass with us.



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 19th July and asks for our prayers at this very special time of his life that he may always serve with love.



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/meat, squash, jam/marmalade, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, tuna.



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.

ANNUAL SCHOOLS MASS

On Wednesday, four of our Year 6 children who have been working towards their Faith in Action Award were fortunate to attend the Annual Schools Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by Bishop Egan.

It was a wonderful occasion, with so many schools from across the Portsmouth Diocese coming together in faith and celebration. Following the Mass, the children enjoyed a lovely picnic in the gardens opposite the cathedral, making it a truly memorable day.



MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



- School Disco on Friday 27th June. Tickets available on ParentMail
- Friday 27th June Donations for the Colour Tombola please
EYFS **Red**
Year 1 **Pink**
Year 2 **Orange**
Year 3 **Yellow**
Year 4 **Green**
Year 5 **Blue**
Year 6 **Purple**
- 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>
- Friday 11th July— donations bottle for the Bottle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

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| Tues 24th | Yr6 Leavers Mass at Douai Abbey |
| Wed 25th | St Bartholomew to Mass |
| Fri 27th | Mass for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul |
| Fri 27th | Colour Tombola Donations |
| Fri 27th | School Disco (details to follow) |

JULY

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| Tues 1st | Yr6 Leavers Trip |
| Tues 1st | New Children Stay and Play |
| Wed 2nd | St Barnabas to Mass |
| Thurs 3rd | Interhouse Tournament TBC |
| Mon 7th | Denefield/Little Heath Yr7 Transition Day |
| Tues 8th | BHF Public Speaking |
| Wed 9th | St Simon to Mass |
| Wed 9th | UKS2 Production to Parents 2pm and 6.30pm |
| Fri 11th | French Day |
| Fri 11th | Donations for the Bottle Tombola |
| Sat 12th | Family Fun |
| Wed 16th | St Jude to Mass |
| Wed 16th | Teachers vs Year6 Rounders |
| Thurs 17th | Yr6 Leavers Party |
| Fri 18th | Yr6 Leavers Mass |
| Tues 22nd | End of Term 1pm |

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, they are welcome to refill their bottles as often as they need. They should come to school with sunscreen applied and a hat. We do try to keep the children in shade as much as possible in the very hot weather and do not allow them to run around.