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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

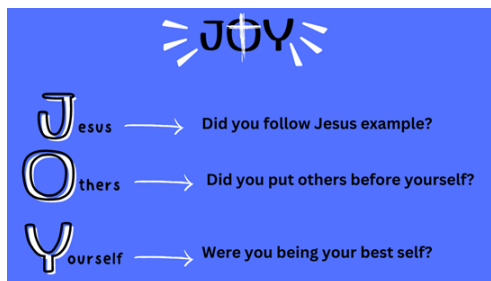


"All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies."
(St. Carlo Acutis)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PUTTING OTHERS BEFORE OURSELVES



In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him. This profound teaching reminds us that discipleship requires sacrifice and putting others before ourselves. As a school community united through Jesus in faith, love and learning, we are called to live out this Gospel message daily.

At St Paul's, our JOY values provide a framework for taking up our cross. When we choose kindness, help others despite inconvenience, or do what is right regardless of recognition, we walk in Jesus' footsteps. These acts of selflessness, though they may seem small, represent the very heart of Christian discipleship and help our children grow in the love and grace that marks them as followers of Christ.

HEADS UP

Hello, I am your Headboy, Ellis, and I am in St Simon. I'm in St Margaret House and I like playing football and my favourite colour is blue. I am 10 years of age and have a sister who used to come to St Paul's.

Hi, my name is Jewel and I am your Headgirl. I'm in St Jude and my house is St Brigid. I like swimming and travelling (my hobbies!). My favourite colour is purple and I am 10 years old. I have a sister who used to come to St Paul's, she joined when she was in Yr5.

WELCOME TO OUR ST PAUL'S FAMILY

We welcome all our new pupils as they begin to follow in the footsteps of St Paul at our school -
Joba, Dahlia, Giulia, Shay, Billie, Annie, Frankie, Libby, Irha, Albert, Jesse, Samuel, Taha, Zhuri, Raihan,
Zaviyar, Arlo, Safira, Elsie, Robyn, Isla, Neel, Sophia, Uriel, Pedro, Eleanor, Emma, Milan, Idreis, Faaiq, Damaris, Benjamina, Polina, Stefania and Meriah.



Attendance will be updated in the Newsletter next week

CELEBRATION FOR YR 1 TIE PRESENTATION

On Monday 22nd September Year 1 children will be presented with their ties at a special celebration.

Unfortunately due to space restraints we ask that only Year 1 parents attend this celebration which starts at 9.00am.

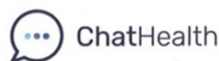


FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below, you could qualify for Free School Meals for your child: Income Support, Income Based Job-Seekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit only with income less than £16,190, Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, Universal Credit. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.westberks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call 0163542400

WELL BEING

Chat Health. Text a school nurse in confidence on 07312 263194. They can offer advice and support on various topics.



Do you have a 5-19 year old? Need some advice?

We can offer advice and support on topics like:

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Bullying
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Bedwetting
- ✓ Dealing with medical conditions in school
- ✓ Emotional health & wellbeing

Text a school nurse in confidence
07312 263194

Privacy and terms: bit.ly/ChatHealthPrivacy



There are various parenting courses available through Mindful Brain. Please book here <https://www.mindfulbrain.co.uk/usefullinks>

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.30 and 8.50—3.30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Please keep the school up to date with any change of contact information ie: change of telephone number / address / email address / doctors or medical conditions.

PARKING

We have already had complaints regarding inconsiderate parking. Please remember to park considerately

COATS

Kindly ensure that your child brings a coat to school as they do go out for some fresh air, even when it is raining!

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Sean Barnes



Sean is currently studying in Rome. He was born in Winchester. He attended, and made his first Holy Communion at St Swithun Wells school in Chandlers Ford. Faith was very important and the root of his upbringing in his Irish Catholic family. He says "I have been extremely blessed and fortunate to meet the late Pope Francis and more recently Pope Leo, truly amazing moments on my vocational journey."

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 15—19th Yr6 PGL
- Tues 16th Meet Mr Robinson 9am
- Wed 17th Yr5 to Mass
- Meet Mr Robinson 6pm
- Thurs 18th Meet Mr Robinson 2.50pm
- Mon 22nd Yr1 Tie Assembly
- Fri 26th Social Justice Conference
- YrR First Days Photo
- Mon 29th YrR Welcome Assembly
- Nominations for School Council

OCTOBER

- Wed 1st St Barnabas to Mass
- Level 2 Bikeability Yr6
- Thurs 2nd Level 2 Bikability Yr6
- KS1 Local Area Walk
- Mon 6th Hustings Week
- Flu Vaccinations
- Wed 8th St Matthew to Mass
- Level 1 Bikeability Yr5
- Thurs 9th Level 1 Bikeability Yr5
- Tues 14th Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026 (please book)
- Wed 15th St Simon to Mass
- Thurs 16th School Council Voting
- Fri 17th Yr6 Leaders Mass at Church
- Wed 22nd St Philip to Mass
- Thurs 23rd Open Day 2pm for YrR Sept 2026 (please book)
- Fri 24th Harvest Mass in School 2pm
- Mon 27—31st HALF TERM