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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2



"We must sacrifice everything for everything: our ambitions, indeed our entire selves, for the cause of the Faith."
(St. Pier Giorgio Frassati)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

John 3:13-17

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, remembering God's incredible love for each of us. Jesus tells us that God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son - not to condemn, but to save us all.

At school, we live this Gospel message through our JOY values. Just as Jesus came down from heaven to serve others, we follow His example by putting others first and being our best selves. The cross isn't a symbol of sadness, but of the greatest love story ever told - God's endless love for His children.

How will you share God's love today?

HEADS UP

This week Mrs Hughes, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Josif, Mrs Laleye, Mr Browne and Mrs Eveleigh have accompanied our Year 6 pupils to Windmill Hill in West Sussex. They have spent the week developing leadership and team building skills through a variety of fun and challenging activities. They are having a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return!



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 Yr1 parents/families attend this celebration which starts at 9.00am.



MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mass this week at St Joseph's will be held at the usual times of Sat 5.30pm and Sun 10.30am

(children's liturgy takes place at the 10.30 Mass)



99% Attendance for St Matthew's Class for week ending 12th September 2025

97% Whole School Attendance for week ending 12th September 2025

WELL BEING

NEW! Autism Advisor for Families-Lizzie Paterson. Contact her on: Lizzie.Patterson1@westberks.gov.uk

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."



TRAVELLING BOOKS

The Travelling Book Company will be in school on the 30th September and children will have the opportunity to look at a range of books.

Parents/carers will be able to visit the book fair at 3.20pm in the hall on Wednesday 1st October and Friday 3rd October



TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of tinned meatballs, hotdogs, corned beef and spam; apple/orange juice, jam, teabags, ketchup, shower gel and washing up liquid. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. Many thanks.



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.

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!

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

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Mon 15—19th	Yr6 PGL
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 Book Fayre 3.20pm Level 2 Bikeability Yr6
Thurs 2nd	Level 2 Bikeability Yr6 KS1 Local Area Walk
Frid 3rd	Book Fayre 3.20pm
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

RECYCLING INITIATIVES

Just a reminder that as well as the Clothing Bank at the front of school, we have recycling boxes in the School Office for you to recycle both batteries and printer ink cartridges.

