




ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3



"We who, by the grace of God, are Catholics, must not squander the best years of our lives as so many unhappy young people do, who worry about enjoying the good things in life, things that do not in fact bring any good, but rather the fruit of immorality in today's world."

(St Pier Giorgio Frassati)



Luke 16:1–13

JOY

Jesus → Did you follow Jesus example?
Others → Did you put others before yourself?
Yourself → Were you being your best self?

In Luke 16:1-13, Jesus teaches us about being trustworthy with what we've been given, no matter how small. This connects beautifully with living out JOY in our daily lives. When we follow **Jesus** as our example, put **Others** before ourselves, and strive to be **Your** best self, we become faithful stewards of our talents, friendships, and opportunities. Every small act of integrity, kindness, and selflessness today prepares us for greater responsibilities and deeper relationships tomorrow.

HEADS UP

Hello this is your Head Girl Jewel again, and the Head Boy and I are here to do the newsletter. This week it is about our residential trip to PGL, Windmill Hill! We did so many fun activities like: The Giant Swing, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Zip lining, Buggy Building and so many other fun activities! The food was also very delicious! What mostly made PGL even MORE fun (in my opinion) was when the electricity went out on the first day! We also had the campfire on the first day as the electricity was out, otherwise we would have had it on another day. We did so many songs and we also did the 'Mexican Wave'! Most of the PGL leaders were actually Australian people (I LOVE Australian accents!). Sadly, I had to go home early on the fourth day because I had my Kendrick test the next day, but I still enjoyed the trip very much even though I had to miss All Aboard and Archery. Great, fun memories though!

Hello I'm Ellis and I am your Head Boy. I did many activities just like Jewel. There were four different groups in PGL and I was in group 3 with Mr Browne and Jewel was in group 2 with Mrs Eveleigh. My favourite activity was the Jacob's Ladder where I almost made it to the top! Jewel's favourite activity was The Giant Swing! While Jewel was doing her Kendrick Test, we did Archery and All Aboard (where you climb up this pole). I got a bullseye in Archery! A lot of people were happy to see their parents when they got back including me. When I got home, I told all of my family members about my amazing trip of PGL and how I would definitely do it again.



99.6% Attendance for St James' Class for week ending 19th September 2025

96% Whole School Attendance for week ending 19th September 2025

WELL BEING

Please see attached flyers:
Support Group for Parents of Neurodivergent Learners
Newbury SEND Cafe

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."

MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

St Barnabas Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 1st October at 9.30am. Parents and families are welcome to join them.



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.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

NAMED ITEMS

Please ensure all jumpers/coats and lunchboxes are named. We always have a large amount of lost property and it makes it much easier to reunite with rightful owners.

HAIR BANDS

Kindly ensure that your child is wearing school regulation hairband/clips.

SNACKS

Please only include fruit/vegetables as breaktime snacks.

MESSAGES

Please let the office know, where possible, **BEFORE 1PM** of any changes to collection arrangements. Kindly also notify us in the morning, of any unavoidable early collections for medical appointments.

WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Reminder that the Welcome Assembly, for all new starters, is on Monday at 2.45pm

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

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 baked beans, biscuits, sugar, toothpaste, cooking oil, packet soups, coffee and tea.

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.



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Mon 29th YrR Welcome Assembly @ 2.45
Nominations for School Council
Yr6 Visit to Little Heath

Tues 30th

OCTOBER

Wed 1st St Barnabas to Mass
Book Fayre 3.20pm
Level 2 Bikeability Yr6
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KS1 Local Area Walk (The Folly)

Thurs 2nd

Fri 3rd Book Fayre 3.20pm
Mon 6th Hustings Week
Flu Vaccinations

Wed 8th

St Matthew to Mass
Level 1 Bikeability Yr5
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Thurs 9th Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026
Tues 14th (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