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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4



"The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."

(St. Carlo Acutis)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

OPEN YOUR EYES TO THOSE IN NEED



This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to open our eyes to those in need around us. The rich man had everything but failed to notice poor Lazarus at his gate. Jesus reminds us that being our best selves means showing compassion and kindness to everyone, especially those who are struggling.

As a school community, let's encourage our children to notice when others need help - whether it's a friend feeling sad, someone who has dropped their belongings, or a classmate finding

work difficult. Small acts of kindness make an enormous difference. Let's be like Lazarus in faith, trusting in God's love always.

HEADS UP

This week for the newsletter we interviewed the early years yesterday, Emma and Neel. We asked the early years what they have done this week.

Emma said that she and her class went to feed the birds in the copse yesterday. Then, Emma said her class copied the moves of 'Danny the Goat'. When it was snack time, they watched 'Peter the Cat'. On Monday, the early years brought their stone in for the Welcome Assembly and Emma said she made a rainbow stone with a smiley face that had 2 eyes. She also said that yesterday she had a very nice time in St Peter playing with the other children.

Neel also said that his class went to the sandpit to play. He said that he made a huge pile of sand in the corner of the sandpit. Neel also took part in the Welcome Assembly and his stone had a happy face with googly eyes on it (his mentor is Ellis!). Neel was very excited because it is his birthday in less than a week, when he will turn 5.

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a beautiful prayer that helps us grow closer to Jesus through Mary. This month, our school will be taking part in the Rosary Challenge, praying one decade of the Rosary together each day. This simple practice will help us reflect on the life of Jesus, strengthen our faith, and unite us as a praying community.

We encourage families to join us in this special devotion at home too.

Praying the rosary is like holding Mary's hand



100% Attendance for St Andrew's Class for week ending 26th September 2025

96% Whole School Attendance for week ending 26th September 2025

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, coffee, jam, weetabix, corned beef, spam, tinned meat, fruit juice apple or orange, packet soups whole milk and any tinned vegetables [not peas]. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph.

Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.



MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

St Matthew's Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 8th October at 9.30am. Parents and families are welcome to join them.



WELL BEING

How Every Child Can Thrive by Five | Molly Wright | TED:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aISXCw0Pi94>

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.



Please visit the Book Fayre after school today, in the school hall.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

SCOOTERS

We have noticed an increase in the number of children 'scooting' across the playground at drop off and pick up times. We kindly ask that no children use their scooters on the school premises to avoid any collisions with other children/parents.

Please could children in Yr1 and 2 park their scooters outside the hall on the infant playground.

PARKING

Please do not park on the pavements. This makes it very dangerous for everyone, but most especially our children!

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 3rd	Book Fayre 3.20pm
Mon 6th	Hustings Week Flu Vaccinations
Wed 8th	St Matthew to Mass 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	Judo Assembly
Thurs 23rd	Open Day 2pm for YrR Sept 2026 (please book)
Fri 24th	Harvest Mass in School 2pm
Mon 27—31st	HALF TERM

Are you a visionary educator ready to make a profound impact on children's learning journey?

St Paul's Catholic Primary School seeks a Full Time Class Teacher for a Fixed Term Contract (Two Terms) starting January 2026

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO:

- Champions our Catholic mission with genuine passion and commitment
- Excels in creating transformational learning experiences for young minds
- Thrives on innovation, reflection, and continuous professional growth
- Sets the highest standards and inspires children to exceed them
- Builds powerful partnerships with families and our school community
- Brings energy, creativity, and pedagogical expertise to everything they do

WHAT WE OFFER YOU:

"Outstanding Catholic School in *Overall Effectiveness and all aspects of learning*" - Diocesan Section 48 Validation
"St Paul's has a strong community spirit, pupils enjoy coming to school...providing a calm, friendly and well-ordered environment where pupils make good progress in their learning." - Latest OFSTED Report

An Unparalleled Environment:

- Exceptional children who are eager to learn and grow
- Collaborative, supportive team of dedicated professionals
- Strong Catholic ethos that nurtures the whole child
- Strong professional development opportunities
- Supportive leadership committed to your success

READY TO JOIN OUR MISSION?

Application Deadline: Tuesday 14th October 12pm

Interview Date: Tuesday 21st October

How to Apply:

Contact the school directly for your application pack sbm@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

Download online at: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

St Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate. Online search will be carried out as part of the due diligence on the shortlisted candidates.