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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6



"Reciting the Rosary is 'the most important appointment of the day'."

(St Carlo Acutis)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

LUKE 17:11-19



In Luke's Gospel, ten lepers showed great determination in seeking Jesus for healing, persistently calling out despite their isolation. Their determination was rewarded with miraculous healing. Yet only one returned to thank Jesus, showing that true strength combines determination with gratitude. This teaches our children that while we encourage them to persevere through challenges - whether mastering times tables or learning to read - we must also pause to appreciate our progress and thank those who help us. Determination gets us to our goals; gratitude helps us recognize and celebrate the journey.

HEADS UP

This week we interviewed Zara and Stanley from St James. They are going to say what they did this week. Stanley said they learnt about George Palmer and Joseph Huntley and about the factory they built, Huntly and Palmers Biscuit Factory. They also learnt about Paddington Bear and Michael Bond. In maths they learnt about number bonds within 10 and they also learnt about number bonds to 10.

Zara said her class counted in 10s in maths. She did a spelling test and she got 10/10! For her morning task she wrote about Paddington Bear and she was also writing about Michael Bond this afternoon. In phonics they learnt about sounds of letters.

They said they had a really great time telling us everything they did!!



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.

99.6% Attendance for St Matthew's Class for week ending 10th October 2025

96.8% Whole School Attendance for week ending 10th October 2025

WELL BEING

A Photographer + Brand Builder on Building Self-Esteem TED Intersections: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCB-BmRJsLs>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving on Tuesday 21st October.

Mr Robinson is collecting These will be distributed to the drop-in centre and food bank at St Joseph's Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence in January 2026. If your child is in Year 3 or above, please complete and return the enrolment form by **Friday, 14th November**. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 6th December at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on **Mondays at 4.30 pm**. Forms are available in the church porch and from St Paul's office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see [here](#) for our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

At St Paul's we want every child to feel safe and be happy. Safeguarding is a very important part of what we do. Please do speak to us if you have any concerns.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead(DSL) is Mrs Chambers. Mr Robinson, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Jackson and Miss Hoare are safeguarding deputies.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

PTA Reminders

AGM at 7.30pm on Fri 17th October in St Joseph's Church small hall on Friday

CAKE SALE on Friday 24th October in the school playground after school. Donations to the school office on Friday morning please.

PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

Wed 5th Nov 3.40—6.30pm and Thurs 6th Nov 1.30—4.30pm. **Bookings open on Monday 20th October at 7am.** Please contact the office if you are unable to make a booking for your child.

St Bartholomew's Class ONLY will have Parent Consultations on Wed 5th 3.40– 6.30pm and Wed 12th 1.30—4.30pm.

Teachers will be meeting with parents in the school hall. We ask parents to please keep to your **10 minute appointment**. If there is need to discuss a particular issue in depth you are asked to make a follow up appointment. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 17th PTA AGM at St Joseph's Church small hall 7.30pm
Tues 21st Harvest Mass in School
Wed 22nd Judo Assembly
Thurs 23rd Open Day 2pm for YrR Sept 2026 (please book)
Fri 24th PTA Cake Sale
Mon 27—31st HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Wed 5th St John's Class to Mass
Parent Consultations 3.40—6pm
Thurs 6th Parent Consultations 1.30—4.30pm
Wed 12th St James Class to Mass
Parent Consultations—St Bart's Class ONLY 1.30—4.30pm
Fri 14th Individual School Photos
Wed 19th St Andrew's Class to Mass
Mon 24th Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026
Yr5/6 Trip to Winchester Science Museum TBC
Wed 26th St Philip's Class to Mass

DECEMBER

Mon 8th Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026
Tues 9th KS1 Nativity to SVP 10am
Thurs 11th EYFS Nativity to Parents 2pm
KS1 Nativity to Parents 2pm and 6pm
Fri 12th Service of Reconciliation
Mon 15th Advent Service in Church 7pm
Tues 16th Yr6 Fundraising Day TBC
Wed 17th Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Fri 19th End of Term 1pm