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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7



*"Keep them in memory of me and if every time you say the rosary you say an extra Hail Mary for me, I'll be very grateful."
(St Pier Giorgio Frassati, upon giving his rosary beads to his friend, Tina.)*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

LUKE 18:1-8



This week's Gospel of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8) beautifully connects with our learning virtue of empathy. While the widow shows us the power of persistent prayer, she also challenges us to listen with compassionate hearts. Unlike the unjust judge who initially ignored her pleas, God always hears us with perfect understanding. As our school community practices empathy this week, let's truly listen to one another - especially to those who feel unheard - remembering that Christ calls us to be His loving presence for others.

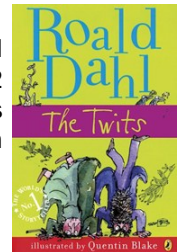
HEADS UP

Today we interviewed Ellie and Jude from St John.

They drew different monsters and described their features. They also said that they finished reading *The Twits*. In maths they learnt about 1 and 2 digit numbers. They said the highest 2 digit number was 99. In phonics they learnt about the sound 'id'. Jude's favourite lesson is maths and Ellie's favourite lesson is art! On Tuesday they listened to fossils and the swan in music.



We had fun interviewing both of Ellie and Jude from St John.



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.

100% Attendance for St John's Class for week ending 17th October 2025

95% Whole School Attendance for week ending 17th October 2025

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.

PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

Wed 5th Nov 3.40–6.00pm and Thurs 6th Nov 1.30–4.30pm. **Bookings are now open..**

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– 6.00pm 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.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

To the Staff and Students of St Paul's.

Thanks ever so much for the Harvest Festival food you donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The food will play a big role in sustaining the needy in our community.

Thanks once again for your support. God Bless!



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

PTA Reminders

CAKE SALE on Friday 24th October in the school playground after school.

UNIFORM SALE will take place on Friday 7th November in the school playground.

POPPY APPEAL



Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items, throughout the school, at break and lunchtimes after half term. We ask for a silver donation, minimum of 20p per poppy and a gold donation, minimum £1 for snap bands/festival bands or reflectors.

Thank you for your support!

WELL BEING

Top tips for promoting healthy sleep patterns [here](#)

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 24th

PTA Cake Sale

Mon 27–31st

HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Wed 5th

Parent Consultations 3.40–6pm

Thurs 6th

Parent Consultations 1.30–4.30pm

Fri 7th

Good as New uniform sale

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

St Philip's Class to Mass

Wed 26th

DECEMBER

Mon 8th

Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026

Tues 9th

KS1 Nativity to SVP 10am

EYFS Nativity to Parents 2pm

Thurs 11th

KS1 Nativity to Parents 2pm and

6pm

Service of Reconciliation

Fri 12th

Advent Service in Church 7pm

Mon 15th

Tues 16th

Yr6 Fundraising Day TBC

Wed 17th

Christmas Lunch and Party Day

Fri 19th

End of Term 1pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025	
St Andrew	Sophia and Ronan
St James	Raj and Stanley
St John	Isla and Ethan
St Philip	Evie and Freddie M
St Matthew	Amelia and Samuel
St Barnabas	Maisie, Luca and Arthur
St Bartholomew	Lhadon and Michael
St Simon	Annie-May and Khloe
St Jude	Diya and Kayden

ECO WARRIOR 2025	
St Peter/St Paul	Elsie and Jessie
St Andrew	Nathaneal
St James	Vicky and Kamil
St John	Eli
St Philip	Eliza
St Matthew	Noah and Ava
St Barnabas	Alice
St Bartholomew	Max
St Simon	Julianna
St Jude	Jaden

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2025	
St Anne	Ted Barlow and Kinga
St Bernadette	Archie and Maya
St Brigid	Eoghan and Melitta
St Margaret Clitherow	Diya and Zachary
St Rose of Lima	Aria and William

PEER MEDIATORS 2025	WELL BEING AMBASSADORS 2025
Elena	Faaria
Zoe	Diya
Faaria	Fiona
Diya	Cian
Fiona	Julianna
Cian	Skylar
Skylar	Khloe
Lhandon	
Julianna	
Khloe	