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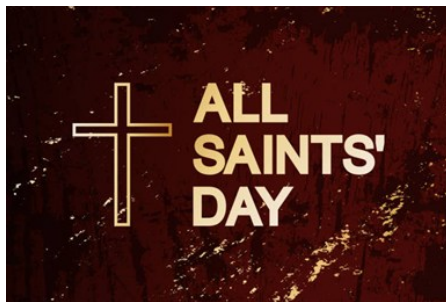


"You cannot be half a Saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."
~St. Therese of Lisieux



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

ALL SAINTS



On All Saints Day, we celebrate the extraordinary lives of ordinary people who showed God's love through their actions. The saints teach us empathy – they saw the world through others' eyes and responded with compassion. Whether it was St. Francis caring for the poor, St. Teresa serving the sick, or St. Martin sharing his cloak with a beggar, each saint noticed suffering and chose to help. This week, let's follow their example by practicing empathy in our school community, listening to our friends' feelings and offering kindness when someone needs support.

HEADS UP

Today we interviewed Dora and Max from St Philip. They are going to tell us what they have done this week.

They learnt about the marginalised and how they could help them in RE. In maths, they did column addition, subtraction and multiplication and they both got to set C! In English, they wrote the day of a life of a mummy as their topic is English. In science they are learning about light and darkness. In topic, they did an English plan where there were 4 parts and there were little topics in each part, they had to write facts on each one. In computing, they researched about mummies and then they wrote their facts on their topic books.



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.

POPPY APPEAL

Year 6 pupils are now selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items, throughout the school, at break and lunchtimes. 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!



99% Attendance for St Philip's Class for week ending 24th October 2025

94% Whole School Attendance for week ending 24th October 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 in need of mashed potatoes, corned beef, ham/spam, washing up liquid, jam, longlife whole milk, honey and peanut butter.

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



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, beginning with Odd Socks Day on Monday.

We would like to invite children to come to school on Monday wearing odd socks, along with their usual school uniform. The idea behind Odd Socks Day is to recognise children's individuality and celebrate what makes them all unique.

During the week, children will be reminded of the definition of bullying that we use at St Paul's: STOP - Bullying is when someone hurts you Several Times On Purpose.

We will also remind the children how to report bullying or anything they are worried about, and that there are people who care and can help if they are struggling.

Thank you for your support with this.



NOVEMBER—THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally known in the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Souls, a time when we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us to Heaven.

Throughout this month at St Paul's, we will be praying for all in our school community who have died, asking God to grant them eternal rest and peace.

Remembering Your Loved Ones

We have placed a special basket in the entrance hall of the school. If you would like us to pray for your loved ones who have died, you are very welcome to write their names on a piece of paper and place it in the basket.

If you are unable to come into school, please email the school office at office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk with the names of your loved ones, and we will place them in the basket on your behalf.

Each week during November, we will pray for all those whose names are in the basket during our times of worship.

A Wonderful Catholic Tradition

This is a beautiful Catholic tradition that reminds us of Jesus' promises of eternal life and the hope we have in the resurrection. It also reminds us that death is not the end, but a doorway to eternal life with God.

As we pray for the Holy Souls, we are united with the whole Church throughout the world in this act of love and remembrance.

WELL BEING

Calm & Connected Pod #167 | Overcoming Social Anxiety from Childhood to Adulthood w/Natasha Daniels: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbK3CbLDMcw>

DIARY DATES

Mon 10th	Odd Socks Day Anti Bullying Week Good as New uniform sale
Wed 12th	St James Class to Mass Parent Consultations—St Bart's Class ONLY 1.30—4.30pm 2.45pm Phonics Meeting for EYFS Parents
Thurs 13th	EYFS Nursery Rhyme Day
Fri 14th	Individual School Photos Yr3/4 Football Tournament
Wed 19th	St Andrew's Class to Mass Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026 Yr5/6 Music Festival Hexagon
Fri 21st	Yr3/4 Music Festival Hexagon
Mon 24th	Yr5/6 Trip to Winchester Science Museum TBC
Wed 26th	St Philip's Class to Mass
Thurs 27th	Mindful Brain Assembly
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
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

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

PARKING

We have had a complaint from a neighbour on City Road who was unable to access her driveway as a parent/carer had parked across it at drop off. Please **DO NOT** park across driveways or on the yellow or zigzag lines.

USED UNIFORM SALE

There will be a PTA Used Uniform Sale on Monday 10th Nov after school in the Infant playground.