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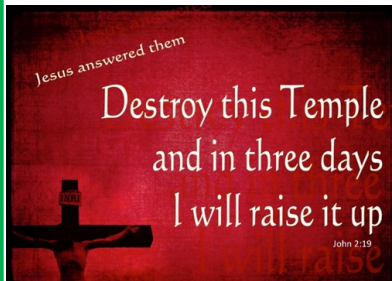


*"Mary is the most perfect expression of Christ's action that transforms our humanity. She is the feminine manifestation of all that Christ's grace can accomplish in a human being."  
(DDF Mater Populi Fidelis 1)*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

## John 2:13-22



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple and speaks mysteriously about rebuilding it in three days. When challenged, the Jewish leaders display our learning virtue of inquisitiveness - they question Jesus to understand His authority. Their questions, though skeptical, remind us that asking "Why?" deepens our faith journey.

At St Paul's, we encourage our children's sacred curiosity. When pupils ask challenging questions about God, they're following the disciples who pondered Christ's words until understanding dawned at the resurrection. Through inquisitiveness, we grow closer to Truth itself.

## HEADS UP

On Wednesday we interviewed Amelia and Samuel from St Matthew. Here's what they said:

Today they had hymn practice in the hall and then in English they wrote a non-chronological report on Egypt. After that, they did 2 step problems in maths. After break, they learnt about saints and how they became saints in RE. After lunch, they were reading 'Heart of the Golden Scarab'. Yesterday in maths, they learnt about adding mixed numbers and fractions. In Science, they were doing an investigation of light using torches. They also had RE yesterday and they wrote a prayer related to Remembrance Day. That's it for this week. Come back for next week!



## 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](mailto: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.

100% Attendance for St Peter's Class for week ending 7th November 2025

92% Whole School Attendance for week ending 7th November 2025

### WELL BEING

NHS-every mind matters: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/> Helping you to take care of your mental wellbeing We all have times when we feel low, anxious or overwhelmed and it's not always easy to know what to do to feel better. Here, you can find what works for you. We'll show you simple and practical ways to ease anxiety, manage stress, lift your mood and sleep better.

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/> They offer tailored information, advice and support to parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's mental health. You can speak to us over the phone, or chat to us online. You can use our Helpline service if you are the parent or main carer of a child or young person aged 25 or under. Our service is available across the UK. It is free and confidential.

### 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 skimmed milk, peanut butter, orange juice, spaghetti hoops, sugar, shower gel and sweet biscuits. Thank you so much for your continued support. 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 'Foodbank' as a reference.



### DIARY DATES

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| Wed 19th        | St Andrew's Class to Mass<br>Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026<br>Yr5/6 Music Festival Hexagon |
| Thurs 20th      | Yr5/6 Dodge Ball Tournament  |
| Fri 21st        | Yr4 Music Festival Hexagon   |
| Mon 24th        | Yr5/6 Trip to Winchester Science Museum  |
| Wed 26th        | St Philip's Class to Mass  |
| Thurs 27th      | Mindful Brain Assembly   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b> |  |
| Mon 8th         | Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026  |
| Tues 9th        | KS1 Nativity to SVP 10am<br>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

### SCHOOL MEALS

Reminder that there will be a food tasting event, hosted by The Pantry at 2.30pm on Thursday afternoon.

### HOUSE POINT TOTAL

| w/e   | St Anne | St Margaret | St Brigid | St Bernadette | St Rose of Lima |
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