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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10



*"What does it matter if you can win a thousand battles if you cannot win against your own corrupt passions? It doesn't matter. The real battle is with ourselves."
(St Carlo Acutis)*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

LUKE 23:35-43

GOD IS watching

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks about difficult times that will come, but he gives us a wonderful promise: "not a hair of your head will be lost." Even when things seem scary or challenging, Jesus tells us not to worry because God is always watching over us. Just like a loving parent never stops caring for their children, God protects us through every difficulty. This week, let's remember that being brave doesn't mean we're never afraid - it means trusting that Jesus is always with us. When we face hard times at school or home, we can pray and know that God's love is stronger than any problem we might face.

HEADS UP

This week, we interviewed St Bartholomew and they are going to tell us what they did this week:

In grammar on Monday, they learnt about parenthesis. After that, they had RE and they learnt about the advent wreath. After break, they had maths sets and they did area and perimeter of shapes. On Tuesday, in English they were planning for their silent movie. In music, they sang one of Bob Marley's songs. During computing, they learnt about mars and in science they were learning about space. In RHE they learnt about inquisitiveness and how to ask question. They were learning about body parts in their French lesson this week.



That's it for this week, we had a great time interviewing St Bartholomew.

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.

100% Attendance for St Peter's Class for week ending 14th November 2025

95% Whole School Attendance for week ending 14th November 2025 - Target 96%

MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

St Andrew's Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 26th November at 9.30am.

Parents and families are welcome to join them.



DIARY DATES

Fri 21st

Yr4 Music Festival Hexagon

Mon 24th

Yr5/6 Trip to Winchester Science Museum

Wed 26th

St Andrew's Class to Mass

Thurs 27th

Mindful Brain Assembly

DECEMBER

Wed 3rd

SEMH Archery Dome

Mon 8th

Open Day 10am for YrR Sept 2026

Tues 9th

KS1 Nativity to SVP 10am

Wed 10th

EYFS Nativity to Parents 2pm

Thurs 11th

EYFS Nativity to Nurseries

Fri 12th

KS1 Nativity to Parents 2pm and 6pm

Mon 15th

Service of Reconciliation

Tues 16th

Advent Service in Church 7pm

Thurs 18th

Yr6 Fundraising Day TBC

change of day!

Christmas Lunch Day—please note

Fri 19th

End of Term 1pm

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 shower gel, sugar, rice pudding, custard, packet soups, orange juice, coffee, cereal, longlife milk (whole and skimmed).

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.



WELL BEING

Top tips on supporting children with self-regulation [here](#)

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 reports of a car parked on the pavement blocking safe passage for pedestrians. This car has been reported to the traffic team.

ADVENT SERVICE

All Middle and Upper school pupils will be involved in our annual Advent Service, which takes place in St Joseph's Church on Monday 15th December at 7.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE ALL KS2 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

EYFS AND KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Pupils in EYFS will be performing their Nativity Play, "The King is Born" on Tuesday 9th December at 2.00pm. No tickets will be required for family and friends coming to this production.

Pupils in Years 1&2 will be putting on their production of "Nothing Ever Happens Around Here" on Thursday 11th December at 2pm and 6.30pm. **Tickets are required for both performances.** You will be advised of the times that children will need to be in school for the evening performance closer to the time.

There will be 2 afternoon and 2 evening performance tickets allocated to parents with children in Years 1&2.

Tickets will be sent home the week before the performance.

EVERY PERSON ATTENDING THE PERFORMANCE WILL REQUIRE A TICKET (including young children sitting on laps).

Both of these productions will be performed to the school on Monday 9th December during the school day.

HOUSE POINT TOTAL

w/e	St Anne	St Margaret	St Brigid	St Bernadette	St Rose of Lima
14/11	626	507	265	736	489