

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 12

Friday 5th December 2025



2025 Jubilee Year

Dates for your diary

DECEMBER

- Mon 8th Open Day 10am for Prospective Pupils
Tues 9th KS1 Nativity to SVP 10am
EYFS Nativity to Parents
2pm
Wed 10th EYFS Nativity to Nurseries
Thurs 11th KS1 Nativity to Parents
2pm and 6pm
Fri 12th Service of Reconciliation
Dress Down Day in exchange for a gift for the hospital giving tree
- Mon 15th Advent Service in Church
7pm
Tues 16th Yr6 Fundraising Day TBC
Thurs 18th Christmas Lunch Day & Party Day - please note change of day!
Fri 19th End of Term 1pm

JANUARY

- Mon 5th INSET DAY
Tues 6th Pupils return to school
Aladdin Pantomime
Open Day 2pm for Prospective Pupils
Tues 13th NSPCC Assembly
Fri 30th Yr3/4 Girls Football at the Dome

Thought for the week

*"We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom."
(St Cyril of Jerusalem)*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

1st Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 24:37-44), Jesus reminds us to "stay awake" and be ready for His coming. During Advent, the Church invites us into a time of preparation – not just waiting, but training our hearts. Just as athletes train with purpose, we train our spirits through prayer, kindness, and quiet moments with God. Advent helps us notice His presence in our daily lives and prepares us to welcome Christ with joy.

May this season strengthen our hearts to be ready for Jesus, today and always.



HEAD'S UP

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week we interviewed St Simon with Julianna, Raffaella, Tyler and Ellis. This week, they've had cold spell and comprehension and learnt about synonyms and antonyms. In their maths sets they were learning about angles and in RE they learnt about John the Baptist. They also found out more about the 1906 San Francisco earthquake in English and had ten minute tests. On Wednesday KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 all had hymn practice after that, Yr6s had a reading SATS practice and Yr5s had music. In computing they were looking at binary codes.

98% Attendance for St Jude for week ending 28th November 2025

94% Whole School Attendance for week ending 28th November 2025 - Target 96%

Mini Vinnies

On **Friday 12th December**, children are invited to wear their **own clothes** to school in exchange for a gift for someone who will be spending Christmas in the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Suggested items include pens or pencils, shower gel, and puzzle books. Please ensure that all gifts are new items, or alternatively, children may bring a £1 donation, which the school will use to purchase suitable items.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Children are able to use the school internal Christmas post box the week commencing Monday 8th Dec.

Children are able to post their Christmas cards to other pupils in school and the deliveries will then be made by the Year 6 children. Please ensure that all cards are clearly marked with the recipients name and class.

Alternatively, donations may be made for CAFOD gifts

Well Being

Top tips for a tech free Christmas for children [here](#)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & PARTY DAY

Children are able to wear party clothes to school on Thursday 18th December.

Please book any school dinners online on your child's Pantry account.

EYFS AND KSI 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 today.

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.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.35—3.30pm

POPPY APPEAL - Thank you for your generous donations to the poppy appeal. We raised £374.16

PARKING - A neighbour has reported a red Mercedes blocking her drive and preventing her from being able to leave. Please remember to park considerately. A silver Land Rover was also reported as blocking the pavement forcing pedestrians onto the road.

END OF TERM - A reminder that school finishes at 1pm on Friday 19th December.

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 short of breakfast cereal (weetabix), juice, tinned ham/spam, cooking oil, coffee, sugar, shampoo and shower gel. 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.



HOUSE POINT CHART

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clithero	St Rose of Lima
28/11/2025	512	589	526	419	593