

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 13

Friday 12th December 2025



2025 Jubilee Year

Dates for your diary

DECEMBER

Mon 15th Advent Service in Church 7pm
PTA Used Uniform Sale 3.20
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
Fri 9th PTA Used Uniform sale 3.20
Tues 13th NSPCC Assembly
Fri 30th Yr3/4 Girls Football at the
Dome

FEBRUARY

Mon 9th Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 16th HALF TERM WEEK
Tues 24th Poet in School (Coral Rumble)

MARCH

Thurs 19th Swimming Gala at Rivermead
TBC
Fri 20th YR5/6 Football at The Dome



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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"Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward Him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

(Pope St John Paul II)

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

As we watch our children retell the Nativity this week, Matthew 3:1-12 reminds us why the story matters. John the Baptist calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord," inviting us to make room in our hearts for Christ just as the stable welcomed Him. Our nativities show the humility of God's coming; John's message challenges us to respond with conversion, hope, and joy. May these celebrations renew in us a desire to meet Jesus anew this Advent, ready for the One who brings light to our world.

HEAD'S UP

We interviewed Aria and Kayden from St Jude and they are going to tell us what they did this week.

On Monday, they had tests like spelling, SPAG and maths. In the afternoon the whole school came together to watch the EYFS and KS1 Nativity! On Tuesday, St Jude had a comprehension test and after break, their last math test of the week. After lunch, all the year 6's came together to discuss of the charity day event and lastly they finished their day off by completing their space art during their art lesson. They have also finished their write-ups of poems about the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco in California, and during French they wrote about describing monsters. They have also had Advent practice with the rest of KS2. For RE this week they are learning about John the Baptist.

That's it for today we'll see you next week when we visit EYFS!

96% Attendance for St John for week ending 5th December 2025

92.7% Whole School Attendance for week ending 5th December 2025 - Target 96%

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. The PTA will be providing a Christmas Ornament for your child to make. Please send in a £1 donation towards this.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Children are now 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 for staying safe over the Christmas period. [here](#)

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

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

UNIFORM SALE - There will be a PTA used uniform sale on Monday 15th at the end of the day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - There will be a Christmas Disco at the After School Club on Tuesday 16th December.

REQUEST FOR SCRAP PAPER - Breakfast and After School club are requesting donations of any scrap paper

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.



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 could all children arrive at Church at 6.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE ALL KS2 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS

The EYFS Nativity was filmed on Tuesday 9th December and is available to purchase through the ParentMail shop for £6.00

The KS1 Nativity was filmed on Tuesday 2nd December and is also available to purchase through the ParentMail shop for £6.00.



HOUSE POINT CHART

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clithero	St Rose of Lima
05/12/25	694	407	568	505	575