

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 14

Friday 19th December 2025



2025 Jubilee Year

Dates for your diary

DECEMBER

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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"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel – which means, God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

GAUDETE SUNDAY

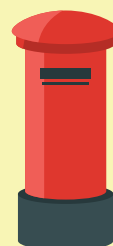
In Matthew 11:2–11, John the Baptist asks a question many of us quietly carry: "Are you the one who is to come?" Jesus does not answer with arguments, but with signs of hope—healing, restoration, and good news for the poor. After our Advent Carol Service, filled with music and light, this passage reminds us that Christ often comes quietly, in mercy and love rather than spectacle. Advent invites us to recognise Jesus already at work among us and to trust Him, even when we wait, question, or feel uncertain.

HEAD'S UP

Welcome to the newsletter. This week we interviewed Jesse and Safira from Early Years and here is what they had to say about their week.

One day, their class went to the post box to send letters to Santa. They also sang their nativity songs on the way. On Monday, Mr Hegarty taught them how to read a book. Today, they did phonics, and had Wild Wednesday, where they go out to the copse and play. They also did maths. On Wednesday the year 6s and early years went to the hall to see each others' mentees and mentors and gave each other presents.

Come back for the next newsletter which will be in January! We will interview St Andrew.



96% Attendance for St Matthew for week ending 12th December 2025

94.5% Whole School Attendance for week ending 12th December 2025 – Target 96%

Christmas Crib Service, 20th December 12 noon

St Bernadette's Church in Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne, will be holding a Christmas Crib service for children on Saturday 20th December. This is a short service of readings, carols and blessings starting at 12 noon, and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome to join us, and children are invited to dress as one of the characters in the Nativity story.

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

All the staff at St Paul's would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year

Reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday 5th January for Staff Training. Pupils return on Tuesday 6th January.

Christmas Fundraising

The Yr6 pupils raised £259 for their CAFOD fundraising day. Along with your kind donations at the retiring collections for the Nativities and Advent Service we have been able to purchase 9 CAFOD World Gift Stockings. Thank you!

ALADDIN PANTOMIME

All children will be watching the Aladdin Pantomime on Tuesday 6th January. This treat, for the Feast of the Epiphany, is being paid for by the PTA.



HOUSE POINT CHART

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clithero	St Rose of Lima
12/12/25	800	824	550	399	522