

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 16

Friday 16th January 2026



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"The world offers you comfort, but
you were not made for comfort.
You were made for greatness."
Pope Benedict XVI*

Dates for your diary

JANUARY

Tues 27th 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
Fri 26th End of Term - 1pm

APRIL

Mon 13th Pupils return to school
Thurs 23rd BHF Football/Netball
tournament

GOSPEL - Matthew 3:13 -17

At the River Jordan, Jesus steps into the water and is baptised by John. As heaven is opened, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove and the Father's voice is heard: "You are my beloved Son." In this moment, we are reminded that Jesus is chosen and sent by God for a great mission. Like Jesus, we too are chosen by God. God knows each of us by name and calls us his beloved children. Our baptism reminds us that God has chosen you, and invites you to live in his love and follow Jesus each day.



HEAD'S UP

Welcome to the newsletter. This week, we interviewed Raj, Scarlett and Jacob from St James. They are going to tell us how their week has been. They have learnt about landmarks in London like the Tower of London and Big Ben in English. During RE they learnt about the Good Samaritan. They also had maths with all the Year 1s and they did addition and subtraction. In their PE lesson they were dancing. They are also learning about the 'Great Fire of London'. That's it for this week's newsletter. Come back for next week and we will be interviewing St John!



100% Attendance for St John for week ending 9th January 2026

96% Whole School Attendance for week ending 9th January 2026 - Target 97%

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We wish all our supporters a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous contributions during 2025. On New Year's Eve, in partnership with SVP, we provided many homeless people 'fish and chips', treats, and winter packs, at Reading Minster. We have also resumed operating, as usual, every week on Wednesdays and Fridays. This week we are short of cereal/weetabix, long life juice, long life milk, coffee, sugar, instant mash potato, tinned potatoes, corned beef/spam, marmite and peanut butter. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. Thank you.. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. Thank you.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

Parking

We have had complaints from neighbours about inconsiderate parking. Please note that if there is no improvement we will have no option but to 'name and shame' vehicles.

Scooter/Bicycle Pods

There is now an additional pod on the wall at the top of the Infant Playground, near the door used by Jnr School children for entering and exiting the school, we thank the PTA for funding these pods for the children to use.

Weekly Mass

St Simon's Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 21st January at 9.30am at St Joseph's Church Parents and Families are welcome to join them.



SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

A reminder that information regarding safeguarding, including our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy and our E-Safety Policy, is available on our website and can be accessed [here](#)

Mrs Chambers is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mr Robinson, Mrs Hughes and Miss Hoare are all Deputy DSLs.

HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
09/01/2026	341	387	542	389	485