

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 20

Friday 13th February 2026



Thought for the Week

"Let the whole world
tremble, let Heaven exult
when Christ, the Son of the
Living God, is on the altar
in the hands of the priest."
(St Francis of Assisi)



GOSPEL

In this week's Gospel from Matthew 5, Jesus reminds us, "You are the light of the world." He does not say we might be the light, but that we already are. Each of us—children and adults alike—is called to shine through kindness, honesty and love. At St Paul's, we see this light when children encourage one another, show respect, and try their very best. Jesus asks us not to hide our light, but to let it shine so that others may see God's goodness through us. May we shine brightly this week.

In 2026, the Church marks the Year of St Francis, celebrating 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis is remembered for his deep love of God, his care for creation, his compassion for the poor, and his joyful commitment to living the Gospel. Throughout this special year, we will be reflecting on his life and example through prayer, worship, and learning, helping our children to grow as faithful, caring, and responsible followers of Christ.

HEAD'S UP

This week we interviewed Finn and Elena from St Barnabas. They are going to tell us what they did this week.

They drafted rainforest stories in English. They learnt about St Bernadette in RE and about feminine and masculine forms in French. They went through their maths tests during their maths lesson and also went through their SPAG, comprehension and spelling. St Barnabas did mental health activities in RHE. They have also been doing their Lenten Reflection practices. In computing their class were doing book trailers and rainforest scenes.

Make sure to come back for next week's newsletter with St Barts.



98% Attendance for St Philip for week ending 6th February 2026

95% Whole School Attendance for week ending 6th February 2026 - Target 98%

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We continue to support families, with the number of requests increasing each week. This week we are short of orange juice, corned beef, spam, longlife milk whole and skimmed, sugar, wheetabix, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, custard and ketchup. Thank you for the generous donations we received this week. 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.

WELL BEING

Please see [here](#) for tips on supporting children's Mental Health.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

Parents' Evening bookings are now live on ParentMail.

Please let the office know if you experience any difficulty or need assistance booking.

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY

- Mon 16th HALF TERM WEEK
- Tues 24th Poet in School (Coral Rumble)
Parents Evening 3.40 - 6.30pm
- Wed 25th Ash Wednesday Mass for Pupils
- Wed 25th Parents Evening 3.40 - 6.30pm
- Thurs 26th Great Fire of London Trunk Theatre for KS1

MARCH

- Sun 8th Children's Mass at St Joseph's
- Tues 17th Lenten Reflection 2pm & 6.30pm
- Thurs 19th Swimming Gala at Rivermead TBC
- Fri 20th Yr5/6 Football at The Dome
- Fri 20th LKS2 Rain Forest Day
- Fri 27th End of Term - 1pm

APRIL

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

MAY

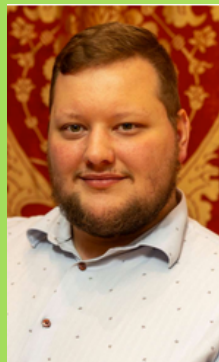
- Sun 17th Children's Mass at St Joseph's

Seminarian of the Month

Adam Trzebinski

Adam is studying at Allen Hall Seminary, London. He writes: 'The fourth year of my formation began in Sept 2025. It is incredible how time flies and how much I have learned, participated in and experienced over the last few years.'

Adam had a pilgrimage to Harvington Hall where they saw the Priest holes. Adams says that this was a remarkable experience and a poignant reminder of the sacrifices both priests and lay people had to make to practice their faith.



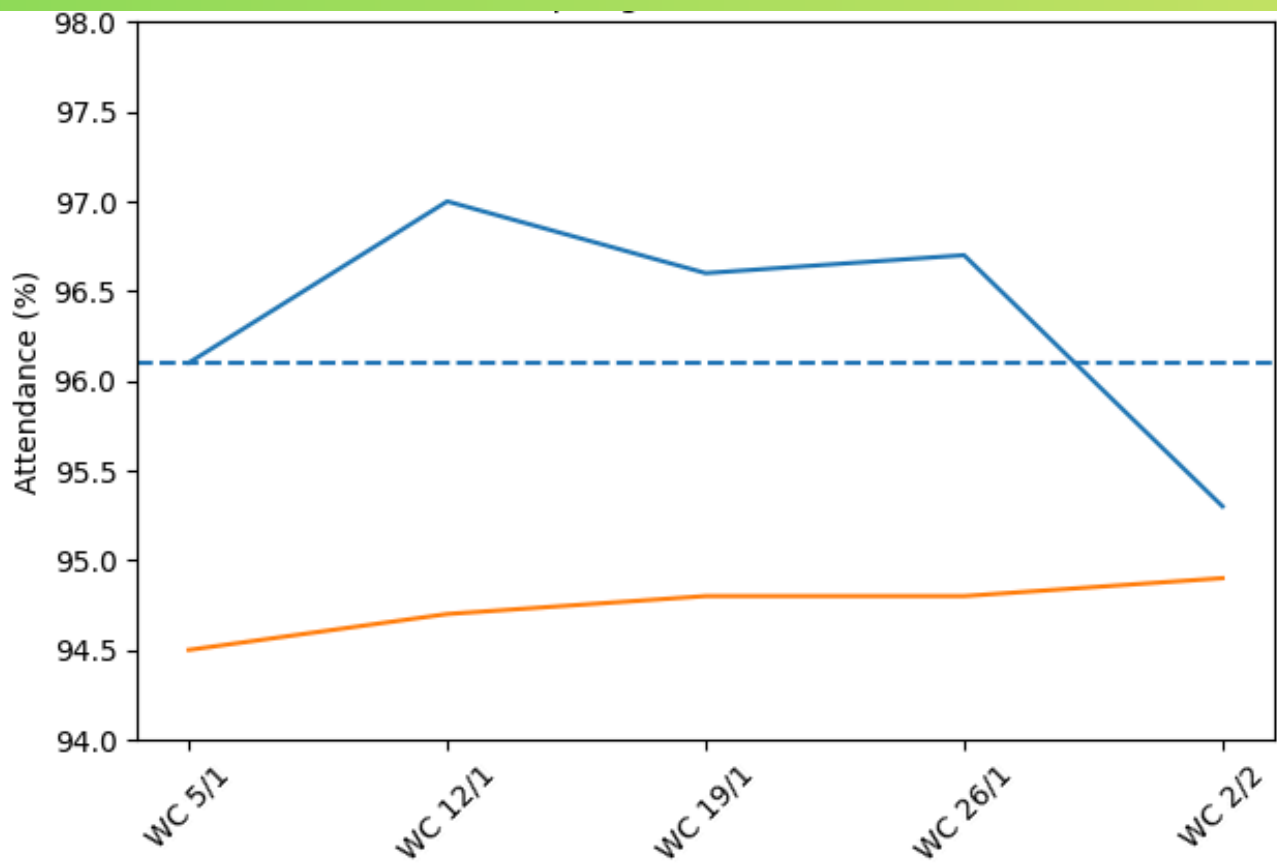
WEEKLY MASS

St Philip's Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 4th March at 9.30am at St Joseph's Church. Parents and Families are welcome to join them.



HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
06/02/2026					Half Term Winners



Wishing everyone a lovely half term break.
See you on the 23rd February

