

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 22

Friday 6th March 2026



## Thought for the Week

"If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy."  
(Venerable Fulton Sheen)



## GOSPEL

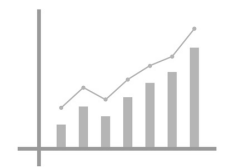
In this week's Gospel we hear the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain and they saw Him shining with the glory of God. In our Celebration of the Word we reflected on how the light of Jesus is not something that stays on the mountain; it is a light that we are called to carry with us and share with others through our words, kindness and actions. We also reminded ourselves that every time we attend Mass we are invited to see Jesus transfigured again, especially in the Eucharist, where He reveals His presence to us and fills us with His light. May we go out this week ready to share that light with everyone we meet.

## HEAD'S UP

Welcome to the newsletter for this week. We spoke to Jack and Julianna from St Simon to find out what they have done this week.

On Monday they did a comprehension about crime from the 1800s. In maths they learned about pie charts and line graphs. During their grammar lesson they learned about different types of prepositions. The next day, they finished their detective story and also had a French lesson. In RE this week they were to look at all the positive words they could be/do during Lent.

Next week we will be interviewing St Jude.



## TOP ECO TIPS

### Use vinegar to tackle limescale

A great alternative to harsh chemical descalers, distilled white vinegar works wonders on limescale. For shinier, limescale-free taps, soak a cloth in a solution of equal parts distilled white vinegar and water. Wrap it around the tap and leave it to do its thing overnight. Remove the cloth, rinse and dry the tap in the morning. To unclog a limescale-crusted shower head, unscrew it and soak it in a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water to banish limescale. Never use vinegar on gold taps, though.



**100% Attendance for St Peter for week ending 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**95.4% Whole School Attendance for week ending 27<sup>th</sup> 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 in need of long life milk skimmed, tea, coffee, cereal, sugar, packet soups, squash, tinned mackerel, tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid, rice pudding, custard, peanut butter, mayonnaise and honey.

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.

Mr Robinson and a group of Yr5 Mini Vinnies took your generous donations and visited with some of the families attending the drop in centre on Wednesday.

## WELL BEING

### Smartphone safety tips



### MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

### PARKING

A red Nissan has been reported for blocking the pavement. Please do not park with car wheels up on the pavement for the safety of everyone.

### CHARITY RAFFLE TICKETS

Year 6 pupils will be selling raffle tickets for the charity Easter raffle from Monday 9th March. Tickets will cost 20p each and staff will generously be providing prizes.

Please be aware that children will only be able to win a maximum of 2 Easter Eggs each. The draw will take place when we return from the Easter Holidays.



Mr Hegarty and the Garden Team would be grateful if parents or friends of St Paul's could help with our School Garden by contributing any of the following items in the next few weeks:

- Old square paving slabs
- Top soil
- Concrete blocks/bricks
- Bags of Compost
- Bags of sharp sand
- Bags of concrete



### WEEKLY MASS

St Philip's Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 11th March at 9.30am at St Joseph's Church. Parents and Families are welcome to join them.



## Dates for your diary

### MARCH

- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Yr5/6 Boys Local Football Tournament
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Irish Dancing Performance to school
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Lenten Reflection 2pm & 6.30pm
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala at Rivermead TBC
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mass for the Feast of St Joseph in school
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Yr5/6 Boys Football at The Dome
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> LKS2 Rain Forest Day
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Yr6 Local Football Tournament
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Yr6 Charity Day TBC
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Service of Reconciliation in school
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Yr5 Public Speaking Masterclass
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> End of Term - 1pm

### APRIL

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Wonka Week
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Yr5/6 Girls Local Football Tournament
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> BHF Football/Netball Tournament
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Boys Local Football Tournament

### MAY

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs Week
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Mass at St Joseph's
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### JUNE

- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Photos
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Procession at Douai
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Rise Theatre Performance
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Yr5 Maths Masterclass @ River Academy

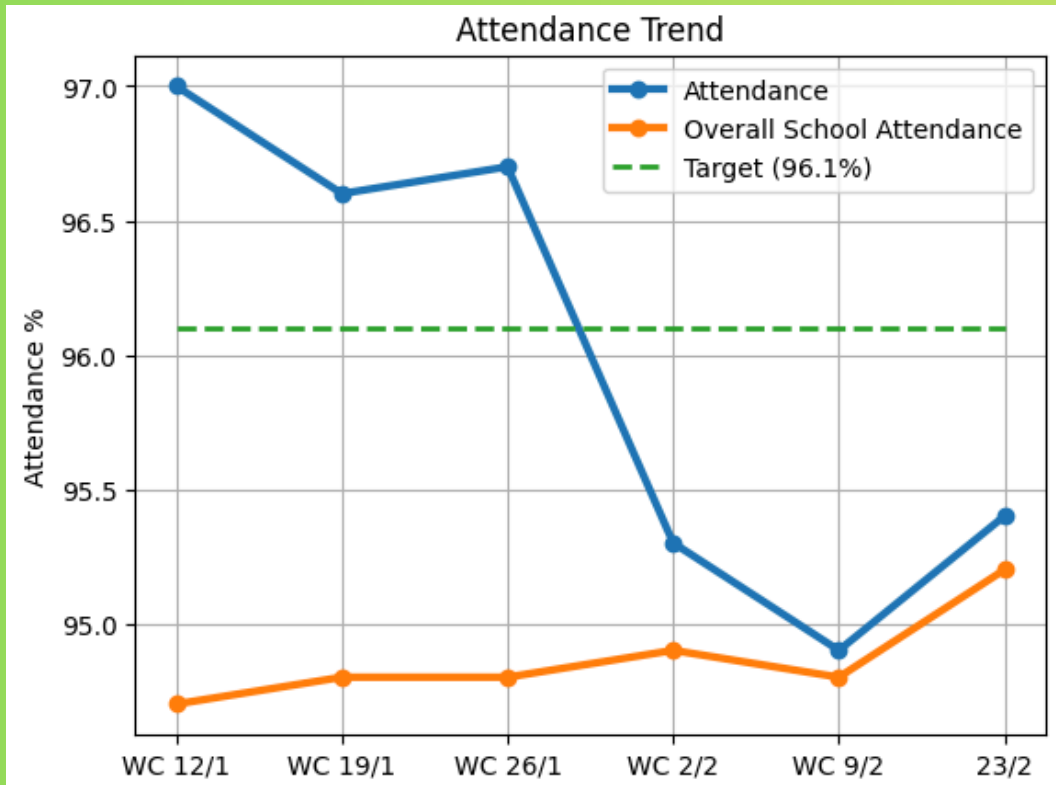
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Children's Mass at St Joseph's

### JULY

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Yr5 Public Speaking Competition
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Family Fun
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1pm

# HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
27/02/2026	490	266	428	323	546



## Seminarian of the Month

### Farvin Gonsalves

Farvin is in Year 4 at Allen Hall Seminary in London. His home parish is Christ the Kind in Reading. Last year he completed his year of Pastoral Theology, based at St Colmans, with St Paul's Parish in Cosham & Paulsgrove near Portsmouth. His role included (among other things) serving; reading; distributing Holy Communion as well as visiting the sick and housebound and assisting in the celebrations of Baptisms and funerals.



## Yr6 Diary Dates

We will update these dates as soon as they have been decided

### JUNE

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Leavers Mass at Douai Abbey

### JULY

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Leavers Party