

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 26

Friday 17th April 2026



Thought for the Week

"In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us!" (Pope Leo XIV, Urbi et Orbi message, Easter Sunday 2026)



GOSPEL

In this week's Gospel, we heard the story of Doubting Thomas and the moment Jesus appeared to His frightened disciples. Despite their fear and uncertainty, His first words were simple and powerful: "Peace be with you." Jesus did not wait for them to be brave or full of faith—He met them in their fear and offered His peace freely. This reminds us that, whatever we face, Jesus comes to us with the same gift. Even in moments of worry or doubt, His peace is always present, steadying our hearts and guiding us forward.

HEAD'S UP

This week we interviewed Zara and Scarlett from St James.

First off, they were learning about guinea pigs in English and they learnt that always have to go in groups so they can't be alone and that they're afraid of snakes and foxes. In maths, Scarlett and Zara are in different maths groups. Scarlett learnt about addition and subtraction while Zara learnt about time, clockwise and anti-clockwise. In RE, they learnt about Jesus rising from the dead and about Palm Sunday.

That's it for this week. Come back for next week and we will be interviewing St John. Have a good weekend!



Father God

*We place before You all in our School Community
who need Your love and care at this time.
Grant them the peace that only You can give*

Romans 14:8 'If we live, we live for the Lord; if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord'.

98.8% Attendance for St Philip for week ending 27th March 2026

95% Whole School Attendance for week ending 27th March 2026 - Target 98%

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of weetabix/porridge, instant coffee, long life whole milk, tinned fruit, tinned mackerel, tinned spaghetti hoops, packet soup, white rice, instant mash, and tinned tomatoes. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. Many thanks.



ECO TIPS

Insulate your hot water tank
Insulating your hot water tank can save you £40 a year on energy bills, according to the Energy Saving Trust (EST), and will reduce your carbon footprint, too. Look for a hot water cylinder jacket that's at least 80mm thick.

Gardening Tips for April

April is the peak month for spring gardening, focusing on sowing seeds (hardy annuals, vegetables), planting, and early maintenance. Essential tasks include weeding, mulching, feeding shrubs, lawn mowing, and protecting new growth from late frosts. It is also the last chance to plant summer-flowering bulbs and prune spring-flowering shrubs.



Well Being

Online Workshop: Sensory Differences Part 2

Thursday, 14th May, 2026, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

This free autism advice workshop looks at sensory systems and how they work, how autistic people may process sensory information differently and have different sensory experiences, and strategies to help with sensory needs.

Please note that this free online workshop is in two parts. The first session will take place on Thursday, May 7, at the same time.

NB: This workshop is provided by the Berkshire West Autism & ADHD Support Service for parents/carers registered with a GP surgery in the Berkshire West NHS area (Reading, Wokingham, West Berkshire), whose children have an autism diagnosis, or are on the Berkshire CAMHS waiting list for assessment.

If you would like to register an interest in attending this two-part workshop or have any questions, please email contact@autismberkshire.org.uk or call 01189 594 594 (option 1) and leave a voicemail message.

Dates for your diary

APRIL

Thurs 23rd BHF Football/Netball Tournament
Fri 24th Yr3 Boys Local Football Tournament

MAY

Mon 11th KS2 SATs Week
Thurs 14th Mass for Feast of the Ascension 2pm
Sun 17th Children's Mass at St Joseph's
Tues 19th Whole School May Procession 11am
Thurs 21st International Day
Fri 22nd Sports Day
Mon 25th Half Term

JUNE

Tues 2nd Class Photos
Thurs 4th Corpus Christi Procession at Douai
Fri 12th Rise Theatre Performance
Mon 15th Yr5 Maths Masterclass @ River Academy
Fri 26th Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul at 11am in school
Sun 28th Children's Mass at St Joseph's
Tues 30th UKS2 Production 2pm and 6.30pm

JULY

Tues 7th Yr5 Public Speaking Competition
Fri 10th Family Fun
Mon 13th Inter House Tournament
Fri 17th **End of Term 1pm**

Yr6 Dates for your diary

JUNE

Leavers Trip week of 1st June - day TBC

Tues 23rd Leavers Mass 11am Douai Abbey
Tues 30th UKS2 Production 2pm and 6.30pm

JULY

Mon 13th Staff v Pupils Rounders
Mon 13th Leavers Party
Tues 14th Leavers Mass 11am St Joseph's

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

We will be entering the summer term after Easter and we are all hoping for warmer weather!

Please find below a reminder of what children should wear as part of their summer uniform:

Boys Grey trousers/shorts, white open neck aertex or polo shirt, royal blue pullover, grey socks, black shoes.

Girls A blue gingham dress. Royal blue pullover/cardigan, white socks, black shoes, no sling backs, slip-ons or high heels. Girls in Year 6 **only** may wear a white open neck short sleeved shirt with grey skirt.

HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
Overall for 2 nd half of the Spring Term	2506	1644	2056	1821	2432

School Attendance Trend

