

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 27

Friday 24th April 2026



## Thought for the Week

"May the Mother of Jesus,  
Mother of the Heart, help us  
always to feel alive and  
strong within us, the  
presence of her risen Son  
close at hand."  
(Pope Leo XIV, April 2026)

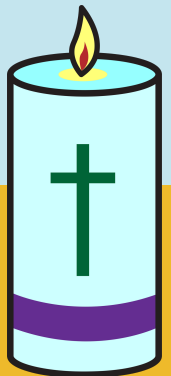


## GOSPEL

In the story of the road to Emmaus, the disciples walk with Jesus without recognising Him at first. It is in conversation, in the breaking open of Scripture, and finally in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened. This reminds us that we meet Jesus in these same ways today: when we speak to Him in prayer, when we listen to His Word, and when we gather at Mass. May we take time this week to walk with Him, trusting that He is always near, even when we do not yet see Him clearly.

## HEAD'S UP

This week we interviewed Isabel and Cillian from St John. They told us what they have done this week. They started off their week by doing English and were learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and they wrote facts about them. During phonics they were learning about words with the sound 'ey'. They were doing tally charts in maths. In history, they continued learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. For RE they were learning about the Paschal Candle. That's it for this week. Next week, we'll be interviewing St Phillip.



## Seminarian of the Month

### Sean Barnes

Sean started the second year in the Eternal City of Rome

Sean says, "the sense of vocation has been in my heart since adolescence, and I have remained disciplined and consistent in practicing the faith throughout my life.

As I reflect on the conclusion of my second academic year, I am very happy and sincerely feel that I have grown in the academic, pastoral, human and spiritual dimensions of seminary formation and further deepened my relationship with Christ.



**99.2% Attendance for St Peter for week ending 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**95% Whole School Attendance for week ending 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Target 98%**

## Well Being

Adapted School Uniform [here](#)

## Gardening Tips for April

### Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors

Sowing seeds outdoors is an easy, inexpensive and plastic-free way to grow new plants. It's ideal for a wide range of hardy flowers and vegetables.

### Protect fruit blossom from late frosts

Most top fruit and soft fruit are very hardy but once they start into growth in spring, flowers and buds are especially vulnerable to frost and may need protection to crop well.

### Keep weeds under control

Remove weeds that will smother seedlings and small plants, by hoeing or digging out.



## 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 tinned tuna/mackerel, long life milk, sugar, peanut butter, jam, shower gel and shampoo. 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.



## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

### EYFS Summer Uniform

White polo shirt, with or without logo, royal blue shorts and black or white plain velcro trainers.

### Offered Free of Charge

A parent has offered a Minnie Mouse Jumperoo, in excellent condition. Please contact the office if you are interested or know of anyone who would like it.

### Water Bottles

As the weather warms up, please remember to send a named water bottle in with your child each day.



## 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-crusting 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.



## Dates for your diary

### MAY

Tues 5th	PTA Wonka Week
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mass for Feast of the Ascension 2pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mass at St Joseph's
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School May Procession 11am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	International Day
Fri 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
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul at 11am in school
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mass at St Joseph's
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 Production 2pm and 6.30pm

### JULY

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Public Speaking Competition
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Inter House Tournament
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>End of Term 1pm</b>

## Yr6 Dates for your diary

### JUNE

#### Leavers Trip week of 1<sup>st</sup> June - day TBC

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

### JULY

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

# HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
17/4	747	661	516	676	823

