

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 29

Friday 8th May 2026



Thought for the Week

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, show us Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world." (Pope Benedict XVI)



GOSPEL

In this week's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." These words remind us that following Jesus is not simply about knowing facts or rules, but about walking closely with Him each day. In a world where there can be so many distractions and mixed messages, Jesus calls us to place our trust in Him. He is the way who guides us, the truth who teaches us, and the life who fills us with hope and peace. As a school community, may we continue to grow in faith, love and kindness, always looking to Jesus as the one who leads us forward together.

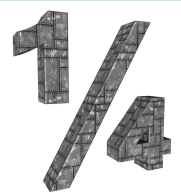


HEAD'S UP

This week we interviewed Jacob and Fara from St Matthew. This is what they have done...

Since it was a Bank Holiday on Monday, they are going to tell us what they did starting from Tuesday. In maths, they learnt about fractions and Roman Numerals. During English they were writing about being an evacuee in WW2. They have also been learning about Mary and reading stories about her in RE. For Science this week, they have been learning about magnets and making paper clip chains. The year 4s have been learning toot and dude instruments and year 3s were doing TTRS (times tables rock stars)

That's it for this week folks. See you next week where we will be interviewing St Barnabas.



SPORTS DAY 22nd MAY

Over the next few weeks we are hoping that the weather will be kind to us so that we can advance our training and preparations for Sports' Day. Sports Day will take place on Friday 22nd May Junior events will take place in the morning, from 9.15am to 10.15am. Infant & Early Years events will be 10.45am to 11.45am with junior long distance and relays at 11.45 to 12.15pm. At 12.15pm parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with their children on the field – don't forget folding chairs and blankets. Children whose parents are unable to join us for lunch will sit on the field with their lunchtime supervisor. Presentations will take place at 1.15pm to 1.30pm, children will then return to their classrooms to change, have afternoon registration and parents will then be able to take their children home. All parents, siblings, and grandparents are warmly invited to attend the entire Sports Day event. If your child will be going home with someone other than their parent or guardian, please ensure you inform the school office in advance.



99% Attendance for St Peter for week ending 1st May 2026

95.5% Whole School Attendance for week ending 1st May 2026 – Target 98%

ECO TIPS

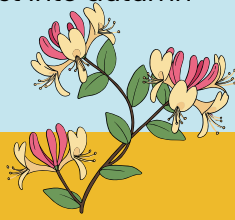
Buy more sustainable fish

In the UK, we largely eat just a handful of fish and seafood: cod, haddock, tuna, salmon and prawns. But our preference for these particular types of fish and seafood is fuelling overfishing. Check the Marine Conservation Society's [Good Fish Guide](#) for a wider range of sustainable alternatives to take some of the strain off these stocks and support local fishermen.



Gardening Tips for May

Tie in the new shoots of climbing plants, including [clematis](#), [wisteria](#) and [honeysuckle](#), to their [supports](#). Continue sowing [annuals](#), such as [California poppies](#), into gaps in borders for colour from August into autumn



TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks for your very generous donations. This week we are short of washing up liquid, skimmed and semi skimmed long life milk, orange squash, orange and apple juice, tinned fruit, rice pudding, coffee, pasta sauce, shampoo, cooking oil and wheetabix. 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**

Water Bottles

We have had quite a few children ask to borrow water bottles, as the weather warms up, please remember to send a named water bottle in with your child each day as we do not have an unlimited supply of spare bottles.



May is the Month of Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone.

Well Being

Online Autism Workshops



Dates for your diary

MAY

Mon 11 th	KS2 SATs Week
Thurs 14 th	Mass for Feast of the Ascension 2pm
Fri 15 th	Frozen Friday
Sun 17 th	Children's Mass at St Joseph's
Tues 19 th	Whole School May Procession 11am
Wed 20 th	EYFS Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thurs 21 st	International Day
Fri 22 nd	Sports Day
Mon 25 th	Half Term

JUNE

Tues 2 nd	Class Photos
Thurs 4 th	Corpus Christi Procession at Douai
Fri 12 th	Rise Theatre Performance
Mon 15 th	KS1 Trip to Bucklebury Farm
Mon 15 th	Yr5 Maths Masterclass @ River Academy
Fri 26 th	Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul at 11am in school
Sun 28 th	Children's Mass at St Joseph's
Tues 30 th	UKS2 Production 2pm and 6.30pm

JULY

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

Yr6 Dates for your diary

JUNE

Leavers Trip week of 1st June - day TBC

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

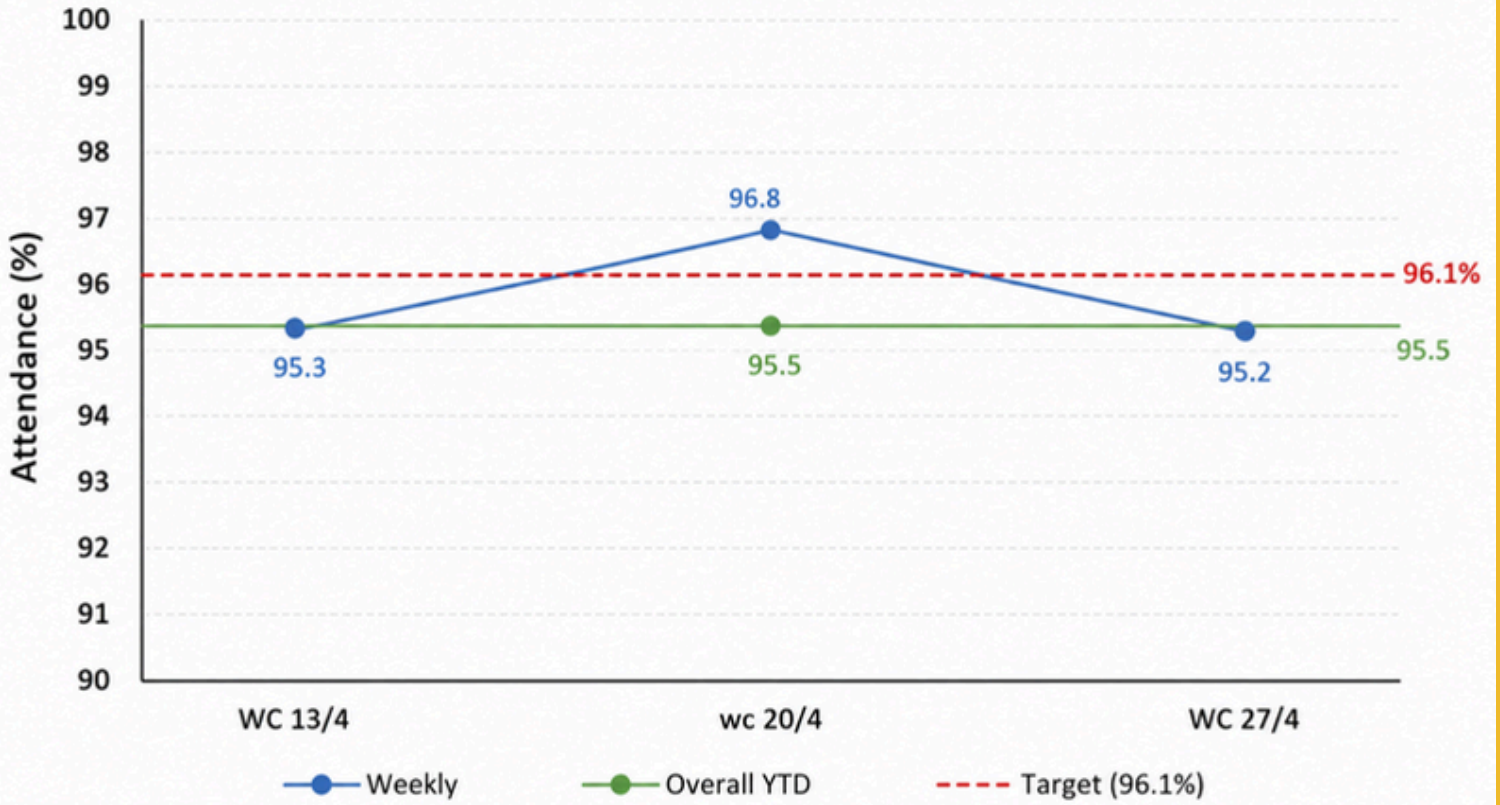
JULY

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

HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
01/05	465	1850	475	296	400

Attendance (%) Over Time





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United through Christ in Faith, Love and Learning



Are you a visionary educator ready to make a profound impact on children's learning journey?
St Paul's Catholic Primary School seeks a Full Time Class Teacher for a Fixed Term Contract (One Year) starting
September 2026

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO:

- Champions our Catholic mission with genuine passion and commitment
- Excels in creating transformational learning experiences for young minds
- Thrives on innovation, reflection, and continuous professional growth
- Sets the highest standards and inspires children to exceed them
- Builds powerful partnerships with families and our school community
- Brings energy, creativity, and pedagogical expertise to everything they do

WHAT WE OFFER YOU:

"Outstanding Catholic School in Overall Effectiveness and all aspects of learning" – Diocesan Section 48 Validation
"St Paul's has a strong community spirit, pupils enjoy coming to school...providing a calm, friendly and well-ordered environment where pupils make good progress in their learning." – Latest OFSTED Report

An Unparalleled Environment:

- Exceptional children who are eager to learn and grow
- Collaborative, supportive team of dedicated professionals
- Strong Catholic ethos that nurtures the whole child
- Strong professional development opportunities
- Supportive leadership committed to your success

READY TO JOIN OUR MISSION? Visits to the school are warmly welcomed

Application Deadline: Tuesday 12th May

Interview Date: Tuesday 19th May

How to Apply:

- Contact the school directly for your application pack
- Download online at: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

St. Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate. Online search will be carried out as part of the due diligence on the shortlisted candidates.