

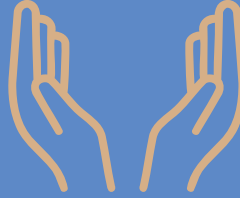
St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 30

Friday 15th May 2026



Thought for the Week

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours." — St Teresa of Ávila



GOSPEL

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 14:15–21), Jesus reminds His disciples that they are never alone. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort and strengthen them. Jesus tells us that loving Him is shown not just in words, but in the way we live and care for others each day. As a school community, we are called to show Christ's love through kindness, patience, forgiveness and compassion. Even when life feels difficult or uncertain, we can take comfort in knowing that God walks alongside us always, helping us to grow in faith, love and learning.



HEAD'S UP

Welcome to this week's newsletter, this week, we are interviewing Maisie and Arthur from St Barnabas. To start off their week, they did a reading comprehension by identifying features of the text. They also did maths where they revised for the maths test on Wednesday. During their French lesson, they learnt about different animals. For RE, they were imagining how Mary would want the world to be if she was on earth right now. This week they have also completed a SPaG test and in computing learnt how decomposition on scratch works. That's it for this week. Next week we will be interviewing St Barts!

SCRATCH

SPORTS DAY 22nd MAY

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.

Please remember to check and cancel any school lunches not needed if you will be sharing a picnic with your child.



100% Attendance for St Jude for week ending 8th May 2026

97.4% Whole School Attendance for week ending 8th May 2026 – Target 98%



Gardening Tips for May

- Plant up hanging baskets, but keep in a greenhouse or porch for a few weeks to establish, before putting outside
- Apply liquid feed to tulips, daffodils and other spring bulbs to encourage a good display next year
- Plant out summer bedding and tender annuals, including sunflowers, cosmos and nasturtiums, after the last frost
- Remove faded spring bedding, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots, and add to your compost bin

ECO TIPS

Make sure your old gadgets get recycled

In the UK we produce more e-waste (electronic waste) per person than any other country in the world except Norway. When your gadgets come to the end of their life, make sure they end up being recycled either via your local authority's kerbside e-waste collection scheme, if it has one, or by taking it to your nearest e-waste collection point.

Alternatively, if you're buying a new iPhone, or another Apple product, you could receive a gift card if you return your old Apple tech directly to Apple for refurbishing or recycling.

Currys PC World offers a similar recycling scheme for gadgets including phones, toasters, TVs and floor cleaners.



Well Being

Top Tips for Road Safety



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

First Impressions Drama Group will be putting on a performance of Annie Jnr @ The Harriet Walter Theatre in Reading. Please see [here](#) for details.

Nut Free School - we have had recurring incidents of nuts in school (almonds). Please **do not** include nuts of any kinds in lunch/snack boxes



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.



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, corned beef/spam, baked beans, mackerel, long life milk, long life orange/apple juice and packet soup. 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.

Dates for your diary

MAY

- Fri 15th ~~Frozen Friday~~ (postponed due to inclement weather)
- Sun 17th Children's Mass at St Joseph's
- Tues 19th Whole School May Procession 11am
- Wed 20th EYFS Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Thurs 21st International Day
- Fri 22nd Sports Day (including Frozen Friday)
- Mon 25th Half Term

JUNE

- Tues 2nd Class Photos
- Thurs 4th Corpus Christi Procession at Douai
- Fri 12th Rise Theatre Performance
- Mon 15th KS1 Trip to Bucklebury Farm
- 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

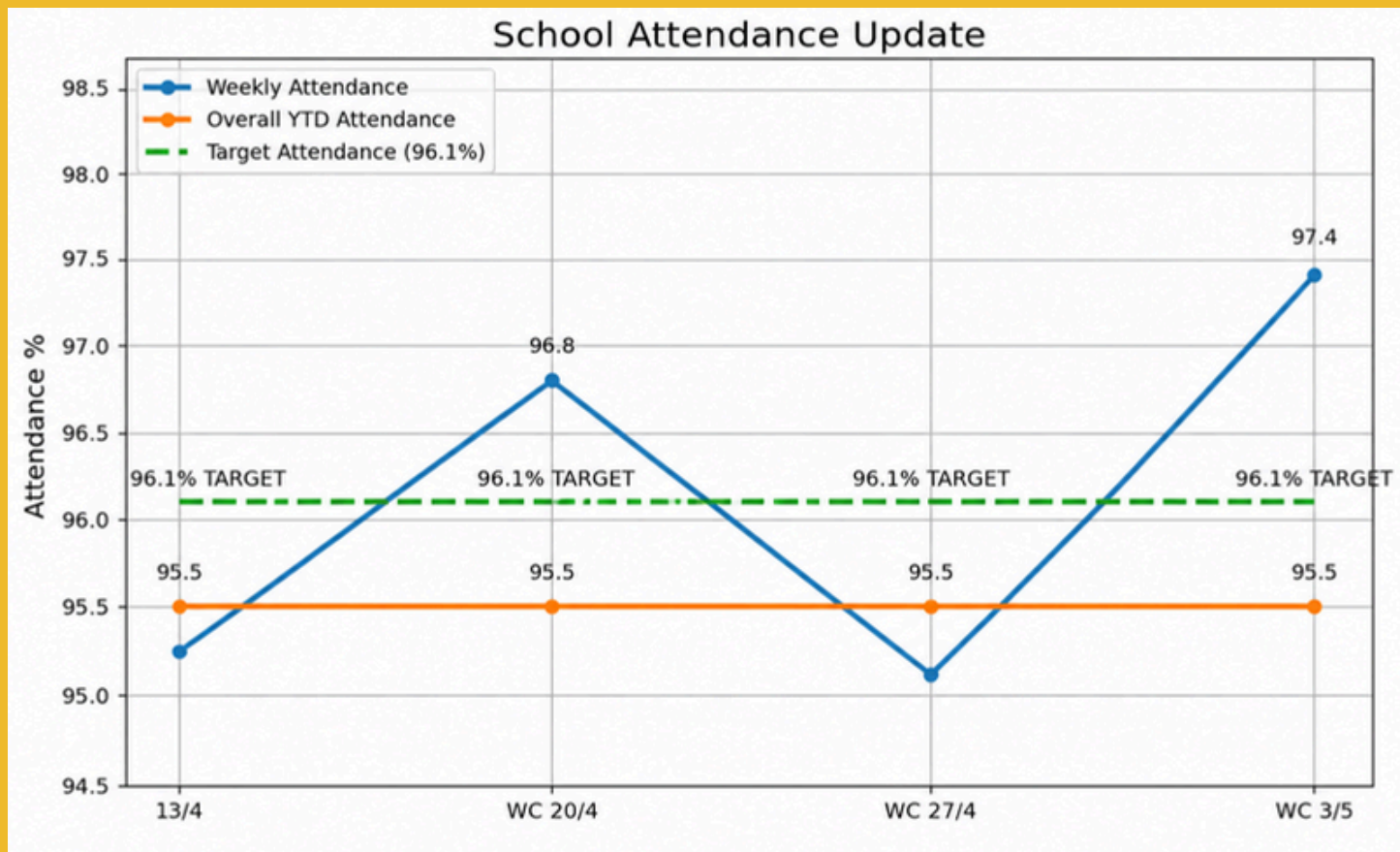
- Tues 23rd Leavers Mass 11am Douai Abbey
- Tues 30th UKS2 Production 2pm and 6.30pm

JULY

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

HOUSE POINTS

Week Ending	St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret Clitherow	St Rose of Lima
08/05	227	225	212	293	198



House Colours

- St Anne - Yellow
- St Brigid - Green
- St Bernadette - Blue
- St Margaret - Red
- St Rose - Orange

Please could all children wear t-shirt in their house colour for Sports Day