

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 31

Friday 22nd May 2026



Thought for the Week

'The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God' came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world.'
(From the treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus)



GOSPEL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus prays for His disciples before returning to the Father. He speaks with love and tenderness, asking God to protect them and keep them united. These words remind us that Jesus prays for us too. Even in difficult moments, we are never alone because Christ walks beside us and calls us to remain close to Him. As we continue through this joyful season of Easter and prepare for Pentecost, may we grow in unity, kindness and faith, showing God's love in the way we care for one another each day.

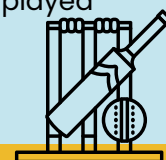


HEAD'S UP

For the newsletter this week, we interviewed Sasha and Charles from St Barts.

During grammar on Monday, they were learning about suffixes. They also wrote up their drafts from the perspective of a dog named Pickles, who found the Jules Rimet World Cup trophy. In their maths sets they were learning division and multiplication. For RE they were painting scenes about the Holy Spirit. St Barts have started off their science project about making people more aware of the use of plants. In their PE lesson they played cricket.

After Half Term we will be interviewing St Simon.



Marian Procession

Thank you to all our families for your very generous donations of flowers for our Marian Procession on Tuesday. Unfortunately the weather was against us so instead of processing to Church, the children laid the flowers at the Altar in school.

Mr Robinson, Mrs Nathan and the Mini Vinnies delivered bunches of flowers to visitors to the Tilehurst Drop In Centre on Wednesday where they were very gratefully received.

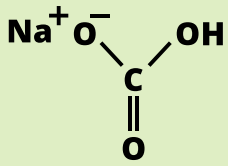
99.3% Attendance for St Paul for week ending 15th May 2026

96.8% Whole School Attendance for week ending 15th May 2026 - Target 98%

ECO TIPS

Keep your toilet smelling fresh

Instead of reaching for the bleach or a harsh chemical toilet cleaner when you want to freshen the toilet bowl, pour a cup of bicarbonate of soda down the loo once a week to naturally neutralise odours. Leave overnight then flush away.



Gardening Tips for May

- Check lilies and fritillaries for scarlet lily beetles and their larvae, as they can rapidly strip plants of all foliage
- Harden off tender plants raised indoors, but bring them back in at night to protect from late frosts
- Pinch out the shoot tips of bedding plants and young annuals, such as fuchsias, to encourage bushier growth
- Add interest to shady borders by planting a selection of hostas and ferns



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, baked beans, instant potato mash, pasta sauce, pot noodles, tinned tomato, toothpaste 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**

Wishing everyone a very relaxing Half Term. See you all on the 1st June



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

Top tips on promoting physical well being



Dates for your diary

MAY

Mon 25th Half Term

JUNE

Tues 2nd Class Photos

Thurs 4th Corpus Christi Procession at Douai

Fri 5th Yr6 Trip to Chessington

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

Fri 5th Leavers Trip to Chessington

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
15/05	277	221	405	268	376

