# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 2

**Friday 18th July 2026**

## Thought for the Week

"Today, accompanying children and young people in using technology for developing responsible relationships, helping them to recognise the risks and choose what fosters inner freedom, is a concrete form of charity and will safeguard their dignity. Teaching new generations that technological evolution does not follow a predetermined path, but can be guided by personal and collective responsibility, constitutes one of the most valuable services to the common good." (Pope Leo XVI: Magnifica Humanitas, 238.)

## GOSPEL

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that forgiveness should have no limits. Just as God continually forgives us, we are called to forgive one another—not only once, but again and again. This can be difficult when we have been hurt, yet Jesus shows us that forgiveness is always possible when we choose to follow him. It does not mean that what happened was unimportant; rather, it means refusing to allow anger or resentment to control our hearts. With God's help, we can do what Jesus asks and become people who forgive generously, patiently and wholeheartedly.

## HEAD'S UP

This week the YrR children in St Peter have been learning Nursery Rhymes. They also learnt about Jesus and visited the Copse for the first time.



Yr6 children are all very excited for their residential trip to Mendip. Please keep them in your prayers next week.

## WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Parents of all pupils who started at St. Paul's this September are invited to a special celebration that will take place in the school hall on **Monday 5th October at 2.30pm**. During the celebration all new pupils will be invited to place a small pebble in our circle of stones. Please assist us by helping your child to choose a pebble, decorate it with their name and bring into school by Thursday 1st October.

**98.5% Attendance for St James for week ending 11th Sept 2026**

**96% Whole School Attendance for week ending 11st Sept 2026 - Target 98%**

**MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE**

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

**CONTACT DETAILS** Please keep the school up to date with any change of contact information ie: change of telephone number / address / email address / doctors or medical conditions.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

If you are in receipt of Universal credit, the government have removed the cap on net earned income so now all in receipt of Universal Credit are entitled to claim Free school meals.

Who Qualifies

Your child can get free school meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (with no earnings limit)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you do not get Working Tax Credit and earn under £16,190)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

## Dates for your diary

**SEPTEMBER**

Mon 21st Yr 6 Residential - Mendip
Nominations for School Council
Mon 28th Hustings Week
Wed 30th Yr5 to Mass

**OCTOBER**

Mon 5th EYFS and New Children welcome assembly 2.30pm
Wed 7th St Philip to Mass
Thurs 8th Open Morning 11am for prospective children
Fri 9th Yr6 Leaders Mass 11am
Tues 13th Open Afternoon 1.30pm for prospective children
Fri 16th Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Fri 23rd Harvest Festival
Mon 26th Half Term Week

**NOVEMBER**

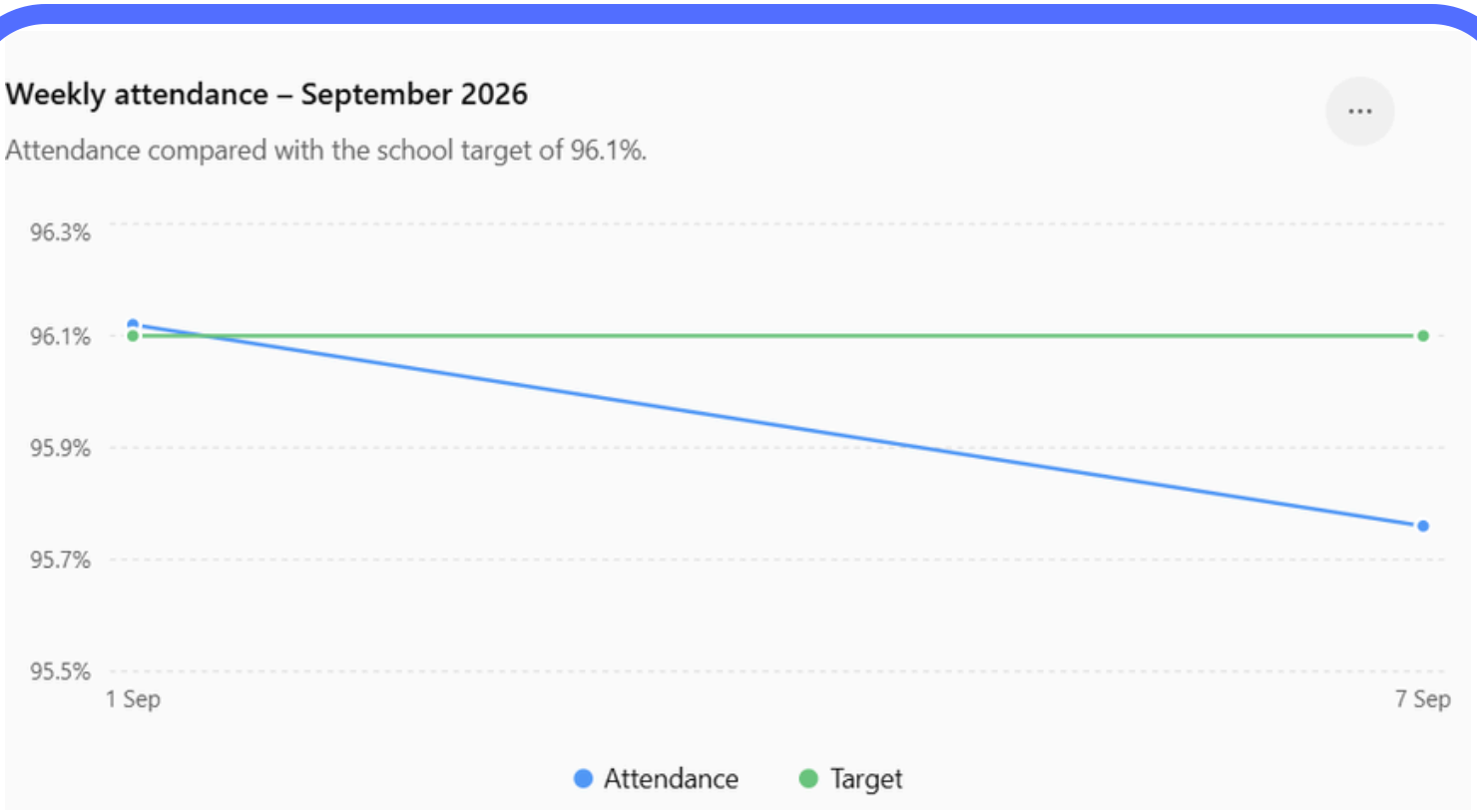
Mon 2nd All Souls Mass
Tues 3rd Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm
Wed 4th Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm
Thurs 5th Open Morning 11am for prospective children
Mon 9th Open Afternoon 1.30pm for prospective children
Wed 11th St Matthew to Mass
Fri 13th Individual School Photographs
Mon 16th Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 18th St John to Mass
Wed 25th St James to Mass
Open Morning 11am for prospective children

**DECEMBER**

Wed 2nd Reconciliation Service in school
Mon 7th KS1 and EYFS Nativities to School
Tues 8th Open Morning 9.30am for prospective children
KS1 Navity to SVP and Day Centre
EYFS Nativity to Parents 2pm
Thurs 10th KS1 Nativity to Parents 2pm and 6.30pm
Mon 14th KS2 Advent Service 7pm
Wed 16th Panto
Thurs 17th Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Fri 18th End of Term 1pm

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**

We are supporting approximately 45 households, weekly, with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of cereals (excl. shredded wheat), tinned hot dogs, spam/corned beef, baked beans, orange juice, tinned fruit and sugar. 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.




# 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 starting January 2027 or earlier (M1-M6), and ending on 31st August 2027.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO:

- 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
- Champions our Catholic mission with genuine passion and commitment
- 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?

Application Deadline: Monday 5th October
Interview Date: Monday 12th October

How to Apply:

- Contact the school directly for your application pack office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk
- 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.