St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 3

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Thought for the Week

"Let us cultivate relationships! In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness." (Pope Leo XVI: Magnifica Humanitas, 239.)

GOSPEL

St Paul tells the Philippians to fill their minds with what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable. At St Paul's, our uniform reminds us that we belong to one community, united through Jesus in faith, love and learning.

Each day, we can choose to focus on what is good: a friend's kindness, someone's effort, or the chance to try again. When we fill our minds with good things, we are more likely to share goodness through our words and actions.

This week, let us look for the good in one another and help everyone feel valued and welcome.

HEAD'S UP

St James

This week St James Class PE lesson was gymnastics. In writing they wrote about The Three Billy Goats Gruff. During their RE lesson they learnt about Noah's Ark. In science they learnt about the three states of matter.



The Year 6 children all had a brilliant week on their school residential to Mendip. Come back next week to hear what they got up to.

Yr6 Parents/Carers

You are warmly invited to join us for our Year 6 Leaders' Mass on Friday 9 October at 10:30 am at St Joseph's Church.

Please note that the Mass will begin at a slightly different time from originally planned. This change is to allow for a funeral taking place at the church at 12:30 pm.

We look forward to celebrating with you as our Year 6 pupils take on their leadership roles in our school community.

100% Attendance for St Jude for week ending 24th Sept 2026 - on residential

99% Attendance for St Bartholomew for week ending 24th Sept 2026

96% Whole School Attendance for week ending 24th 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

COMMUNITY PRAYERS
Every Thrusday at 2.45pm. As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, we will pray the Rosary together. You are very welcome to bring your own rosary beads

BIRTHDAYS
Reminder that all children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school on their birthday.

FLU VACCINATIONS
Please remember to give your consent or non-consent for your child's flu vaccination.

PARKING
Please park with care and consideration of our neighbours and parents/children using the pavements.

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Wed 7th	St Philip to Mass
	Book Sale after school
Thurs 8th	Open Morning 11am for prospective children
Fri 9th	Yr6 Leaders Mass 11am
	Book sale after school
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
Sat 12th	Christmas Fayre
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 tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, long life whole/semi-skimmed milk, orange/apple juice, cooking oil, ketchup, sugar, peanut butter and toilet rolls. 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.

TRAVELLING BOOKS

The Travelling Book Company is now in school. All children will have the opportunity to look at a range of books. Parents/carers will be able to visit the book fair in the school hall on Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th October. Please do support the book fair as the school receives valuable commission towards book resources for the children to use in class.

