St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 4

Friday 16th October 2026

Thought for the Week

"You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people." (Blessed Fulton Sheen)

GOSPEL

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast. God's invitation is open to everyone, and we are called to respond with generous hearts. This week, Mrs West from CAFOD helped us think about what that generosity looks like in practice. She spoke about our charity work and the real difference it can make to people facing hardship around the world. Every act of kindness, every prayer and every contribution can help us show God's love to others. May we accept God's invitation by serving one another with compassion and joy.

HEAD'S UP



Yr 6 had a fantastic time learning about teamwork and leadership during their residential. Their favourite activity was climbing, where they worked together, encouraged one another and cheered each other on.
They also took on the assault course, helping to pull each other out of muddy pits and through tight tunnels.
Those who stayed at school had fun making a mini map of the UK using papier-mâché.
All Yr 6 were all very excited and proud receive their leavers hoodies.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 3rd November 3.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 4th November 3.30 - 6.30pm
Appointments will be available to book through ParentMail from **Tuesday 20th October at 7am**.
Please enter the building through the white door in the link corridor between the admin block and the Early Years block.
Teachers will be meeting with parents in the school hall. We ask parents to please keep to your 10 minute appointment. If there is need to discuss a particular issue in depth you are asked to make a follow up appointment. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

99% Attendance for St James for week ending 9th Oct 2026
98% Whole School Attendance for week ending 9th Oct 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

COLDER WEATHER
As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child to school with a **named** coat.

PTA REMINDERS

- Pre-loved uniformsale after school on Monday 19th October and Monday 2nd November
- Doughnut sale after school on Friday 23rd October

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Mon 19th	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
Fri 23rd	Harvest Festival
	PTA Doughnut sale
Mon 26th	Half Term Week

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd	All Souls Mass
	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
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
	Odd Socks Day
Wed 18th	St John to Mass
Fri 20th	School Disco - details to follow
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



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

TILEHURST DROP IN CENTRE AND FOOD BANK are supporting approximately 45 households weekly, with food and household products.
St Paul's Harvest Festival will be on October 23rd. We would be most grateful for food donations as they are crucial to sustaining us throughout the year. The items we typically need are cereal, long life milk/juice, cooking oil, tinned meat (corned beef, spam, meatballs, hot dogs), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), baked beans, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, instant mash, spaghetti hoops, pasta, pasta sauce, ketchup, tinned fruit, tea, coffee, shampoo, shower gel, dishwashing liquid and toilet rolls. Many thanks for your generosity.
May God bless you!

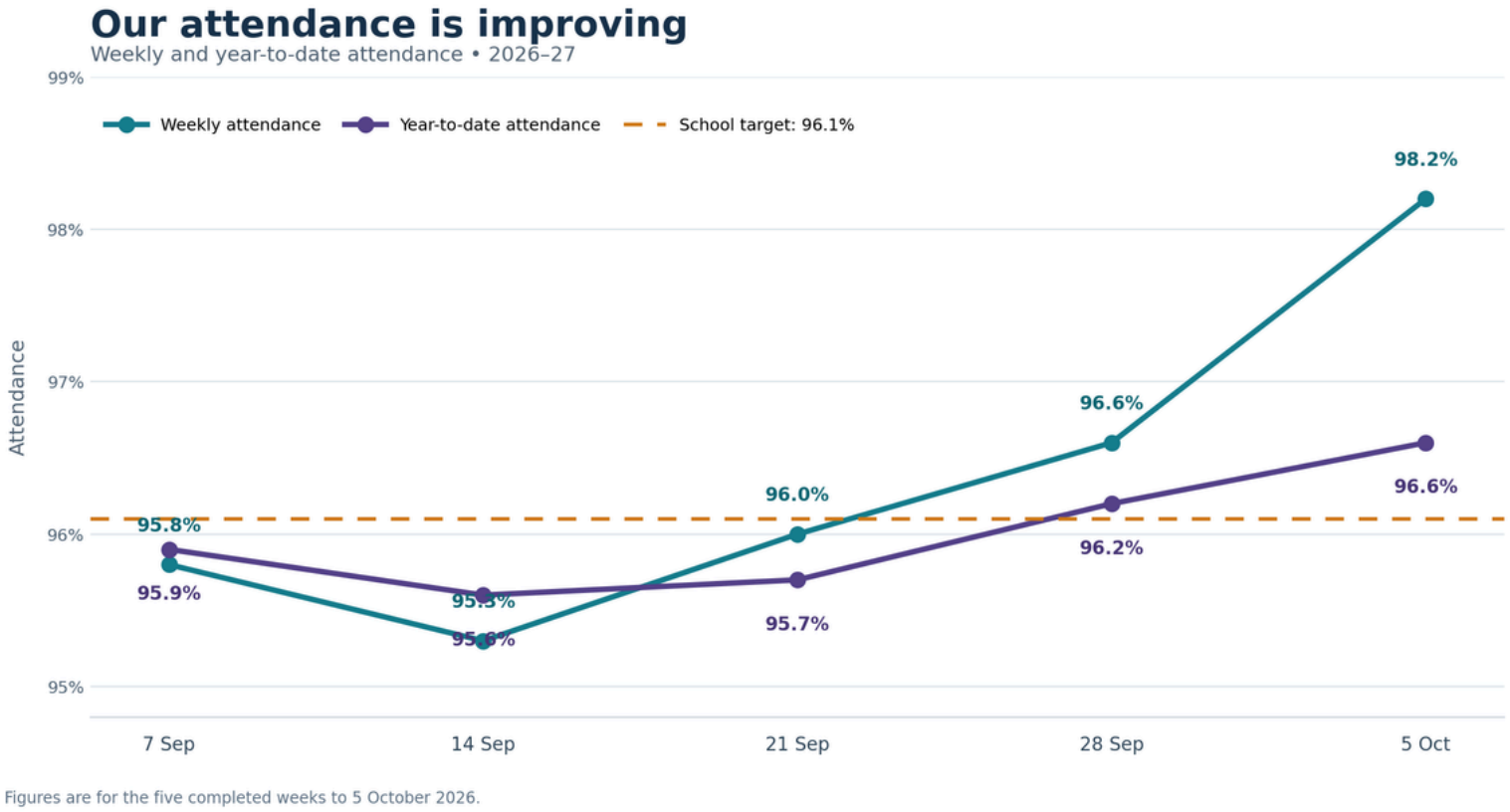
Please bring any donations into school from Wednesday 21st October.



POPPY APPEAL
After half term our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies, throughout the school, at break and lunchtimes.
We ask for a silver donation, minimum of 20p per poppy and a gold donation, minimum £1 for snap bands/festival bands, pencils or reflectors.
Thank you.

House Points - week ending 9th October

St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret	St Rose of Lima
301	407	486	208	319



Figures are for the five completed weeks to 5 October 2026.