St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 5

Friday 23rd October 2026

Thought for the Week

"Let those who think that the Church pays too much attention to Mary give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord Himself gave ten times as much of His life to her as He gave to His Apostles."
(Blessed Fulton Sheen)

GOSPEL

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to give to God what belongs to God. The coin bears the image of the emperor, but each of us is made in the image of God. That means our lives are precious, and we are called to reflect God's love through our choices and actions. At St Paul's, we can do this by treating one another with kindness, acting honestly and offering our gifts in service. May we remember that we belong to God and carry his love into everything we do.





Wishing everyone a good Half Term.
See you on the 2nd November

ALADDIN PANTOMIME

We are delighted to let you know that on **Wednesday 16th December**, the children will be visiting The Hexagon in Reading to watch the pantomime Aladdin.

The Hexagon's 2026 pantomime promises a magical adventure filled with laughter, dazzling costumes, spectacular effects and show-stopping musical numbers. We are very excited to take the children to our local theatre and share this festive experience as a whole school.

The cost of the trip is **£21.50 per child, payable through ParentMail.** This includes admission to the pantomime and travel to and from the theatre. If we do not have sufficient contributions towards this trip, we will no be able to go ahead. Children receiving Pupil Premium funding will not need to pay for the trip.

99% Attendance for St Matthew for week ending 16th Oct 2026

98% Whole School Attendance for week ending 16th 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.

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

PTA REMINDERS

- Pre-loved uniform sale after school on Monday 2nd November
- School Disco - Friday 20th November

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Mon 26th	Half Term Week

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd	All Souls Mass
	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
	Yr5/6 Boys Football - 7 aside
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
Thurs 19th	Yr5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
Fri 20th	School Disco
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

Congratulations to our newsly appoined House Captains and School Councillors

HOUSE CAPTAINS

St Anne - Emmanuella and Jasper
St Bernadette - Esmae and Mason F
St Brigid - Kaylie and Michael
St Margaret - Faaria and Elijah
St Rose - Martha and Max



SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

St Andrew – Dahlia and Arlo
St James – Emma and Frankie
St John – Ana/Ella and Christopher
St Philip – Cara and Tyler
St Matthew – Yaron and Sophia
St Barts – Elena and Shiven
St Simon – Lhadon and Rudy
St Jude – Anaya and David





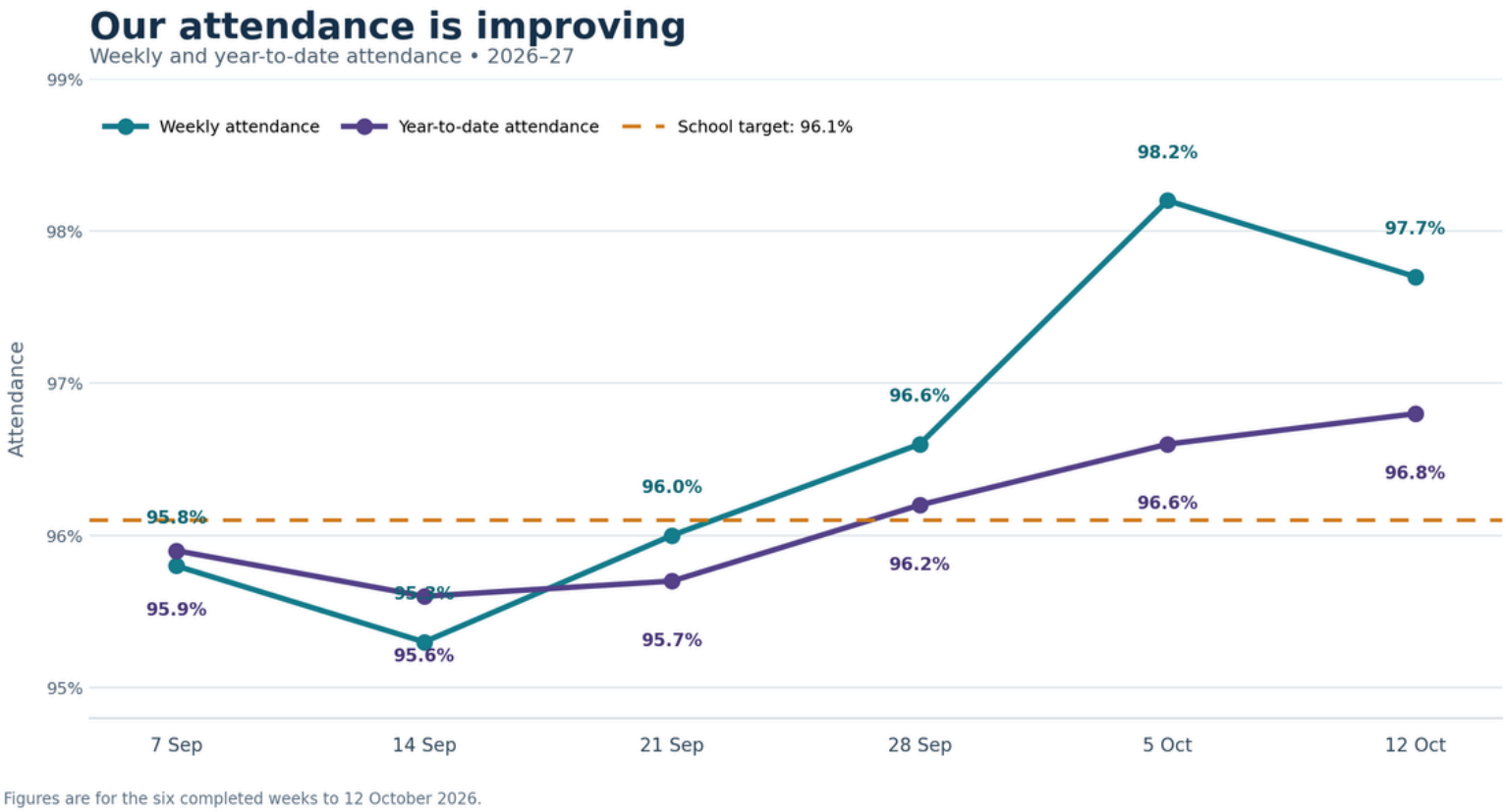
POPPY APPEAL

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 16th October

St Anne	St Bernadette	St Brigid	St Margaret	St Rose of Lima
516	441	467	361	392

House Point winners for the Autumn 1st half term are **St Brigid**. All pupils in St Brigid House may wear their own clothes to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.



Figures are for the six completed weeks to 12 October 2026.