

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*'Our school is a place of learning, a place of love'*

Dear parents, carers and children,

Last week and this week our KS2 children attended St Paul's Church to take part in Mass alongside our parishioners. Being part of the parish is an important part of our school life. We are also welcoming Fr Clement in to school on Monday at 10:30am for our start of Advent Mass. Parents and our parish community are warmly welcomed to also join us for this.

Next week marks the start of our Advent season, a time that we dedicate to preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As of Monday, in partnership with the charity Caritas, we will be starting our Advent giving calendar for donations for our food bank. If you are able to donate to our foodbank during the month of December, please send your donations in via the school office.

Over the last few weeks, we have been reviewing how we share upcoming dates and communication with parents. Our newsletter will continue to be sent out fortnightly with our latest news on and our diary dates. We will also add a reminders section to our newsletter (see page 2) with any reminders on for parents. We will also be sharing a weekly Instagram post with our next 2 weeks diary dates on.

Finally, just a reminder that during the month of Advent our school crib will be available to travel round our families each night, please contact the school office if you would like to take part in this.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. God bless,

Mrs Worton-Geer  
Headteacher



## Autumn Term Dates 2025

December 2025	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	10:30am – Start of Advent Mass – parents invited
Week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Year 4/5/6 reconciliation in school with Fr Clement
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	10:30-11 - Choir singing at Waltham Cross Pavilion
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	2:40pm – year 1 and 2 topic celebrations – parents invited
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Santa funrun for Carers in Herts and Herts Young Homeless
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	9am Rocksteady concert for parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Whole School Pantomime
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Trust Carol service by choir (2pm performance to Parish and families)-St Augustine's Parish Church
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Fair after school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	End of term awards 9:00am (by invite)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	2:40pm – Parent and Parish Advent Service led by Chaplaincy Team
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	9:30am– EYFS nativity to parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	9:30am and 2:30pm– KS1 nativity to parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last Day of the Autumn Term school finishes at 1.15pm, non-uniform day for a donation towards our building fund

January 2026	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Children return to school

## Reminders

### School dinners

Please make sure that you have ordered your child's school dinner by 8:30am. After this, please contact the office as it will not be added onto the system – the option after 8:30 is a cheese roll.

### Cold weather

Please take care when travelling around school, particularly now that we have had a few spells of colder weather. The paths are gritted but still can be slippery.

### Panto payment

Just a reminder that panto payment was due 21<sup>st</sup> November, if you have not paid, please make payment by Monday. Thank you.

### Is my child too ill for school? (Government advice)

**It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.** There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

## More news and information...

### **Online Safety**

Please find online safety support for online language. If you need any further support, please ask or visit our online safety webpage via our website.

### **Class Spotlight**

#### **Year 5**

Year 5 have had a fantastic couple of weeks, from welcoming parents to their engaging Topic Afternoon to sharing excellent behaviour and meaningful reflections at this week's lovely Mass at St Paul's Church.

#### **Year 4**

Year 4 have been writing an explanation text in English based on their own invention - the Wakeatron! An invention designed to help us wake up in the morning through a variety of creative methods. They've been working really hard to include lots of different elements in their writing including fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses. In Science this week, we've been making our own circuits and testing whether they work and why.

### **Reception**

Reception really enjoyed their trip to the library this week. They had a story time, learnt about the library and explored lots of books. Reception behaved exceptionally and most certainly did St Paul's proud!

Here is a list of helpful sites that you may be interested in.

- [CEOP Online Safety](#)
- [Net Aware](#) - find out about the games your child is playing online
- [National Literacy Trust](#) - ideas for helping your child's literacy
- [Think! Road Safety](#) - Road Safety information site
- [Barnados](#)
- [ChildLine](#)
- [Rainbow Trust](#) - provides support for children with a life threatening or terminal illness
- [NSPCC](#)
- [NHS Oral Health Advice](#) - oral health and tooth brushing
- [Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#) - Catholic Bishops website

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



### **Our Parish Church – St Paul's Mass times**

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 9am and 11am

<https://parish.redow.org.uk/cheshunt/>



## Digital Dictionary

Learn and understand some of the language your child might be using both online and offline when talking to their friends.

### Your child might not understand the words they're using

This is especially true if your child is younger. It's important to remember that they:

- > Might not mean to use this language in a hurtful way
- > Might mean to use a different word

If you hear your child using a term you don't recognise, you can ask them what they mean, and then check this resource to see if the child is using the word correctly.

If the term is potentially an offensive one, you can ask your child:

1. "Do you know that some people might be offended by that word/phrase?"
2. "Do you know why it might be a bad idea to say that?"

See below for NSPCC resources on how to talk to your child about different issues like sexism, racism and bullying.

### Language related to cyberbullying, harassment and cybercrime

Cyberstalking	Using the internet or text messages to repeatedly harass or bully someone - often using multiple apps and platforms and multiple accounts.
Doxing / doxxing	Publicly posting someone's private information (e.g. their name, address, place of work or school), usually without their consent. This information might be used to harass the person further.
Griefing	Deliberately trying to ruin other people's fun in online games (e.g. destroying another player's house in Minecraft).
KYS	Stands for 'kill yourself', used to harass or upset others.
Phishing	A kind of scam where criminals trick targets into giving up personal information (including bank details or account passwords).
Troll / trolling	Deliberately saying hurtful or inflammatory things to get a response from someone, or a group of people.
Swatting	Calling emergency services (usually the police) and falsely claiming a serious crime is happening at someone else's home (e.g. a bomb threat or a hostage situation), with the intent of police arriving at the person's house. This is done to harass and frighten someone.

Read the NSPCC's guidance on [talking to your child and supporting them](#) if they're being bullied.