

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 16th January 2026

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

Dear parents, carers and children,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and New Year. I don't think it has sunk in still that we are now in 2026! The time seems to go so quickly! The children have quickly settled back to school and started their new topics and units of work for the spring term.

Last week, we sent out the spring term class curriculum letters outlining the learning that will be happening this term. Please do take time to read these so you know the content of the curriculum. Alongside these are our home knowledge organisers which are subject specific documents that go into more detail about the learning covered in each subject area. These help the children to understand their learning path and journey and also help them reflect back on prior learning to develop their retrieval skills and make the links in order to help learning to stick. We call this 'sticky learning' which is important to ensure children are able to articulate what they are learning and why they are learning in addition to being able to recall and make links between their learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. Copies of the above are also on the class webpages on our school website and on seesaw.

This week we welcomed Fr Tom, visiting priest, into school to celebrate the start of 2026 Mass. As part of this, we launched our RE project and theme for this year 'we are called to be light' based on Matthew 5:14-16 *"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others.* Each class has a focus theme which they are reflecting on in class over the next few weeks. If you would like to contribute to our whole school display based on this theme, please do pop into the office to see me. We will be continuing to reflect on this theme throughout the year.

Finally, as we are continuing to move forward with the use of more technology in school, particularly through the use of seesaw, we are inviting you to a parent workshop on Tuesday 3rd February to share with you the features of this and use at home and school. Seesaw is a great communication and collaboration application that we hope you are starting to be able to see the benefits of. Please do try and join us for this workshop if you can so we can share this further with you.

God bless,
Mrs Worton-Geer
Headteacher



Spring Term Dates 2026

January	
Monday 19 th January	Young Voices event
Week Commencing 26 th January	SEN child IEP planning meetings with class teachers and parents (parents of SEN children will be sent a day/time to attend)
Week Commencing 26 th January	Year 1 charity week
Wednesday 28 th January	2:40pm – Reading afternoon with parents/ carer in school
February	
Tuesday 3 rd February	2:40pm – parent seesaw workshop
Thursday 5 th February	Online safety workshop in school
Week commencing 9 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Parents evening
Thursday 12 th February	Parents evening
Friday 13 th February	Bike ability year 3 and 4
Friday 13 th February	Non-uniform day for a donation towards our building fund
HALF TERM 16 th – 20 th February	
18 th February - Ash Wednesday services via St Paul’s Church for families wishing to attend (see parish newsletter)	
Monday 23 rd February	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 th February	Children return to school

Reminders

Free Girls Kicks programme is back and starting this weekend

GIRLS KICKS
INFORMATION

- Wildcats - ages 5-11 = 11:30 AM
- Squad girls - ages 12-16 = 11:30 AM
- Waltham Cross Playing Fields - EN8 7LU
- Female only football sessions
- Open to all skill levels
- Info@SportingAid.org
- Every Saturday

FREE

Sign up here

WILDCATS SQUAD GIRLS

<https://book.EnglandFootball.com/Wildcats/sportingaid/Sunday/2f5f55c2-40c7-4263-b0a5-645a2984b5dc>

Nursery applications

We are still accepting nursery applications and take children as soon as they turn 3 and admit children throughout the school year.

Our nursery offers the funded 15- and 30-hour spaces in addition to parents being able to top up privately. If you have a sibling or know anyone who has a child under, please do share our nursery offer with them and book in for a school tour.

Our admissions information can be found at [St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Admissions](#)

Term Dates 2026-2027

Our dates for 2026-2027 are now on our website [St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Term Dates](#)

More news and information...

Online Safety

Please find online safety support featuring conversation starters on the next page. This has come from the children's commissioner guide – full guide available at ['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#) | [Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Class Spotlight

Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying forest school since being back from the Christmas break. This week they made snake stone fossils out of clay linking to their English topic - Mary Annings



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

Dear God, thank you for all the blessings you have provided me in my life.
Help them to become more evident to me daily.
Help me live a life that is continually sharing the blessings you provide to me. Amen.

Our Parish Church – St Paul's Mass times

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 9am and 11am

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



CONVERSATION STARTERS

It's important to regularly talk to your children about these topics, as they are part of their everyday lives.

Create a culture of openness, curiosity, and approachability so your child feels comfortable coming to you with problems. Here are some suggestions for conversation starters from my Youth Ambassadors and Youth SEND panel:

#AsktheAwkward

is an online project to help parents start conversations about online relationships with their teens.

What did you see on [insert platform e.g. Snapchat] today?

Refer to [page 20](#) for a list of platforms

Can you show me to how to use (this platform)?

What do you think might worry me about you being online? What might worry you about me being online?

Do you think a family agreement for online use is a good idea? How might this look for us?

How much do you think I should know about what you do online?

Do people say things online they wouldn't say in person? Why?

I saw something strange online today and thought I would check in to see how you are feeling when online

Who do you feel comfortable talking to about things you see online? Do you know who you could turn to if you needed to? It doesn't have to be me — I just want to make sure you have someone you can rely on.

Why do you think managing your screen time is important? How might your sleep or social life be affected if you didn't?

CREATE THE CULTURE BEFORE THE CRISIS