

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

Dear parents, carers and children,

It was lovely to see so many parents at parents evening this week, thank you for taking the time to meet with the teaching team. If you did not manage to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please do pop into the school office to make an appointment.

This week we celebrated Children's mental health week. The theme of this year's week is 'this is my place'. Throughout the week, the children took time to think about how they belong, what makes them feel safe, and who helps them feel supported at school and at home. Through a range of activities, class discussions and creative work, the children explored the idea that everyone deserves a place where they feel valued and understood. They shared their own experiences, reflected on their emotions, and learned simple strategies to help them look after their mental wellbeing. It was a positive and thoughtful week that encouraged kindness, empathy and open conversations about mental health across the school.

Yesterday, as part of our career's enrichment program, we welcomed Lewis Cocking, MP, into school to speak to the children about the role he does. Children also spent the morning looking at different careers and some of the skills they might need in the future.

Next week during half term, we mark the start of Lent starting with Ash Wednesday. Although we are not at school, you are welcome to attend one of the Ash Wednesday services at St Paul's Church. Today, you will receive the purple Lent giving box in which we ask for any change over the Lent period to be collected in and sent back to school as part of our alms giving service. The money from the boxes goes to the Catholic Children Society who supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the Southeast. The boxes need to be returned by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026. As purple marks the colour of Lent, each child has a purple ribbon to wear during Lent. Later in the term, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, we will once again be journeying on our Lenten pilgrimage and asking for parent/carer support with our walk in the afternoon (2:15pm start time), more details to follow. The pilgrimage will be a chance for us to take time and reflect on the season of Lent as we prepare for Easter through prayer and reflections.

Wishing you a restful and blessed half term  
God bless,  
Mrs Worton-Geer



## Spring Term Dates 2026

February	
<b>HALF TERM</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	
18 <sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday services via St Paul's Church for families wishing to attend (9:30am and 7:30pm)	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of forest school for year 3 <b>*day change for this week only</b>
March	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4/5/6 reconciliation in school with Fr Clement
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15pm - CAFOD Lent pilgrimage walk using Cheshunt Park grounds
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 school trip
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Trust Charity Week – raising money for Mary's Meals
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2:40pm – parent/parish Lenten service with soup supper – Led by Chaplaincy Team
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am and 2:00pm – Yr 3/4 Easter Play
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross (in school)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline to return Lenten purple collection boxes for CCS
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9:05am – End of Term Awards (by invite only, max 2 per child)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	In school workshops for Year 5 and 6 about cyber awareness
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of the Spring Term school finishes at 1.05pm, non-uniform day for a donation towards our building fund
April	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

## Reminders

### 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 3, 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](#)

### Litter

A polite reminder that if your children are eating before or after school to put their rubbish in the bin to keep our school grounds clean and tidy. Thank you.

### Snack

Children should be bringing in a healthy snack only – no crisps/chocolate/sweets.

### 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 SMART online rules on the next page. Further support can be found at [St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Online Safety](#)

### **Class Spotlight**

#### **Year 3**

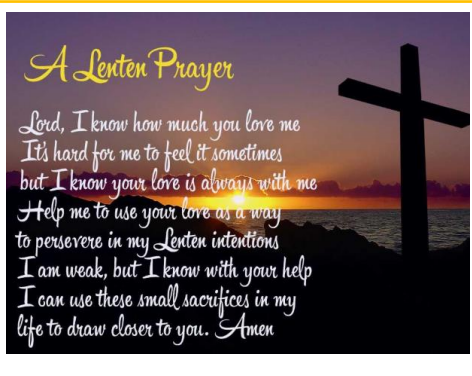
Year 3 completed their persuasive speeches and learned the importance of using strong adjectives to persuade their audience. Excellent work everyone!

#### **Year 4**

Year 4 have been using technology to create a web page each as part of a collaborative class website for their Year 4 Book Review website. They learnt how to add headings and other design features on their web page.

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



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

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 9am and 11am

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



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# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



## M

### MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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### RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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### TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



### BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

