

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

Dear parents, carers and children,

We had a very musical afternoon last week and welcomed in a local music workshop to deliver hands-on and interactive music sessions to our children. As part of the sessions, the children used music to develop different brain break strategies that they could take back and use within the classroom. Music is such an important part of the curriculum and a skill that encourages creativity, confidence, teamwork and self-expression. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic as they explored rhythm, movement and sound in a fun and memorable way. We look forward to building on these experiences throughout the term.

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension led by Fr Clement. During our special Mass, Fr Clement helped us to reflect on Jesus' return to Heaven and the importance of continuing His mission by showing kindness, love and hope to others in our daily lives. Next week on Wednesday we have our crowning of Mary service outside by our Mary prayer garden. Our chaplaincy team will be leading this for us and helping us to celebrate and honour Our Lady through prayer and reflections. Children are invited to bring a small bedding plant to offer to Mary which we will then plant in our school grounds. You are welcome to join us for this special service.

Finally, please do take a moment to view the Summer edition of the Trust newsletter '**Messenger**' it is available on the Trust website at [www.stfrancistrust.net/trust-news](http://www.stfrancistrust.net/trust-news) or via the publication page on [issuu.com](http://issuu.com). This issue highlights our celebration of the Year of St Francis, achievements across our Trust schools, and articles written by some of our leaders.

Wishing you a restful and blessed weekend,  
God bless,  
Mrs Worton-Geer  
Executive Headteacher



## **Summer Term Dates 2026**

### **May 2026**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 PGL trip 8am

Week Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs week

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Crowning of Mary service 2:30pm, parents invited

### **Half Term – 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May**

### **June 2026**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Children return to school

Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June - Year 4 times table check to begin

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Enrichment morning in school

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Speak out challenge at St Mary's Catholic School (selected children)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – class photos

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – World environment day and activities in school

Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 charity week

Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 phonics check to begin and year 2 retake

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Gunpowder Mills trip

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – HYMB year 6 trip

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - First Holy Communion celebration at St Mary's Bishop Stortford (details to follow)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Cultural Day (morning of cultural showcases)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Netball/Football Catholic School Tournament at St Mary's Bishop Stortford

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – NSPCC assembly in school

## **Reminders**

### **Use of phones and devices on school site**

Just a reminder that taking photos, videos and recording on school site is not permitted unless authorisation by a senior leader has been given e.g. special assembly. This includes the use of meta-wear/glasses and watches. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all members of our community.

Thank you for your understanding and support

### **Healthy snacks**

Please ensure that your child has a healthy snack for breaktime – no crisps, chocolate, sweets.

### **OPAL**

We are always looking for OPAL donations, at the moment we need items for our mud kitchen, bikes/scooters, summer play toys, games. If you have any – please bring them to the school office. Thank you!

### **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 at [St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Online Safety](#)

### **Class Spotlight**

#### **Year 6**

Our year 6 children have been working extremely hard this week to complete their SATs. We are so proud of how mature they have been and taken ownership over their learning and revision – well done!

#### **Yr 1**

In Science Year One have been investigating plants and trees. This week we have been studying the leaves and matching them to the different trees. We have found that some trees are called evergreen meaning they do not lose their leaves or needles and other are deciduous meaning their leaves fall in the autumn.

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

### **Hail Mary Prayer**

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death.



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

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 9am and 11am

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



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[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire)



## Cheshunt Fire Station

### Open Day

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

12:00 – 15:00



Look around a Fire Engine.

Meet the crew.

Receive Safety Advice.

Watch a Fire Demonstration.

Stalls, Food and Entertainment.



Event activities or attendees may change. Please visit our website for more information or contact your local Fire Station.