

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 1st May 2026

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

Dear parents, carers and children,

As we enter into May, we think about how this special and joyful month in the life of the Church is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Throughout this month, we remember Mary's "yes" to God and her example of faith, love, and trust. In our school, we will honour Mary through prayer, hymns, and by creating May altars in our classrooms. Children will be invited to bring flowers to place before Mary as a sign of love and gratitude as part of our crowning of Mary service later on in the month, Wednesday 20th May 2:30pm, which you are warmly welcome to also attend. As we follow her example, we encourage everyone in our community to show kindness, care for others, and say "yes" to God in the little things we do each day.

We have had a lovely few days of sunshine, just a reminder to ensure that children have a sun hat in school and have sun cream applied. The children have really enjoyed using our extensive OPAL provision and our new sand and digging pit. We are always looking for lunchtime donations of equipment, if you have any, please speak to Ms Paton.

Finally, just a reminder about holiday requests during term time. Holidays during term time are not authorised, requests for leave are only granted if there are exception circumstances. Thank you for your support with this.

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



Summer Term Dates 2026

May 2026

Monday 4th May – May bank holiday

Week Commencing 4th May - SEN child centred target IEP meetings this week

Wednesday 6th May – music workshops for year 1-6 in school

Week Commencing 11th May- KS2 SATs

Week Commencing 11th May – Year 4 charity week

Thursday 14th May – 11am – Ascension Mass in school

Sunday 17th May – Year 4 PGL trip

Week Commencing 18th May – KS1 SATs week

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

Half Term – 25th May – 29th May

June 2026

Monday 1st June – Children return to school

Week Commencing 1st June - Year 4 times table check to begin

Tuesday 2nd June – Enrichment morning in school

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

Wednesday 3rd June – class photos

Friday 5th June – World environment day and activities in school

Week Commencing 8th June - Year 6 charity week

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

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school, particularly now the weather is warmer!

Punctuality

We now have a new procedure for recording any lateness to school in the office using our new electronic sign in system.

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

Class Spotlight

Year 5

In science, the children have been investigating air resistance by using balloons of different sizes to get the parachuter safely to the ground. They worked in groups and discussed how this would be a fair test, what their control variables would be and how they should record their data.

Nursery

Nursery class have been busy enjoying their new topic which is all about space. They have been building rock ships and making glitter stars!

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.redow.org.uk/cheshunt/>



BE SMART ONLINE



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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.



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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

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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



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.

