

St Paul's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 15th June 2026

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

Dear parents, carers and children,

As we enter our final half term, there is still lots to look forward to as we continue to support the children in their learning and celebrate all they have achieved this year. We have several class and whole school events that you are invited to over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our Instagram account and within the key dates below for more information. Hopefully last week you saw our staff structure and teacher deployment for September that was shared on Thursday via letter. Children will be starting their transition work over the next few weeks and will all get the chance to spend the morning in their new class with their new class staff team later this half term. It is fantastic and a real credit to our team that we are able to share this and start this work so early on. If you have any questions regarding transition, please do speak to a member of the team.

Last week, we held our termly Enrichment Morning, where we welcomed a range of visitors to share insights into their chosen careers. The children thoroughly enjoyed asking questions and learning about the different roles, gaining a deeper understanding of the skills and experiences needed in each profession. More details are below in our spotlight section of the newsletter. Thank you to our visitors.

Finally, please do take a moment to complete our parent survey using the below link before 27th June.

[St Paul's Catholic Primary School- Trust Parent Survey 2025-26](#)

Your views as parents are very important to us and help to shape the continued development of our school. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Wishing you a restful and blessed weekend,

God bless,

Mrs Worton-Geer

Executive Headteacher



Summer Term Dates 2026

June 2026

Monday 15th June - First Holy Communion celebration at St Mary's Bishop Stortford (invited children)

Friday 19th June – Cultural Day (morning of cultural showcases)

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

Monday 22nd June – NSPCC assembly in school

Friday 26th June – non-uniform day, bring a bottle in

Monday 29th June 9:15am – First Holy Communion Celebration Mass, parents invited, children to come to school in First Holy Communion clothes

Monday 29th June – St Paul's Feast Day Celebration for our School Saint

Tuesday 30th June – EYFS/Year 1 school trip to Hertfordshire Zoo

Tuesday 30th June – NSPCC workshop in school for year 2, 5, 6

July 2026

Week Commencing 29th June– EYFS charity week

Friday 3rd July – Chaplaincy Team Retreat

Week Commencing 6th July – 10th July – Sports week

Week Commencing 6th July - Reports to go out

Monday 6th July – Year 4 rivers and lakes trip

Wednesday 8th July – sports day and picnic lunch

Thursday 9th July - Moving up day and meet the new teacher after school

Reminders

Reminder regarding our morning arrival procedures

Boosters Session (invitation only)

- Doors open at 8:30am (8:20am for year 6). Please ensure you arrive ready to enter at this time.
- If you arrive after the doors have closed, you will need to wait until they reopen at 8:40am, as we do not wish to disturb the Boosters session once it has begun.

School Start Time

- Doors open for all pupils at 8:40am and close promptly at 8:45am. Arrivals after 8:45am are marked as late.
- If you arrive after 8:45am, please do not knock on the classroom door. Instead, make your way to the school office, as the class register will already have been completed.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

OPAL

We are always looking for OPAL donations, at the moment we need items for our mud kitchen, bikes/scooters, summer play toys, games, dressing up and pretend play toys. 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 an online safety guide below. further support can be found via our website [St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Online Safety](#)

Spotlight

Enrichment morning

Our recent Enrichment Morning began with an exciting mystery when classroom equipment suddenly disappeared, and pupils became detectives to solve the case. Working together, they used strong speaking and listening skills to analyse clues, describe suspects, and share witness statements.

After cracking the case, children met a range of professionals, including a police officer, pharmacist, carer and author. Through these conversations, they learned about different careers and the skills each role requires. The morning highlighted how important communication is in every profession, while celebrating teamwork, curiosity and confident oracy skills.

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



Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You and with true sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Protect me in the midst of danger, comfort me in my afflictions, give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Our Parish Church – St Paul's Mass times

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 9am and 11am

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0808 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.