St. Paul's Catholic Junior School

NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

Be kind ♥ Be respectful ♥ Be resilient

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Message from the Headteacher

As our first half term draws to a close, I would like to thank our amazing pupils, families and staff for making it such a fabulous start to the school year.

There is so much to celebrate: the hard work and enthusiasm in our classrooms; your wonderful generosity through our CAFOD Harvest Hoedown and Alder Hey PJ Day; and our growing links with St Paul's Parish through Year 6's Pray and Pick Up sessions and Year 3's class Celebrations of the Word, which we look forward to extending across the school next term.

We have celebrated sporting successes in cross country, Powerball and football, proudly appointed our Year 6 pupil leadership team, and seen our wonderful Mini Vinnies explore how we can live out our duty of service as a Catholic community.

Year 6 have deepened their understanding of local history through their visit to West Derby Memorial and pushed boundaries on their outdoor activity residential at Ghyll Head, while our youngest pupils have settled into life at the Juniors as though they have always been here!

Throughout it all, our core values—**Be Kind. Be Respectful. Be Resilient.**—have shone brightly. I am immensely proud of every single pupil and the unique contribution they make to our school family. Thank you for the care, encouragement and partnership that make our community so special.

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Merit Awards

3D	Archie C
3C	Indie L
3J	Isobella H
3L	Esmai O
4T	Grace B
4F	Oscar F
4R	Logan KD
4S	Jude F
5T	Sebastian C
5F	Isabella FS
5G	James P
5S	Kellan J
6P	Daniel C
6F	Dexter M
6O	Reuben L
6OC	Oliver G

Mrs O'Callaghan's Hot Chocolate Award

for being kind, respectful and resilient

3D	Tom C
3C	Eleonor S
3J	Sophia Cr
3L	Thomas M
4T	Elsie G
4F	Louie B
4R	Emily P
4S	Eva Rose B
5T	Fearne B
5F	Lennon J
5G	Ophelia T
5S	Leo W
6P	Oliver K
6F	Penelope N
6O	Isla L
6OC	Julian F

Attendance Matters

3C	89.58%	5F	95.08%
3D	95.83%	5G	94.58%
3J	95.54%	5S	92.92%
3L	97.58%	5T	97.27%
4F	93.55%	6F	95.69%
4R	92.97%	6O	92.50%
4S	98.39%	6OC	91.13%
4T	90.83%	6P	94.32%

Whole school 94.25%

Cross Country

This week saw our wonderful Year 5s and 6s participate in the Liverpool and District Catholic Schools Association Cross Country race.

We are still awaiting our team result, but are so proud of how exceptionally well everyone ran and the resilience that was shown.

Special mention goes to **Fearne B** in Year 5, who came second out of all the schools that entered.

Thanks so much to all of the parents and staff involved!

School Clubs

We are delighted to share our exciting range of extra-curricular clubs available after half term! A letter and timetable have been sent home today on Arbor outlining all the wonderful opportunities on offer.

Clubs led by St Paul's staff can be booked through Arbor (select 'Clubs') from 5pm, Thursday 22nd October.

Please remember that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Some clubs are also specific to certain year groups, so please check the timetable carefully. Clubs run by SLCC should be booked directly with them.

We are passionate about providing a wide range of enriching opportunities for all our pupils and will continue to review and refresh our club offer every half term.

Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers who attended Parents' Evenings this week. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school and have the opportunity to celebrate your children's achievements and progress.

Many of you also commented on the politeness and enthusiasm of our Year 6 Leadership team.

We are also incredibly grateful to everyone who supported our Book Fair by purchasing books and helping to encourage a love of reading.

Your continued support and partnership mean so much to us and make such a positive difference to our St Paul's school family.



Year 5 Charity Champions

We are incredibly proud of the many Year 5 pupils who have shown such kindness, compassion and generosity this term by organising their own fundraising activities in support of Little Light's (formerly Zoe's Place) and epilepsy charities.

Through their creativity, enthusiasm and hard work, they have made and sold beautiful homemade crafts to raise money for these very worthy causes.

What wonderful examples of putting our Catholic faith into action!



Upcoming Dates

MON 2 NOV — Children return to school after half term.

WED 4 NOV — 6P Pray and Pick up in school hall.

FRI 6 NOV — Children's Christmas card orders to be returned to school (children will be bringing these home after the half term alongside an explanatory letter).

MON 9 NOV — Clubs run by St Paul's staff begin.



This week's Gospel reading from our assembly

Each week, we will share the Scripture explored during our whole-school Celebration of the Word, along with some simple questions to help you continue the conversation, reflect and pray together at home.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

22 Jesus again used parables in talking to the people. 2 "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. 3 He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. 4 So he sent other servants with this message for the guests: 'My feast is ready now; my steers and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!' 5 But the invited guests paid no attention and went about their business: one went to his farm, another to his store. 6 while others grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them. Those murderers and angry, so he sent his soldiers, who killed his servants and said to burned down their city. 8 Then he called his servants and said to them, 'My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invite to the not deserve people as you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people.

Wonder questions:

1. I wonder what Jesus is teaching us about God's love and how everyone is welcome in His Kingdom?
2. I wonder how we can follow Jesus' example by making sure everyone feels welcomed, loved and valued in our St Paul's school family?