Annual Plan of Provision (APOP)
St Paul's Catholic Junior School 2026/27

Mission Statement:

Learning from the example of Jesus, our school will be a place where everyone feels loved, valued and encouraged to be and do the best they can.

Introduction:
This document is our Annual Plan of Provision of Prayer and Liturgy opportunities during the Academic Year. Please note that details of weekly celebrations of the word and gatherings will be added on a termly basis.

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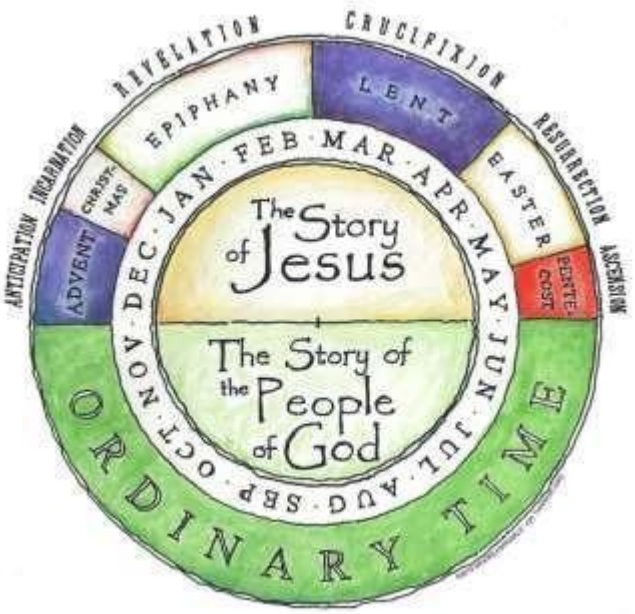
- Prayer and Liturgy Policy

Seasonal Overview

We are currently in Year A / B / **C** of the liturgical calendar.

We begin Year **A** / B / C on the first Sunday of Advent 2026.

(A means that the main Gospel readings will be from St Matthew's Gospel)
(B means that the main Gospel readings will be from St Mark's Gospel)
(C means that the main Gospel readings will be from St Luke's Gospel)



Approach to Seasonality

The Liturgical Calendar and Lectionary readings will greatly influence this.
Our strategy will include considered, deliberate and purposeful decisions on what the seasons should look like at St. Paul's, taking into account their distinct tone and feel.

Advent: is a season of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We aim to create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere throughout the school to encourage students to enter into the spirit of waiting and hope.

Christmastide: is a season of the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the period from Christmas day to Epiphany.

Ordinary Time: is the longest liturgical season, offering us a time for growth and deepening our faith. We celebrate the ongoing presence of Christ in our lives and strive to live out the Gospel message in our daily actions.

Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. We journey with Jesus towards the cross, reflecting on our own need for forgiveness and striving to deepen our relationship with God.

Eastertide: is a season of great joy and celebration, marking the resurrection of Christ. We celebrate the new life that Jesus offers us and rejoice in the hope of eternal life.

Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. We celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit and our call to share the Good News with the world. This then leads to our second period of Ordinary Time.

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Description and Rationale of Weekly Provision

When we look at more formal gatherings, such as Celebrations of the word and the variety of opportunities to experience prayer and liturgy in school, we must also look at the rhythm that each day / week / term takes and start to make decisions about how to further embed the seasons into the experiences of our community. The opportunity to use different start and end of day prayers for example, or to offer extra opportunities during different seasons, such as reconciliation during Advent and Lent, can all help shape an awareness for all people of the Church's liturgical year. The important aspect to remember is to be deliberate and purposeful in shaping a rhythm of prayer and liturgy that is in harmony with the liturgical year, and that is engaging and accessible for all.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year Groups *Each class will also carry out a Celebration of the Word once a week in their own rooms - please see weekly timetables.*	Year 5 Celebration of the word and celebration assembly	Year 6 Celebration of the word and celebration assembly		Year 4 Celebration of the word and celebration assembly	Year 3 Celebration of the word and celebration assembly
Class or Form	Prayer times over the course of the day	Prayer times over the course of the day	Prayer times over the course of the day	Prayer times over the course of the day	Prayer times over the course of the day
Staff					Staff Morning Prayer
Parents & Community					School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – Creation & Covenant



W/C. 31.08.2026	
Wednesday	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word – 'This is our school' Linked to display in the office foyer - school creed and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
W/C. 07.09.2025	**New Beginnings**
Yr 3 COW in classes	Psalm 139: 1-6 *God knows you*
Yr 4 COW in classes	Psalm 139: 1-12 *God is with you*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Psalm 139: 1-16 *God is with you*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Psalm 139: 1-18 *God is with you*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and celebration of the word (Sunday's gospel) Matthew 18:15–20 *Forgiveness is a strength*
W/C. 14.09.2026	**Jesus, our Lord and Saviour**
Yr 3 COW in classes	John 1: 1-5 *The Word of Life*
Yr 4 COW in classes	John 1: 1-9 *The Word of life*
Yr 5 COW in classes	John 1: 1-11 *The Word of life*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Hebrews 4: 1-16 *Jesus, our great High Priest*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and celebration of the word (Sunday's gospel) Matthew 18:21–35 *Forgiven to forgive*
W/C. 21.09.2026	
Yr 3 COW in classes	Psalm 8:1-9 *Gratitude for the gift of creation*
Yr 4 COW in classes	Hebrews 11:1-3 *Faith (linked to Abram, sticky knowledge from Year 4)*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Romans 12:3-8 *How can we use our Gifts*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Proverbs 3:11-22 *Gratitude for the gift of Wisdom*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and celebration of the word (Sunday's gospel) Matthew 20:1–16

	God's great generosity
W/C.28.09.2026	
Yr 3 COW in classes	1 Chronicles 29:14 *All things come from Him and of His own do we give Him.*
Yr 4 COW in classes	Matthew 5:14–16 *John Henry Newman - answering the call to bring God's light to others*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Matthew 22:36-40 *The Greatest Commandment*
Yr 6 COW in classes	St Vincent de Paul feast day celebration
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the word linked to Cafod Family Fast Day Matthew 22:34-40 *The golden rule - love God and love others*
W/C 05.10.2026	
Yr 3 COW in classes	Genesis 1: 26-31 *Stewards of Creation*
Yr 4 COW in classes	Genesis 18:1-5 *Welcoming the stranger*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Micah 6:8 *Working together for the common good*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Mark 1: 9-11 *You are my beloved child*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word (Sunday's gospel) Matthew 21: 33-43 *God has trusted us with His gifts - how can we use them to make a difference?*
W/C 12.10.2026	
Yr 3 COW in classes	Daniel 3:57-63, 74-81 *The Canticle of the Creatures - for parents*
Yr 4 COW in classes	Deuteronomy 30:19-20 *Choose Life*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Matthew 25:35-40 *Welcoming and caring for others is the same as welcoming Jesus*
Yr 6 COW in classes	John 1: 35-41 *Follow me*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word (Sunday's gospel) Matthew 22:1-14 *God's invitation is for everyone*
W/C 19.10.2026	
Yr 3 COW in classes	Genesis 1: 26-31 *Caring for each other*
Yr 4 COW in classes	Isaiah 6:8 *We are all called by God*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Matthew 18:1-5 *Doing small things with great love - link to St Therese of Lisieux*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Matthew 6: 19-21 *Where your treasure is*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word - Matthew 22:15-22 *Giving our hearts to God*

Autumn Term 2 – Prophecy & Promise



W/C. 02.11.26	
Yr 3 COW in classes	*Genesis 2:2-3* (God rests) and *Luke 24:1-6* (The Resurrection on the first day of the week) The Sabbath as a day of rest and remembrance of Jesus' resurrection.
Yr 4 COW in classes	1 Kings 17:7-14 *Trusting God and sharing what we have.*
Yr 5 COW in classes	1 Samuel 16:1–13 *God looks at the heart*
Yr 6 COW in classes	1 Corinthians 12: 12-27 *Following Jesus, united as individuals*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word (Family Fast Day) John 6:5–13 *Sharing our small gifts shows God's love for all*

W/C. 09.11.26	
Yr 3 COW in classes	Matthew 13:13-21 *Small gifts, big feast.*
Yr 4 COW in classes	
Yr 5 COW in classes	2 Samuel 7:8–15 *I have been with you wherever you went*
Yr 6 COW in classes	1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 *Strong in faith, boundless in love*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word - Remembrance John 14:1-3 *Remembering those we love*
W/C. 16.11.26	
Yr 3 COW in classes	*Isaiah 7:14* The promise of Immanuel - God with us
Yr 4 COW in classes	
Yr 5 COW in classes	1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-54 *WIth God, we can be brave*
Yr 6 COW in classes	1 Corinthians 1: 8-9 *He will keep us strong*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word – antibullying week Luke 6:31, 36–38 *The power of kindness - standing together*

W/C. 23.11.26	
Yr 3 COW in classes	*Luke 1:26-38* Joseph's trust in God
Yr 4 COW in classes	Matthew 3:1-12 *Clearing the path for Jesus' coming - John the Baptist's call*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Psalm 23 *God cares, protects and provides for us.*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Isaiah 62:11-12 *Sought out, saved and loved*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word – Christ the King Matthew 25:31-46 *The king who serves and our need to serve Him by serving one another*
W/C 30.11.26	**Start of season of Advent - change cloths to purple**
Yr 3 COW in classes	*Matthew 1:18-25* Mary's brave 'Yes!'
Yr 4 COW in classes	Isaiah 40:3 *The highway of the heart - making the rough places smooth for Jesus' coming - for parents*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Luke 1:32-33 *Jesus is our King, in the line of David*
Yr 6 COW in classes	Mark 1:1-5 *Clearing the path for Jesus*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word – First Sunday of Advent Mark 13:33-37 *Stay awake! Preparing our hearts for Jesus.*
W/C 07.12.26	
Yr 3 COW in classes	*Luke 2: 1-7* The birth of Jesus. His humility and the need to make room for him in our hearts.
Yr 4 COW in classes	Isaiah 11:1–10 *The peace that Jesus' coming brings*
Yr 5 COW in classes	Christmas parents
Yr 6 COW in classes	Isaiah 35:1-6, 9-10 *From Wilderness to Hope*
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word – Second Sunday of Advent Mark 1:1-8 *John the Baptist preparing the way*
W/C 14.12.26	**Gaudete**
Yr 3 COW in classes	*Luke 2:8-20* Sharing the good news with others
Yr 4 COW in classes	*Luke 2:1-7* The birth of Jesus - how his humility shows us how God wants us to live.
Yr 5 COW in classes	Pray the rosary together, focusing on 'The Joyful Mysteries' (see school prayer book but also slides 15-16 on Autumn prayers).
Yr 6 COW in classes	Pray the rosary together, focusing on 'The Joyful Mysteries' (see school prayer book but also slides 15-16 on Autumn prayers).
Year group assembly (SLT)	Celebration assembly and Celebration of the Word – Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) John 1: 6-8, 19-28 *Pointing to the light*

Yearly overview of events:

August	September	October
	Year 6 Stay and Pray	Harvest Celebration of the Word - for Year 3 parents
		Year 6 Pray and Pick up
November	**December**	**January**
Remembrance Celebration of the Word - for Year 6 parents	Advent Celebration of the Word	Conversion of St Paul - 25th January
Year 5 Pray and Pick up	Year 5 Pray and Pick up	Year 4 Pray and Pick up
Preparation starts for First Holy Communion (Yr 4)	Advent Masses (whole school)	
February	**March**	**April**
Ash Wednesday service in church	Stations of the Cross - whole school in church with Fr Mark 22nd March - Year 4 and Year 6 23rd March - Year 3 and Year 5	Year 4 Pray and Pick up
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Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 4 children		
May	**June**	**July**
Year 4 First Holy Communion	Prayer pilgrimage - St Peter and St Paul.	Open air Mass
May procession of Our Lady	Y6 Retreat day	Leavers' Mass

The number and timing of Masses to be celebrated during the year is below.

Date	Time	Mass	Location	Participants
01/12/26	9.30am	Advent Mass	School Hall	Year 4 and 6 children. Parishioners invited.
11/12/26	9.30am	Advent Mass	School Hall	Year 3 and 5 children. Parishioners invited.
12/04/27	9.30am	Mass for Eastertide	Church	Year 4 and 6 children. Parishioners invited.
13/04/27	9.30am	Mass for Eastertide	Church	Year 3 and 5 children. Parishioners invited.
15/07/27	10am	Whole school Mass	School Field	All children
21/07/27	10am	Leavers' Mass	Church	Year 6 children and their families

Common Prayers and opportunities

Prayer and Liturgy takes place each week throughout the school year. It is an integral part of our ethos, aims and relationships with Christian values that permeate through all aspects of school life and all our relationships. Prayer and Liturgy is a way of deepening our relationship with God together as a school family and individually.

At St Paul's, we believe that all pupils, whatever their age, ability or faith background, can engage in the prayer life of the school, whether that involves class prayer or reflection times, Gospel or Class assemblies, Celebration of the words, Liturgies or Masses. Pupils are supported in developing their prayer life through explicit teaching of common Catholic prayers and responses, both sung and spoken.

Each classroom has a Prayer Table which is used as a focal point during class Prayer and Liturgy. Prayer monitors in each class are responsible for setting up and maintaining the Prayer Tables.

We encourage visits from our Parish Priest to help answer questions pupils and staff might have and to deepen their understanding of prayer and liturgy.

There is an expectation that pupils in certain Year groups will learn the following prayers (see below). Relevant prayers for each class can be found in class prayer books in classrooms. These are also shared with parents at the start of each year.

(Schedule of Introduction of Common and Traditional Prayers (These can all be found in "To Love You More Dearly") F2 prayers with the exception of The Sign Of The Cross will be simplified/age appropriate and may not reflect those in To Love You More Dearly)

Age Phase	7 – 9 (Lower KS2)	9 – 11 (upper KS2)
Prayers	• The Apostles Creed • An Act of Contrition • Angel of God • Come Holy Spirit • The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester	• Morning offering • The Rosary • The Magnificent • Act of Faith • Act of Hope • Act of Love



Opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received by our Year 4 children during Lent.

Sacramental Programme for First Holy Communion:

The sacramental programme is led by the Church and supported by school. This will be beginning in November and will run through to May.

Evaluation and Monitoring Processes

The Headteacher will undertake a variety of Quality Assurance activities within the school year. These will include, but are not limited to:

- Student Voice – both formal and informal
- Observation and 'learning walks' experience
- Termly Report to Governors
- Informal feedback from staff, students and parents
- Formal feedback from activities such as Section 48 and other inspections