St. Paul's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

16th October 2026

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

BE KIND ♥ BE RESPECTFUL ♥ BE RESILIENT

Merit Awards

Well done to our wonderful pupils for their hard work, positive attitude and excellent learning this week!

3D	Reuben B
3C	Ethan F
3J	Mia F
3L	Dylan S
4T	Isla A
4F	Maisie B
4R	Emilia P
4S	Nova R
5T	Yasmin G
5F	Myles Mc
5G	Alice S
5S	Grace G

Mrs O'Callaghan's Hot Chocolate Award

For being kind, respectful and resilient.

3D	Frankie M
3C	Elsie J
3J	Evie R
3L	Zara H
4T	Rudi B
4F	Reeva C
4R	Anton S
4S	Louie K
5T	Nova O
5F	Freya G
5G	Emelia B
5S	Shea O

Attendance Matters

3C	95.67%
3D	97%
3J	97.14%
3L	97.42%
4F	94.52%
4R	96.25%
4S	95.81%
4T	98%
5F	95.15%
5G	95.67%
5S	96.33%
5T	95.31%
6F	96.55%
6O	96%
6OC	88.03%
6P	96.06%

Overall attendance: **95.66%**

Well done **4T** for the highest attendance this week!

Every day in school counts!

Ghyll Head Trip

Our Year 6s had a fantastic three days in the Lake District at the Ghyll Head activity centre. So many wonderful memories were made – mountain climbing, canoeing, ghyll scrambling and just generally being together! Well done to everyone, we know that so many children stepped out of their comfort zone to try something new this week.





New challenges amazing memories!



Power Chair Football Tournament

For the first time ever, we sent a team of Year 5 children to take part in a Power Chair Football tournament. The children showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was a brilliant opportunity to try something new, develop their skills and celebrate inclusive sport. Well done to everyone who took part – we are very proud of you!



Teamwork Inclusion Determination Well done!

Upcoming Dates

Tue 20th Oct	Flu vaccinations in school
Tue 20th & Wed 21st Oct	Parents' Evenings in school (Book Fair in hall)
Wed 21st Oct	6OC Pray and Pick up in school
Thu 22nd Oct	Children break up for half term at 3pm

Cross Country

Another fantastic week of cross country! Our Year 4 children showed incredible resilience and determination, particularly those taking part in their very first race. A special well done to Mitchell and Fearne in Year 5, who led the way for St Paul's! Thank you to all our families for their continued support and encouragement.

Resilience Determination Proud of you!

Year 3 Celebrations of the Word

A huge thank you to our Year 3 children who led their families in prayer this week. Their beautiful Celebrations of the Word encouraged us all to reflect on the example of St Francis, who celebrated the wonder and beauty of God's creation in everything he did. It was such a lovely opportunity to come together in faith and appreciate the world around us. Other year groups will be leading their families later on in the year – we will release dates.

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 Banquet

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.... 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Wonder questions:

1. I wonder what "the wedding banquet" represents in our lives today.
2. I wonder how we can show kindness, respect, and welcome to others who might feel left out, just as the king did in the story.