ST PAUL'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter Friday 20th November 2026

"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"

Christian Value: Trust
British Value: Tolerance

Living out the School Vision (Planet Play)

Curiosity: "I liked finding out about Highwaymen from the Georgian times," said Harry M.
Compassion: "I helped my friend when he sprained his ankle," shared JJ.
Resilience: "I kept trying when we were adding fractions with different denominators," noted Noah.

Worship quote: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding…. *Proverbs: 3 5-6*

Remember in our prayers: the families supported by St Paul's Church and John Storer Food bank (the chocolate donations from Christmas tree trail).

Odd Socks Week
Children have enjoyed wearing odd socks this week, to tie in with antibullying week. Odd socks represent the concept of all children being different and unique and being welcomed at school. There has also been PHSE work in classes and themed assemblies. We have also covered the difference between bullying (several times on purpose where one child has more 'power' than the other and falling out one-off's which are often a result of games getting too rough).

Church Christmas Tree Festival
This is happening this weekend and times are:
Saturday 21st: 2 - 6pm
Sunday 22nd: 12 - 5pm
Robins have made some delightful decorations for our tree. Please find it at the entrance to the Lady Chapel. All are welcome. There is a small admission charge for adults, but it is free to children.

Confirmation Service
A confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Leicester, Bishop Martin, is scheduled for next Sunday, 29th November, at 10am. The service is open to all and we hope that our school Worship Team will be part of the service by composing and reading some prayers. It will be really good for them to meet Bishop Martin.

Walking to School
The village traffic group have been in contact with the LA to ask about a replacement crossing patrol. A survey of pedestrians should take place soon. Please walk to school if you can.

Attendance
Parents will be aware of recent press coverage about recent reports into children and young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs). Evidence has shown that these patterns of withdrawal often begin at primary school. At St Paul's we have very high levels of attendance overall, but we do have a few children with startlingly low attendance. We will be working with these families to improve attendance and punctuality. To comply fully with our policies, we will also be sending all correspondence about low attendance or punctuality issues to both parents.

New Curriculum Newsletters
We have had lots of positive feedback about the new curriculum newsletters. We hope you are enjoying finding out more about what your children will learn about, over the half-term.

Sports News
Our dodgeball team did very well at their tournament on Tuesday afternoon. They came third out of eight teams. Well done to all who represented school so well and to Mr Harrison for organising this.

School Diary
- Fri 27th Nov 3.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1, Y2

Christmas Events
- Fri 4th Dec pm: Santa Fun run for Rainbows Hospice (wear Santa hat)
- Wed 9th Dec 2.15pm: Y1 &Y2 Christmas concert
- Fri 11th Dec 2.15pm: Robins' Nativity
- Mon 14th Dec 9.15am: KS2 Christmas Music show (Y3-6 parents welcome)
- Mon 14th Dec 2.30pm: KS1 Christmas crafts (R, Y1 & Y2 parents welcome)
- Tues 15th Dec pm: KS1 Christmas party
- Wed 16th Dec: Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- Thurs 17th Dec: KS2 Christmas party
- Fri 18th Dec 9.15am: Y5 Christingle (school hall)

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Gilchrist

