

14th November 2025

Dear Families

I was delighted to join with our whole school to take part in our Remembrance Mass on Tuesday morning. It was extremely moving and a powerful opportunity to pray for those who we no longer see. Children participated in a prayerful and reverent way and the music was superb. I am grateful to Fr Emmanuel for celebrating Mass for us. Later on Tuesday afternoon, we held our Remembrance service and two minutes silence. It was a very moving experience and a joy to participate in. Our children really are very special and always rise to the occasion.

A group of students took part in a Red Bull Racing STEM X event on Thursday, and you may have seen them on the BBC last night as it was filmed by BBC Look East. A very exciting opportunity for our students! A huge thank you to our fantastic Careers team for facilitating this opportunity and well done to all the students who took part in the filming with such confidence and enthusiasm. Today, Network Rail visited our school and worked with Year 8 students. The students took part in group activities and problem-solving challenges. They also had the chance to learn about STEM careers and find out more about jobs at Network Rail. Thank you to the Network Rail team for a fun and inspiring visit!

We started Maths Week today and will be celebrating further with many activities next week. We marked Anti-Bullying Week with lots of thought-provoking activities and wearing odd socks on Monday. I hope that parents of children in Year 8 & 9 have found the information evenings this week helpful and beneficial.

We had a number of netball fixtures this week, two were against Walton High where Year 8 lost 7–2 and Year 10 lost 10–3. Year 7 girls played their first game for the school. They represented the school incredibly well and performed to a good level but lost 2-1 to Shenley Brook End in a closely contested game. Well done to them and hopefully they can look forward to the next game. Year 11 girls also played Shenley Brook End and lost 25-2. They will be looking to bounce back in their next fixture.

Next week Year 11 students begin their PPEs. This is an excellent opportunity to practise for their final examinations next May and June. We have been reminding them that they are an opportunity to grow and learn from mistakes. Please do keep an eye on your child and alert us to any signs of undue stress. A little bit of nerves is absolutely normal and, in fact, good for children but we need to look after them if this is too much for them to cope with at this stage.

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On Monday, all Elizabeth Tutor Groups have a non-uniform day to mark their Tutor Group Saint's Feast Day.

Student Leaders, along with A-level Politics students, recently presented to staff the events that will be taking place for UK Parliament Week from the 17th-21st November. To celebrate this event, our Politics students are running a workshop for younger students on 20th November to help them to understand how the UK Parliament works. Interested students can sign up through their Form Tutors. Additionally, Politics students will be running a surgery in the K block foyer to help students who are aged 16 and older to register to vote throughout UK Parliament Week. Students will need their National Insurance number to register. We are excited that so many lovely events are going on to help our students stay politically connected and aware.

From Friday 14th November to Friday 21st November, St Paul's is joining the nationwide celebration of Maths Week England. Pupils will have the chance to take part in exciting activities such as puzzle challenges, collaborative problem-solving, and crafty maths projects. Throughout the week, pupils can earn Maths Week stars on ClassCharts, and those who achieve five or more stars will receive a certificate and be entered into a raffle to win a Maths Week Prize Pack.

As part of the celebrations, we are also participating in the England Rocks competition on Times Tables Rock Stars from 18th November (7.30am) to 20th November (7.30pm). This national event encourages pupils to improve their multiplication and division fluency while competing for exciting prizes.

We are proud of our Maths Ambassadors, who have created the prize packs and will be volunteering throughout the week to support activities, lead problem-solving sessions, and act as role models for younger pupils. Pupils in Years 7 to 10 have received more information via ClassCharts announcements. It promises to be a fantastic week full of learning, creativity, and fun!

Can I please remind parents to take great care with where they park, especially when collecting children after school. The white lines on the left of the car park entrance must be left clear after 2pm as these are bus bays. We have experienced problems with cars parked in the bus bays meaning that buses cannot navigate the car park safely. The car park is much clearer about 15 minutes after the end of the school day so please consider arriving a little later to collect your child.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely



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