St Paul's CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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23rd October 2026

Dear Families

We began this week with a Kathakali Performance and Workshop. Kathakali is a major classical dance-drama from Kerala, India, that combines movement, music, and silent acting to tell epic stories. We also had a presentation by the Kiyan Prince Foundation with Year 10. On Tuesday Year 9 Mathematicians went to a Maths Challenge. We took a group of Year 9 pupils to the MK Innovates STEM Festival 2026, held at Middleton Hall in CentreMK on Wednesday. The pupils took part in a range of exciting workshops and had the opportunity to meet leading employers, universities and STEM organisations from across the city. It was an enjoyable, inspiring and engaging day, giving pupils valuable insights into future career opportunities and the chance to explore and celebrate the fascinating worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine. There were lots of opportunities to find out more about careers in a number of year groups. Year 10 and 11 had the opportunity for flu jabs on Thursday. Yesterday also saw another of our SEND Parent tours and today was the final Year 6 parent tour.

After half term we will join together for our November Remembrance Mass. Year 11 students are going on retreat to Kintbury Monday to Thursday. On Tuesday, Year 12 students will be representing St Paul's in a debate at Thornton College. Year 8 are visiting Radcliffe School for a UK Maths Challenge. On Wednesday it is the Feast day of St Charles so if your child is in this form group they may come into school in non-uniform for the day. On Wednesday some of our Drama students will enjoy movement workshops with Frantic Assembly. Also that day a selection of pupils in Years 7 to 11 will enjoy an Emmaus Trip to the Caldecotte Xperience. Thursday sees Year 12 and 13 visiting the University of Northampton for a University and Apprenticeship event. On Friday our potential apprenticeship students will have some interview practice with Amazon.

If your child is in form group Charles, then November is their month for the food bank collection. Please give as generously as your individual circumstances allow.

To help raise funds for the Year 11 Prom, we are holding a Chocolate Bar Tombola for students in school and would be very grateful for any donations of chocolate bars or sweets. No donation is too big or too small, and every item donated will help make the event a success. Even a single chocolate bar or bag of sweets can make a real difference and, when lots of students contribute a small item, it can quickly add up to a fantastic fundraising effort. If you are able to donate, please send any chocolate bars or sweets into school by Friday 6th November and ask your child to give them to their form tutor. Students are asked to resist the temptation to "test" any donations before they reach the tombola!

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We really appreciate your help in raising funds to make the Year 11 Prom a memorable celebration for our students.

MK Dons are offering free tickets for this Sunday's Mk Dons Wormen's match V Nantwich Town in the FA Cup at Stadium MK (2pm KO). You can book your tickets on this link Event Information - eTickets

MHA, a leading UK accountancy and advisory firm, are hosting an Early Careers Open Evening at their Milton Keynes office on Wednesday 11 November, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, to help young people explore careers in accountancy and finance and they would like to invite our students to the event! You can register your attendance here.

We now have an official school Instagram account @stpaulsmk, please do follow us if you would like to see news about events, stories about life at St Paul's and student achievements.

Please can I ask all parents to treat each other with dignity and respect when dealing with frustrations that arise from picking up from our school carpark. I understand that everyone gets frustrated by the volume of cars but please try to be considerate of each other especially as none of us know what other people are dealing with in their lives.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break with your families.

Yours sincerely



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