

5th September 2025

Dear Families

A very warm welcome to all new members of our community. It was wonderful to welcome your children to school on Wednesday morning. The rain held off as we greeted children at the gates. They looked smart, ready to learn and really pleased to see each other. The day began in Tutor Groups and then with a Collective Worship where I was able to share our key messages and expectations and Mr Knight and Mr Reynolds went through routines and expectations. I have attached a copy of the presentation so that you can see what was shared. Prior to the first day back with children, staff have been in school for two days. Our learning and training focused on the theme of belonging and how we can ensure that all children feel like they belong in our community. This focus was on pastoral care, interventions, as well as the curriculum. It was a very productive two days and we enjoyed working together to improve what we are able to offer your children. One thing we were very clear about was that our children can and must do more – they are very capable of being stretched and challenged and so our focus on having high expectations and making children think hard will continue during the year. We continue to focus on:

- Enabling children to take responsibility for their own learning by thinking hard
- Enabling children to take responsibility for their own behaviour by making the right choice

This week our car park has been very busy. Please remember that it is much clearer about 15 minutes after the end of the school day so please consider arriving a little later to collect your child. Please use all the lanes in between parked cars and avoid leaving large spaces in between cars.

Next week Year 12 students will receive their PPE results. On Wednesday our Governing Board have their first full meeting of the year. This is followed on Thursday evening by the Governors pay review committee meeting. On Thursday morning we will celebrate the start of the new academic year by having whole school Mass. I am looking forward to our community all being together for this. That evening there is a Year 7 parents' information evening which will focus on transition and study habits. On Friday we begin recruitment for our new Year 7 who will join us in September 2026 with parent tours! Finally, that day Year 12 will visit St Mary's University in Twickenham for a Theology Conference.

Z & S buses have asked us to remind you that the 601 service does not cover Olney anymore, it starts and finishes at Newport Pagnell. They have also asked that you ensure that your Z & S smartcards or MK Move smart cards are topped up. If you have an MK All in One card (non smart card) this will no

longer be valid from 1st January 2026 so you will need to make sure you order your new MK Move All in 1 Smart Card through [the portal](#).

As you can see there is so much happening here at St. Paul's. I hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families – if you are looking for something fun to do we know that there is a family day on Saturday at Woughton Community Council and an open day at the Blue Light Hub at Ashland on Sunday. Information has been shared on our Facebook page.

Yours sincerely



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