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6th November 2026

Dear Families

I hope that you had a lovely half term with your children. We began this half term by joining together for our November Remembrance Mass. It was a very poignant occasion for us to come together to remember those we love. Year 11 students went off on retreat to Kintbury from Monday to Thursday. On Tuesday, Year 12 students represented St Paul's in a debate at Thornton College where they discussed issues around nuclear disarmament. They also had the opportunity to see what it was like to be part of the United Nations Security Council. Although there was no clear winner on the day all the students had a fantastic experience. Year 8 visited Radcliffe School for a UK Maths Challenge where they demonstrated great use of their thought processes and an excellent grasp of Maths. On Wednesday it was the Feast day of St Charles and some of our Drama students enjoyed a movement workshop with Frantic Assembly. Also, that day a selection of pupils in Years 7 to 11 enjoyed an Emmaus Trip to the Caldecotte Xperience. Yesterday, Year 12 and 13 visited the University of Northampton for a University and Apprenticeship event. Today, our potential apprenticeship students had some interview practice with Amazon. We're grateful to the newly appointed members of our Student Council who completed their first service to the school today by doing a litter pick of the school site.

Well done to students who represented St Paul's in sporting fixtures this week. On Tuesday our Year 9 and Year 11 basketball teams played two shortened basketball fixtures at home against Lord Grey. Year 9 lost 10 – 12 and Year 11 won 21 – 16. Both teams played very well. On Wednesday Year 10 had an away basketball fixture against Stantonbury and won 33 – 53. The team of only six players played with pride and worked well for each other to secure the victory. The same night Kingsbrook School visited us for the second round of the Year 8 boys' football County Cup. The boys played incredibly well, winning 4-1 in a competitive game. It was a very strong performance from all of the boys and we'd like to give a special shout out to Mikolaj N and Samuel A who both played really well and didn't stop working for the team. It was a strong team performance which sets them up for a quarter-final tie against Princes Risborough School.

We are now in the period of GCSE English and Maths examinations for our Post 16 students. These continue next week. Next week we are also celebrating Tomorrow's Engineers week with a range of activities beginning with a Network Rail STEM session on Monday for Year 8. On Tuesday at 6pm it is our PTA's Annual General Meeting and all parents and carers are welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more about our PTA please visit our website. On Wednesday, we have catch up vaccinations for Year 9 students. On Thursday evening we will have a Year 8 Parent Information evening in the

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MGR. We also mark the beginning of Maths week next Friday. There will be a range of activities for us to celebrate all things Maths!

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.

Please can I ask all parent to speak to their children about hanging around near the flats just outside school. I am receiving regular complaints that children are trespassing on private land and causing a nuisance. Thank you.

As we head into the winter months, please take a look at the important information in this link. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS To report a daily absence from school due to illness, please dial the school number 01908 669735, before 8.30am, and press Option 4. Please do not call reception or send an email, as absences are only recorded via the absence line. Thank you for your help with this.

Please join us in congratulating the winners of our Advent 1 Wellbeing Competition!
We received some fantastic entries, and it was wonderful to see so much creativity and enthusiasm from everyone who took part. A big well done to our three winners, Leanora Lloyd-Jhala in 10 Cha, Marlen Wrobel in 8 Ben and Giftwell Owusu in 7 Kol

Next week I am out of school on Wednesday and Thursday conducting a Diocesan Catholic Schools Inspection. I am contactable via email should you need me.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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