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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Staff and Friends of Pope Paul,

As we begin this new school year together, I wanted to take a moment to say how delighted I am to be joining the Pope Paul community as Headteacher.

Although this is my first week in post, returning to Pope Paul feels, in many ways, like coming home. This school has been a special part of my own journey and holds treasured memories for me. One of my fondest memories is hearing the children of Pope Paul sing so beautifully at Our Lady and St Vincent Church during my wedding. It is a memory that has stayed with me ever since and one that reminds me of the warmth, faith and sense of community that have always been at the heart of this wonderful school.

Over the past few days, I have already received such a warm welcome from children, parents, governors and parishioners. I have been touched by your kindness, generosity and encouragement, and I am deeply grateful for the support that has been shown to me as I begin this new chapter.

My particular thanks go to the staff team, who have worked tirelessly throughout the summer and in recent days to ensure that everything is ready for the children's return. Their dedication, care and commitment to the children of Pope Paul are evident in every corner of the school, and I feel incredibly privileged to be joining such a talented and devoted team.

As I have spent time around the school this week - leading whole school assembly, visiting each classroom and starting to learn names, I have been reminded of all the things that make Pope Paul such a special place: its strong Catholic identity, its joyful spirit, its culture of kindness and respect, and its unwavering commitment to helping every child flourish. Most importantly, I have been struck by the wonderful children who are at the centre of everything we do. Their enthusiasm, confidence and eagerness to learn fill me with great optimism for the year ahead.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months. Building strong relationships with our families, parish and wider community is something I value deeply, and I look forward to listening, learning and working together as we continue to provide the very best for our children.

As we begin this new academic year, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and excitement. I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve this community and to play a part in the next chapter of Pope Paul's story.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have already given me. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the days and weeks ahead.

With every good wish and blessing,

Siobhan King

Headteacher

Diary Dates Autumn 2026

The first school newsletter of the year will be sent out next week, however important dates are attached below and can be found on the [school website](#). More information about clubs will also be sent out next week.

Mon 7 th Sept	1pm 2.45pm	New Reception Lunch (Group 1) Year 6 Meet The Teacher Meeting
Tues 8 th Sept	1pm 2.45pm	New Reception Lunch (Group 2) Year 4 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Wed 9 th Sept	9.05am 10am	KS1 Birthday Assembly KS2 Prayer Through Song
Thurs 10 th Sept	Am 2.45pm	Reception Children start (First 15 chn) Year 3 Meet The Teacher
Fri 11 th Sept	Am 2.45pm	Reception Children start (Second 15 chn) Year 1 Meet The Teacher Meeting
Mon 14 th Sept	2.45pm	Year 2 Meet The Teacher Meeting
Tues 15 th Sept	9.30am	Year 6 Trip to Westminster Cathedral
Fri 18 th Sept	9am	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tues 22 nd Sept	8.45am	School Development Meeting led by Mrs King. <u>All parents are welcome!</u>
Wed 23 rd Sept	9.15am	Year 6 Class Mass in school
Fri 25 th Sept	9am	Year 4 Class Assembly School Photographer for individual and sibling groups
Sun 27 th Sept	11am	Whole School Mass at OLASV Church to celebrate St Vincent's Day and beginning of the year.

PE Days

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday
Year 2: Wednesday and Friday
Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4: Monday and Tuesday
Year 5: Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)
Year 6: Wednesday (Swimming) and Thursday