

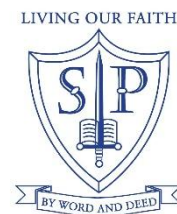
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Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

Friends of St Paul's

The FOSP held their first meeting of the academic year and it was lovely to welcome some new faces and new ideas. The FOSP have been busy planning four events for this term – a **Coffee Afternoon** for Parents/Grandparents in the school hall on Friday 17th October, a pre-loved **Uniform Sale** on Wednesday 22nd October, a **Non-Uniform Day** on Friday 24th October and a **Christmas Event** on Tuesday 16th December. Please keep an eye out for posters and more information regarding these events. The **FOSP** plays a vital role in supporting our school through fundraising, organising events and building a strong sense of community. We hope that all parents will be able to engage in some way to support these events during the Autumn Term.

Special Friends Assembly

Next Wednesday morning, we warmly invite Reception and Year 6 parents to our annual Special Friends assembly. During this event, each Year 6 child will be paired with a Reception pupil, and they will be their Special Friend throughout the year, spending time together in class and at lunchtime.

We hope you can join us for this celebration. If you plan to bring younger siblings, please note that we kindly ask you to leave any prams or pushchairs outside, as our school hall cannot accommodate them.

You are welcome to take photographs during the assembly; however, we ask that you respect the privacy of our pupils by not sharing any photos of other children on social media. Photos taken are for your personal use only. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Headlice

We want to inform you that we have had a number of cases of head lice. Head lice are common among school-aged children. We ask that all parents check their child's hair and scalp carefully, especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. If lice or nits (eggs) are found, please begin treatment immediately using an appropriate over-the-counter or prescription lice treatment. Be sure to follow the product instructions closely and remove nits with a fine-toothed comb. Personal items such as bedding, clothing, hats, and brushes should be washed in hot water and dried on high heat. To help prevent the spread, please remind your child not to share hats, combs or hair accessories. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school community healthy.

Learning at St Paul's

The Nursery children look exceptionally settled in their Nursery environment. They have been enjoying making gingerbread this week. We do have a couple of spaces available in Nursery if you know anyone who is still looking for a place, please ask them to contact the school office.

Uniform Reminder

Don't forget to put your child's name in their clothing.



Lionesses Competition

On Thursday evening, the Year 5 and 6 girls' football teams took part in the Tameside Lionesses festival at Curzon Ashton. The girls played with brilliant team spirit, effort and a wonderful attitude in all of their games. As it was a festival and not a tournament, there were no overall winners or scores recorded, but both teams did an incredible job representing St. Paul's. Many thanks to Mr Allen and to Mr Titterington for accompanying the children and thank you also to the parents/grandparents who went along to support.



Year 3 Visit to Longdendale

On Tuesday, we went on a school trip. We learnt that rocks can be for houses, buildings and other things. We learnt that there were three main types of rock, igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic. Then we learnt about how soil is made, feathers, acorn, leaves and sticks. They all help the soil become stronger and better for living creatures. So we had a great day and had a lot of fun and it's all thanks to Mrs Speck and Mrs Wood.

By Stephanie and Teddy



Many thanks to the staff and the parents who kindly volunteered to accompany the children on the trip.

Parent Director Vacancy – Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust Board

There is currently a vacancy for this position. To nominate yourself as a candidate, please complete the candidate form and return it by email to: hr@corpuschristitrust.co.uk by noon on Monday 6th October 2025. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot of all parents entitled to vote will be carried out. We will inform you after the closing date for applications if we have to do this. Please note, that this is an unpaid volunteer role. If you have any queries about this process, please email: hr@corpuschristitrust.co.uk



Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

All parents should now have received a letter, via email, regarding applying for a High School place. You should apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. You must apply by logging on to [Secondary School Admissions - Tameside MBC](#) and the closing date for applications is 31st October 2025. Parents are advised to watch the following video before applying:-

[Myth Busters on School Admissions](#)

Any applications received after this time will be dealt with as a late application.

Threadworms

Threadworms are a common and easily treatable condition, particularly among young children. They are small, white worms that live in the intestine and can cause itching around the bottom, especially at night. If your child is experiencing these symptoms, please consult a pharmacist or doctor for appropriate treatment. The Threadworm eggs are spread on hands, under finger nails and on contaminated items such as bedding, towels etc. Medication is usually taken by the whole household, as threadworms spread easily through contact with contaminated surfaces, clothing or bedding. To help prevent reinfection, it's important to wash hands regularly, keep fingernails short and clean, and wash bed linen, towels and sleepwear in hot water. With prompt treatment and good hygiene, threadworms can be effectively managed. Thank you for your attention and support. More information can be found on the following link [Threadworms - NHS](#)

Attendance & Punctuality

The aim for attendance of all classes to be above 95%. We are making great progress with attendance as all classes to date have attendance above 95%. Congratulations to **Year 5** with the fewest number of late arrivals so far this year. The school day starts promptly at 8.55am and it is important that all children are in class ready for the start of the school day. Thank you to those families who do always ensure that their child arrives at school promptly for the start of the school day – it really does make a difference to their learning.

Attendance so far this year	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
	96.7%	98.1%	95.3%	96%	97%	96.5%	97.2%	97%	97.7%
Punctuality so far this year	1.7%	0.85%	2.3%	2.1%	1.6%	1.9%	0.22%	2.2%	1.7%

FOSP – SPUD Uniform Sale and Collection

Do you have any school uniform items in great preloved condition that your child no longer needs? We'd love your donations to help other families while promoting reuse and reducing waste. Come along to grab school uniform at a fraction of the price, help our school community, and support sustainability! Thank you for your generosity.

St. Paul's

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St Paul's Uniform Donation



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**PRELOVED
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SALE**

DROP OFF DAY
20TH OCTOBER, MONDAY
8:45-9:00 & 3:00-3:15
SCHOOL CAR PARK

BIG SALE
22ND OCTOBER
3:00-3:30
SCHOOL HALL



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary	
Wednesday 8th October	Special Friends Assembly at 9.15am
Date to be Confirmed	Whole School Mass led by Year 5 – all welcome
Wednesday 15th October	Year 6 Safe Squad
Friday 17th October	FOSP Coffee Afternoon – starting at 2.30pm – all welcome
Monday 20th October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 21st October	TCSSA Mixed Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 22nd October	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am
	FOSP SPUD – Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Thursday 23rd October	Parents Evenings
Friday 24th October	Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation to the FOSP
	Break up for Half-term
Tuesday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 3rd November	Return to School
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2026 places
Wednesday 12th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 6
Tuesday 16th December	FOSP Christmas Event
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term