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Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Special Friends Assembly

It was lovely to welcome so many Reception and Year 6 parents to our annual Special Friends assembly on Wednesday morning. The Year 6 children, with the help of Reception, led a beautiful assembly on the theme of friendship. The children spoke thoughtfully about how they can live out God's love within our school community and what it means to be a great special friend.

The singing and enthusiastic actions from both Reception and Year 6 brought smiles all around and showed such positive relationships between the two year groups.

After the assembly, the Year 6 children spent some time in the Reception classroom with their special friends, sharing stories and enjoying each other's company. Every child also received an *Elmer* book containing a special message written by their special friend. These books were kindly donated by the PTA, and we are very grateful for their generosity.

Friends of St Paul's



In recent years we have benefited greatly from the funds raised by the Friends of St Paul's through enhancing IT provision, purchase of books and musical instruments.

LIVING OUR FAITH



FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL'S AUTUMN EVENTS

COFFEE AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
FROM 2.30PM
SCHOOL MAIN HALL



New parents, grandparents, and familiar faces can come along for a cuppa and chat as a welcome to the St. Paul's school community.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

DROP OFF DAY:
MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER
8.45-9.00AM & 3.00-3.15PM
SCHOOL CAR PARK



BIG SALE DAY:
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
3.00PM - 3.30PM
SCHOOL HALL



Donate your preloved school uniforms and help us to promote reuse and reduce waste.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Get ready to swap your school uniform for your favourite outfit!



For just £1, children can come dressed in their own clothes.

All donations should be given to the class teacher on the day.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Further details to follow soon!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We'd love for you to be part of FOSP! Even if you're unable to attend meetings, you're always welcome to volunteer at our school events – every helping hand truly makes a difference.

Your contribution helps create memorable experiences for our children, strengthens our school community and fundraise for school incentives. If you'd like to get involved or learn more, please speak to a FOSP member – we'd be delighted to hear from you!

Phonics Information Evening

We would like to invite you to our upcoming **Phonics Information Evening** on **Tuesday 21st October** at 5.30pm, designed to give you valuable insight into how we teach phonics and how you can support your child's reading journey at home. This session will be led by Mrs Speck, Reading and Phonics Lead.

During the session, we will cover:

- What phonics is and why it's important
- How phonics is taught in school
- Strategies and resources to support your child at home

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the foundations of early reading and ask any questions you may have. We strongly encourage all Reception and Key Stage 1 parents to attend.

Black History Month

This October, as part of Black History Month, we're inviting all pupils at St Paul's to take part in a special competition that celebrates this year's theme, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride." In particular, we are going to focus on one of this year's subcategories: **Black excellence in the Arts.**

Through poetry, storytelling, music, publishing, and performance, Black and Mixed Heritage artists have reshaped the cultural landscape. Their voices gave rhythm to resistance, joy to communities, and pride to a nation. We honour those who used creativity as a tool for change — speaking truth, preserving memory, and inspiring new generations to find power in expression.

At St Paul's, we are proud to already reflect this rich diversity within our curriculum. Throughout the year, children learn about influential Black and Mixed Heritage artists, authors, musicians, and historical figures across subjects including English, Art, Music, and History.

Now, we'd love to see our pupils' creativity shine. Children are invited to submit a piece of artwork, writing, or performance that reflects the theme. One winner will be chosen from EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 — each receiving a special prize!

Entries should be submitted to class teachers or sent to admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk before the **3rd November 2025**.



Girls Football

On Thursday night, the Y4 girls' football team took part in the Lionesses football festival. This is the first time that we have taken part in this event and the girls' represented St. Paul's in a fabulous way. For the majority of the girls, this is the first time they have played a competitive game, but you couldn't tell. They played with effort, enthusiasm and great teamwork. We are already looking forward to the next one. Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support the children.

Many thanks to Mr Allen and Mr Titterington who accompanied the children.



Parents Evening

We would like to invite all parents to attend a Parents' Evening appointment on **either Monday 20th October or Thursday 23rd October**.

These 10-minute meetings provide an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and to view some of your child's work.

Appointment bookings can be made via the **Arbor app**, and slots will be available to book from **9:00am on Monday morning**.

Attendance & Punctuality

We are making great progress with attendance as all classes to date have attendance above 95%. **Year 5** continue to be the most punctual attenders 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
	97.4%	97.2%	95.2%	96.2%	97%	96.6%	97.1%	97%	96.4%
Punctuality so far this year	2.1%	0.81%	2.2%	2%	1.7%	1.8%	0.18%	2.3%	4.1%

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 others 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.



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary	
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 6 Safe Squad
Thursday 16 th October	Fire Service to speak to Year 5 & Year 6 – Bonfire Night Safety
Friday 17 th October	FOSP Coffee Afternoon – starting at 2.30pm – all welcome
Monday 20 th October	Parents Evenings FOSP Drop Off day for Uniform in the School Car Park between 8.45 – 9am and 3pm and 3.15pm
Tuesday 21 st October	Whole School Mass led by Year 5 – all welcome TCSSA Mixed Tag Rugby Competition Phonics Information Evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents – 5.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am FOSP SPUD – Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Thursday 23 rd October	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Dance Performance for Parents at 8.10am Parents Evenings
Friday 24 th October	Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation to the FOSP Break up for Half-term
Friday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 3 rd November	Return to School Closing date for Black History Month Competition
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2026 places
Wednesday 12 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 6
Tuesday 16 th December	FOSP Christmas Event
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Return to school – start of the Spring Term

Community News

Please see the October newsletter for events happening at various libraries this month.

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October 2025
Primary school news

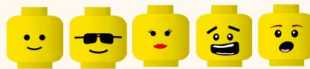
1A Trinity St, Stalybridge SK15 2BN

TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

stalybridge Library's

LEGO CLUB

On the 1st Wednesdays of the month, 3:30 – 4:30pm



NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST DROP-IN

Lego Club is aimed at children aged 4+ and their parents and carers. Everyone is welcome, but please leave your own Lego at home unless you want to donate it to the club!



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Monday 27th October
Green Halloween crafts
Hyde Library, 10.30–11.30am

Tuesday 28th October
Flying the Flag for Green Libraries workshop
Ashton Library, 10–12pm

Wednesday 29th October
Green Halloween crafts
Stalybridge Library, 2–3pm

Thursday 30th October
Green Halloween crafts
Denton Library, 2–3pm

Friday 31st October (Halloween)
Green Halloween crafts
Mossley Library, 10.30–11.30am

Saturday 1st November
Cloak of Spells
Denton Library, 10.30–2.30pm

Must be booked via  **eventbrite**



information.direct@tameside.gov.uk | 0161 342 4000

BookTrust Storytime

Come and have fun at Storytime!

Dukinfield Library
1pm–1.45pm

Monday 13 October
Monday 20 October
Monday 27 October
Monday 3 November
Monday 10 November



There is no need to book just turn up!
Crafts, stories, sticker books
bookstart@tameside.gov.uk | 0161 342 3443

Come and have fun with stories. It's FREE!



The Cloak of Spells

Saturday 1st November
10.30am – 2.30pm
Denton Library

Free drop in craft activity
All ages welcome!

Join local artists Aimee and Tom at Denton Library and help to create 'The Cloak of Spells'.

Choose a person from your life who makes things more magical, then write, draw, and decorate your very own spell patch to add to the cloak.

Before you go, watch the cloak come to life with 2 special 'Broom' dance performances taking place at 11.30am and 1.30pm in Victoria Park just opposite the library. The broom dance will cast all of the spells out into the world and help us celebrate the people who make our lives special!



Music for ALL
MAKING MUSIC CHANGES LIVES presents

LEARN TO PLAY

9-12 OCTOBER '25

Free taster music lessons!

Take part in the UK's biggest FREE music making initiative with a FREE 30 minute taster session.

Tameside Music Service (Birch Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU)
Saturday 11th October
9:30am – 12pm

For young people aged from KS1 to 18

Taster lessons available on Brass, Woodwind, Strings, Piano/Keys, Guitars/Uke, Drums/Percussion