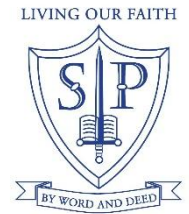


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Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Year 5 Class Mass



Thank you to the Year 5 children who led the readings and prayers at a lovely whole school Mass on Tuesday morning. The theme of the Mass was Creation – we thought about God's gift to us of the world we live in and gave thanks for everything in it. It was lovely to have so many Parents joining us too.

Year 3 Class Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who led a fabulous assembly on Wednesday morning. The children did a brilliant job of sharing the knowledge they had learnt during the first half of the Autumn term. We heard all about their learning in science and the children talked about the different types of rocks – igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. They used Talk for Writing to retell the story of *The Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. We heard conversations in French and enjoyed lots of super singing and dancing! Thank you to all of the Parents who joined us for this event.

Parents Evening

Many thanks to all of the parents who came along to Parents Evenings this week. Your commitment to engaging with your child's education is invaluable and we hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to hear about your child's progress so far this term. These conversations are vital in fostering a strong home school partnership and we are really grateful for your continued support.

Learning at St Paul's

In Science this term, Year 1 have been exploring their five senses. We've been looking, listening, sniffing, and touching—and this week, it was time to focus on **taste**! We tried all sorts of different flavours—some delicious, and others not so tasty! We discovered that it's not just our tongues that help us taste, but our noses too. Check out our funny faces as we explored!



Phonics Information Evening

Thank you to those parents who joined us for the **Phonics Information Evening** on Tuesday. This evening gave a valuable insight into how we teach phonics and how as parents you can support your child's reading journey at home.

If you weren't able to join us you can take a look at the presentation on the school website [Phonics at St Paul's](#) and also pick up a handout from the school office.

Nursery Places

We still have a couple of Nursery places available for January starters. Full time and part time places are available in our teacher led Nursery provision. If you are interested in a visit to see the Nursery, please arrange this with the school office.

Free School Meals

This week all pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will have received an email with your ASDA voucher. These vouchers are intended to support your child during the half term break by ensuring continued access to nutritious meals.

If your circumstances have changed and you now feel you may be entitled to benefits related Free School Meals, please speak to Mrs Phoenix in the school office.

Year 6 Parents

A reminder that the deadline to apply for your child's high school place is fast approaching. If your child is currently in Year 6, you must submit your application by **Friday 31st October** to ensure they have a place at their preferred school next September.

How to Apply:

- Visit the [Secondary School Admissions - Tameside MBC](#) admissions website
- Review the admissions criteria and school options
- Submit your application online before the deadline

Applying on time gives your child the best chance of securing a place at a school that suits their needs and interests.

Black History Month

Thank you to all of the children who have entered the competition so far. It's not too late if your child wants to enter. 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**



Year 1, 2 and 3 Dance Performance

On Thursday morning Parents and staff were treated to a street dance spectacular. The children performed with great confidence and we had another great turnout from Parents too. Thanks to Lianne for her expert coaching skills too.

Clubs for the next half term

Please look out on your **Arbor app** to apply for a place for your child on the activities available during Autumn 2.

If your child enrolled on the Thursday or Friday Before School Dance Club your child will continue to participate in this club until the end of the Autumn Term 2025.



Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November

We're taking part in **Odd Socks Day** to celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise awareness for anti-bullying week. It's a fun and positive way for children to express themselves and remind everyone that we are all different – and that is something to be proud of.

All your child needs to do is to come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 10th November**. It's a simple way to join thousands across the country in saying no to bullying.

Let's make it a colourful day full of fun, self-expression and kindness.



Attendance & Punctuality

We are making great progress with attendance as all classes to date have attendance above 95% with **Nursery, Year 3** and **Year 6** having 97% attendance so far, this academic year. **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%	96.9%	95.4%	96.2%	97.4%	96.2%	96.6%	97%	96.6%
Punctuality so far this year	1.9%	0.77%	2.2%	2%	1.8%	1.6%	0.18%	2.4%	1.6%

Half Term Activities

Please take a look at the newsletter to see the activities on offer over the half term break, across Tameside.



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Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary	
Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half-term
Friday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Saturday 1 st November	Online applications open for Reception 2026 places
Monday 3 rd November	Return to School
	Closing date for Black History Month Competition
Monday 10 th November	Start of Anti-Bullying week – Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 th November	Whole School Mass led by Year 6 – all welcome
Wednesday 12 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 6
Tuesday 25 th November	Initial meeting for Y3 Parents regarding the Sacramental Programme
Tuesday 16 th December	FOSP Christmas Event
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Return to school – start of the Spring Term

Friends of St. Paul's (FOSP)

SPUD

St Paul's Uniform Donation



Thank you to everyone who donated to the SPUD Sale and to all who came along to support the event.

Together, we raised an amazing £88!

Your generosity helps us continue to promote reuse and reduce waste.