

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

### Year 6 Mass

Year 6 children led the readings and prayers at the whole school Mass on Tuesday morning. The theme of the Mass was Remembrance Day. It was an important time to remember all those who have lost their lives in time of war and also an opportunity to pray for peace. Thank you to the Parents and Parishioners who joined us for the celebration of Holy Mass.

***This week make the time to pray for those who have given their life for the freedom of others and consider how we can spread peace.***

### Readers at Mass

Father Isidore has also asked for 3 children to read at Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and you are happy to take them to Mass and they would be willing to read please speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen.



### Friends of St Paul's

The next **Friends of St Paul's** meeting is this coming **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at the later time of 6pm at Starbucks in Hyde. This meeting is to organise the Christmas fair and we need as many volunteers as possible to ensure this goes ahead. The meeting is informal and you are welcome to bring your children with you. We are hoping the later time and change of location means more of you will be able to attend so we can make this event a success.

### Year 3 parents - Sacramental Programme

Today we have circulated an email and a Sacramental Programme application form. We would like to invite Year 3 Parents of baptised Catholic children to an initial meeting. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at 6pm in school. This initial meeting is just for Parents. We hope that you will be able to join us at the start of this important faith journey for your child.

### Invitation to all children currently on Sandwiches to have a Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** we will be having the annual Christmas Dinner. All children across school are invited to take a Christmas Dinner on this day. We just ask that you complete the form and make your payment of £3.25 on the Arbor App by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**. Payment is only required for children in Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 or 6. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 the meal is free! If your child currently has school meals you do not need to do anything as they will automatically have a school meal.

### Nursery and Reception Admissions

Please promote our lovely school with anyone you may know who may be looking for a nursery place for September. Visits to school can be arranged through the school office.

### Nursery Places – September 2026

The online form is now open for applications <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938> for **Nursery** places for September 2026. The closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**. Please be aware that we also require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application. This should be brought to the school office before the closing date in January 2026.

### Reception Places – September 2026

The online portal <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa> is now open for applications for Reception 2026. The closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Please be aware that we require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application. This should be brought to the school office before the closing date in January 2026.

### Nasal Flu Immunisation

On Wednesday, Intra Health visited school to administer the nasal flu vaccination. If your child was absent on this date, Intra Health will return for a catch up session later on this academic year.

### Attendance & Punctuality

We are making great progress with attendance as all classes to date have attendance above 95% with **Year 6** having the best 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
	95.5%	96%	95%	95.3%	96.5%	95.8%	96.2%	96.6%	<b>95.9%</b>
Punctuality so far this year	1.8%	0.75%	2.3%	1.9%	1.5%	1.5%	0.18%	2.2%	<b>1.5%</b>

### **Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary**

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Friends of St Paul's Meeting at Starbucks, starting at 6pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Warm Front Visit to the Eco Council
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Initial meeting for Y3 Parents regarding the Sacramental Programme
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Visit to the Whitworth Art Gallery – Animation Workshop
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last day for Christmas Dinner orders
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass at 9am in the school hall – Parents/Carers welcome
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Nativity – am (time tbc) KS1 Nativity – pm (time tbc)
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	FOSP Christmas Event at 3.30pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Rock Steady Music Concert at 9.30am
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Carol Service at St Paul's Church at 9.30am
	<b>Break up for Christmas holidays</b>

### **Dates for 2026**

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	Staff INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Return to school</b> – start of the Spring Term
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Closing date for Reception applications</b>
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Closing date for Nursery applications</b>