

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

*All Parents are welcome to join us for the Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am on Wednesday morning*

### **Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rock Star Battle** 🎸

We're excited to announce the launch of our first Times Tables Rock Stars Battle. Starting today, classes will go head-to-head to see who can score the most points and show off their multiplication skills.

- The battle begins today and runs until 9am, next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Every correct answer earns points for your class
- Winners will be celebrated in next week's assembly

This is a fantastic opportunity to sharpen your maths, work as a team and have fun along the way. Get ready to rock those times tables — the battle starts now!

### **Year 3 parents - Sacramental Programme**

All Year 3 Parents should have received an email and a Sacramental Programme application form. Thank you to those who have already returned their enrolment form. For those who have enrolled you are invited to an initial meeting 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.

### **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 Friends of St Paul's (FOSP) met on Monday evening to begin planning this year's exciting Christmas event. As part of the festivities, we'll be holding a Rainbow Raffle and we need your help. We're kindly asking for donations of new items that match your child's year group colour theme (see below). These could include chocolates, drinks, beauty products or any other colourful goodies. The items will be beautifully packaged into hampers and raffle tickets will be sold to raise valuable funds for the school. Your generous contributions will help make the raffle a success and support enriching opportunities for our children. Please send in your donations with your child any time before **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.



Colour Themes by Year Group:

EYFS – **Red** items      Year 1 – **Green** items      Year 2 – **Blue** items      Year 3 – **Yellow** items  
Year 4 – **Orange** items      Year 5 – **Pink** items      Year 6 – **Purple** items

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

### **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.

## Curriculum Information

Following feedback from the Parental survey we have been working hard to ensure that the school website accurately reflects the school curriculum. Each week we will focus on a different subject and this week is Maths.

### Our aims for Mathematics across school are:

- All children to become fluent in the fundamentals of Mathematics through varied and frequent practice of increasingly complex problems over time.
- All children develop the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.
- All children develop the ability to solve problems through decision making and reasoning in a range of contexts.
- All children develop mathematical language through speaking and listening, practical activities and recording work.
- Children are monitored through termly assessments against National curriculum standards.

In order to find more information about the maths curriculum and how you can support your child's learning at home please take a look at the Maths page on the school website [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: Mathematics](#)

## School Building Fund

As in previous years, voluntary contributions to the **School Building Fund** are being requested from all parents with children in our schools. The Fund is of great importance in helping meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects and managing property, as it enables schools to be able to take advantage of Government funding. The voluntary contributions made by parents in respect of children attending our schools play a vital role in this. The Pdf document explains how you can make their voluntary contribution Online and Gift Aid. Voluntary contributions can also be made by cash/cheque.



SBF Leaflet  
2025-2026 Academic

## Year 5 and the Eco Council Tree Planting

Today was great as I have had so much fun digging to plant a tree that future children will see as an ordinary tree, but to us it is just a memory. Just like the tree, we are planting a time capsule with letters from all of Year 5 which talk about renewable energy now and how we think renewable energy will be in the future. In our inspiring letters, we also explained about the struggle the earth is facing due to climate change and fossil fuels. In Year 4, **Warm Front Ltd** met us and did a lovely lesson just about renewable energy. It inspired the current Year 5 children to be renewable energy lovers and we had an amazing afternoon. When they came back to us again today we had even more fun!

When **Warm Front Ltd** visited us just before the Summer holiday in Year 4 a few people entered a competition about renewable energy. Today, Year 5 received the result of the competition and I won!

Report written by Heidi, Year 5

With thanks to **Warm Front Ltd** and Mr Titterington for organising this activity in support of taking care of our planet!



### 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.

### 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
	95.2%	95.2%	93.6%	94.9%	96%	95.6%	96.4%	96.5%	95.5%
Punctuality so far this year	1.7%	0.77%	2.2%	2.0%	1.4%	1.6%	0.19%	2.2%	1.5%

Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	TCSSA Hockey Tournament
	Initial meeting for Y3 Parents regarding the Sacramental Programme
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Visit to the Whitworth Art Gallery – Animation Workshop
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day for Christmas Dinner orders
	Year 2 Theatre Visit -The Snowman
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 4 visit to Hyde Library
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass at 9am in the school hall – Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity – am (time tbc)
	KS1 Nativity – pm (time tbc)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSP Christmas Event at 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Music Concert at 9.30am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service at St Paul's Church at 9.30am
	<b>Break up for Christmas holidays</b>
Dates for 2026	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Return to school – start of the Spring Term</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Closing date for Reception applications</b>
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Closing date for Nursery applications</b>

Community News

TIGERS

AT HOME

22 NOV

6 DEC

20 DEC

3 JAN

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LESSONS DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR BEGINNERS!

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4:30PM TO 5PM

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FRAUD WARNING

A MESSAGE FROM

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

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ActionFraud

Report Fraud & Internet Crime

actionfraud.police.uk

TO STOP FRAUD