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Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

Parents and Parishioners are welcome to join us for 9am Mass on Tuesday morning. We would also welcome any donations of chocolate for the **FOSP Christmas Fair** – these can be brought into school next week.

St Paul's Parish

Father Isidore has asked for a pupil or two from St Paul's to read at the annual **Parish Carol Service** which will be held on **Sunday 14th December** at 3pm in St Paul's Church. He has also asked for 2 children to play the part of Mary and Joseph at the 6.30pm Mass on **Christmas Eve** at St Paul's. If you are willing to volunteer and are happy to take your child to any of these events please speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen.

Advent

This year, to celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, we are inviting families to create an Advent wreath together. The Advent Wreath will then be blessed by Father Isidore at our KS2 Carol Concert on **Friday 19th December 2025**. The hope would be that families will then have an Advent Wreath to share prayers at home at Christmas time. If possible, we would like to also try and tie in *Stewardship* and encourage the use of recycled items to make the wreaths. Please bring your advent wreath to school by **Monday 15th December 2025** labelled with the name of your child or your family name.

Year 3 parents - Sacramental Programme

All Parents are invited to the **Enrolment Mass** on **Tuesday 9th December** at **9am**. If there are any children who are interested in joining the programme and are not yet baptised, please speak to Father Isidore.

Christmas Productions

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents to school for the Christmas productions when **Early Years** and **Key Stage 1** children will perform.

EYFS: **The Twinkly Nativity** - Wednesday 10th December at 10.30am

Key Stage 1: **Knock, Knock! The Nativity!** - Wednesday 10th December at 2.15pm

All children have been allocated two tickets only. If you receive any tickets that you are no longer able to use please kindly return them to the school office.

Please ensure that you bring your tickets with you to the performances. Prams and buggies need to be left outside the main entrance away from fire exits and doors. We also ask that you remain seated throughout the performance.

There will be a raffle at each of the performances next week so don't forget to bring some money along with you.

****Please note that for all events any photographs or videos taken must be for your own personal use and images of other children must not be posted on any social networking sites.**

Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this matter.**

School Uniform

Just a reminder to all Parents that trainers are not part of the school uniform [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: School Uniform](#). Black shoes should be worn for school each day.

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 **31st 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.

Before school Dance Club

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Dance Club performances:

- **Thursday 11th December** – Before-school performance by children in Year 1 to Year 3 who attend Dance Club on a Thursday morning.
- **Friday 12th December** – Before-school performance by children in Year 4 to Year 6 who attend Dance Club on a Friday morning.

Both performances will start at 8.10am. We look forward to celebrating the children's hard work and talents with you.

Year 2 Theatre Visit

On Monday morning, we went to watch The Snowman. The story had no speaking in it, but the orchestra played beautiful music. A girl sang the famous song, "Walking in the Air" during the scene where the boy and the snowman flew through the sky. At the end, the snowman melted, and we all joined in singing the snowman song together.

We also enjoyed Peter and the Wolf. Each character was represented by a different instrument. I enjoyed this visit to the theatre very much.

Written by Gabriella

Many thanks to Mrs Lloyd for organising the visit and to Mrs Campbell, Mrs Elsmore and parents who accompanied the children.

Year 4 Visit to Hyde Library

Dear Diary,

Tuesday, a wonderful trip (worth the 30 minute walk!) We met a gentleman called James, we learnt how to find an author's name – 1st letter of 2nd name – Clitherow won (my house!) The children who have a library card got to have a book – it was lucky for me I had a library card so I got to get a book.

Isabelle

Many thanks to Mr Titterington for organising the visit and to Miss Girven and Miss Shelley for accompanying the children on their local walk.



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

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 **15th 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.

Friends of St Paul's

We are very much looking forward to the Christmas Fair which will be held on **Tuesday 16th December!**
There will also be singing from the school choir.



Attendance & Punctuality

We would like to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance. Every school day matters and maintaining good attendance ensures that children:

- Stay on track with their learning before the Christmas break
- Take part in special festive activities and celebrations
- Keep up their routine and friendships, avoiding gaps that can make January feel harder

We kindly ask that families avoid taking early holidays or keeping children at home unnecessarily during this festive season. The weeks leading up to Christmas are full of valuable lessons and experiences that we don't want your child to miss out on.

Well done to Key Stage 2 on their attendance last week and a special mention to Year 5 who remain the most punctual class.

Attendance so far this year	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
	91.8%	95.4%	91.8%	94.5%	97.2%	95.8%	96.1%	96.5%	94.7%
Punctuality so far this year	1.6%	0.76%	2.1%	1.9%	1.3%	1.5%	0.22%	2.3%	1.5%

Community News

Please see link below to the library newsletter for events at the local libraries during December.

Visitor's Car Park

We ask that all Parents drive with great care and attention when using the school car park at all times.

Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary	
Tuesday 9th December	Year 3 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass at 9am in the school hall – Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS Nativity – 10.30am (Ticket only event - each child will be allocated 2 tickets only)
	KS1 Nativity – 2.15pm (Ticket only event - each child will be allocated 2 tickets only)
Thursday 11th December	Before School Dance Club performance at 8.10am
Friday 12th December	Before School Dance Club Performance at 8.10am
Sunday 14th December	St Paul's Parish Carol Service at 3pm
Tuesday 16th December	FOSP Christmas Event from 3.15pm
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18th December	Rock Steady Music Concert at 9.30am
Friday 19th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Paul's Church at 9.30am
	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 24th December	Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass at 5pm St Mary's Church
	Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Mass at 6.30pm St Paul's Church
Thursday 25th December	Nativity of the Lord – Dawn Mass at 9am St Paul's Church
	Nativity of the Lord – Mass at 10.30am St Mary's Church
Dates for 2026	
Monday 5th January 2026	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6th January	Return to school – start of the Spring Term
Monday 12th January	Fire Service to visit Nursery
Wednesday 14th January	School Nursing Team in to talk to Year 5
Thursday 15th January	Closing date for Reception applications
Tuesday 20th January	Year 4 visit to Chester
Wednesday 28th January	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – parents welcome
Saturday 31st January	Closing date for Nursery applications
Wednesday 11th February	Year 3 visit to the Laudato Si Centre