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Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Wishing all of our families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome the children and staff back at the start of a very cold and snowy Spring Term. A huge thank you to Mr Dollard who has worked hard to ensure that our school site was safe and ready to open on the snowy days.

The children have settled back in to the routines of school life and have produced some great work across the curriculum. You can find out more about what your child will be learning this term by looking at the curriculum overviews on the school website for the relevant year groups [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: Curriculum at St. Paul's](#)

Reception Places – September 2026

The online portal <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa> closes on **Thursday 15th January 2026**. Any applications submitted after this time will be submitted as late applications. 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.

Nursery Places – September 2026

The online form remains 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.

PE Kits

All children need to have their PE kits in school on a weekly basis, to ensure that they can fully participate in PE lessons. We also ask that ear rings are not worn on PE days.

Nursery	Thursday – no PE kit required	Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Reception	Thursday & Friday	Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Thursday	Year 5	Monday & Friday swimming
Year 2	Thursday & Friday	Year 6	Monday

PGL, Dearne Valley – February 2026

The Year 6 children are very much looking forward to the annual residential to PGL, Dearne Valley departing on 11th February 2026. We will be holding a meeting for Parents next **Thursday 15th January at 3.30pm** in the Year 6 classroom. You should also have received communication via email with an online form to complete please ensure the forms are completed before next Thursday 15th January 2026. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Flynn or Miss Smith.

Before & After School Clubs

There are still limited places available for following before and after school clubs:

Monday after school basketball club - Year 1 and 2

Thursday morning dance club - Year 1, 2 and 3

Thursday after school basketball club - Year 5 and 6

Friday morning dance club - Year 4, 5 and 6

If you would like your child to be allocated a place in any of these clubs, please contact mrallen@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk

Classroom arrangements

As some of you are aware due to flood damage sustained over the Christmas holidays, we have relocated the Nursery classroom to the main school building until further notice, please can you drop off and collect your child from the Peace Garden door in the Key Stage 2 playground. We also ask that the children in Year 4 are dropped off and collected at the classroom door opposite the main school office (the before and after school club entrance). Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

School Building Fund

Thank you to all who have donated. Voluntary contributions to the **School Building Fund** are 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.



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 achieve well. Please follow the link that may help you to decide if your child is fit for school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance so far this year	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
	97%	95.5%	93%	94.7%	95.4%	96.8%	96.2%	96.1%	95%
Punctuality so far this year	1.1%	0.75%	2%	1.9%	1.3%	1.5%	0.31%	2.2%	1.5%

Dates for your 2026 Diary	
Monday 12 th January	Fire Service to visit Nursery
Wednesday 14 th January	School Nursing Team in to talk to Year 5
Thursday 15 th January	Meeting for Y6 Parents – PGL Residential at 3.30pm
	Closing date for Reception applications
Monday 19 th January	Worship Leaders Youth Mission Day at St Mary's, Dukinfield
Tuesday 20 th January	Year 4 visit to Chester
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – parents welcome
Saturday 31 st January	Closing date for Nursery applications
Tuesday 3 rd February	TCSSA Boys Indoor Football Competition
Tuesday 10 th February	Whole School Mass at 9am
Wednesday 11 th February	Year 3 visit to the Laudato Si Centre
	Year 6 depart for Dearne Valley Residential at 10am
Friday 13 th February	Year 6 return from Residential approx. 3pm
	Break up for Half term
Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent
Monday 23 rd February	Return to school
Tuesday 24 th February	Sacramental Programme Meeting – Family Workshop at 6pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Tuesday 10 th March	First Forgiveness at St Paul's Church at 6pm
Monday 23 rd March	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 26 th March	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
Monday 30 th March	Start of Holy Week
Thursday 2 nd April	Break up for Easter Holidays

Term Dates 2026/2027

The term dates for the next academic year have now been approved by Governors and Corpus Christi Catholic Academic Trust. They can also be found online at [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: Term Dates](#)

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

HALF TERM

Monday 14th June – Friday 23rd July

INSET Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 26th July 2027

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2027