

# Newsletter

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **Learning this week**

On Monday morning, as part of their learning about people who help us, Nursery had a special visit from Blue Watch. The children had a great time exploring the fire engine and its features.



*Nursery enjoyed a visit from the local fire brigade*



## **Progressive Sports – Holiday Club**

Following our recent survey, we are excited to be able to announce that we will be offering holiday club provision, starting at February half-term. Booking forms will be available soon.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Hayley or Mariya at the club.

## PGL, Dearne Valley – February 2026

The Year 6 children and staff are very much looking forward to the annual residential to PGL, Dearne Valley departing on 11th February 2026. Thank you to all of the Parents who attended the meeting yesterday. We just ask that all Parents complete the online form sent through Arbor. We need the information back so that we can collate all of the required information for PGL. Miss Flynn, Miss Smith, Mr Rothwell and two Foundation Governors, Ms Nicholson and Ms Standen will be accompanying the children on the residential. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Flynn or Miss Smith.

There are still a couple of payments outstanding, please can these be paid by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**.

## Smile Campaign

This term, our Faith in Action team is launching a *Smile Campaign* to encourage kindness, inclusion and positivity across St. Paul's Primary School. The campaign reminds children that small actions - such as a friendly greeting, kind words or inviting someone to join in - can make a big difference to others. The Smile Campaign helps pupils put their faith into action by spreading joy and showing care for everyone in our school community. We encourage families to talk about the campaign at home and support children in sharing smiles wherever they go.

*"A cheerful heart brings joy."* (Proverbs 15:13)

## Visitors to St Paul's

On Wednesday morning we welcomed the local Catholic Headteachers to St Paul's who had the opportunity to observe teaching and learning in all classes across school. They were particularly impressed with the behaviour of the children in lessons and how friendly and welcoming they all were. They also commented on how keen the children were to talk about their learning and the lovely classroom displays.

## 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 **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.

## 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](mailto:mrallen@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk)

## 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

Well done to EYFS and Key Stage 2 for maintaining consistently **good attendance** so far this year. The overall yearly average remains at 95%. Punctuality is definitely an area for improvement in most classes. A prompt start to the school day is essential for success in learning. 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
	96.8%	95.2%	93.2%	94.8%	95.6%	96.8%	96.2%	96.2%	95.1%
Punctuality so far this year	1.2%	0.74%	2%	1.8%	1.3%	1.5%	0.29%	2.2%	1.5%

### Dates for your 2026 Diary

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Worship Leaders Youth Mission Day at St Mary's, Dukinfield
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 4 visit to Chester
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – parents welcome
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Closing date for Nursery applications</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	TCSSA Boys Indoor Football Competition
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Whole School Mass at 9am
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 3 visit to the Laudato Si Centre
	Year 6 depart for Dearne Valley Residential at 10am
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 6 return from Residential approx.. 3pm
	<b>Break up for Half term</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Return to school
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Sacramental Programme Meeting – Family Workshop at 6pm
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Usborne Book Fair – more details to follow
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	First Forgiveness at St Paul's Church at 6pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y1 & Y4 Really Wild Roadshow Visit
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	TCSSA Swimming Gala – evening event
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Start of Holy Week
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Break up for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Return to School</b>