



Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

Year 2 Class Assembly

Congratulations to Year 2 children who led their class assembly with such confidence on Wednesday morning. The children shared so many interesting facts from their learning during this half term. It was clear that the children have also enjoyed learning through song. Thank you to all of the Parents and Grandparents who joined us for this special occasion.

Learning at St Paul's

This week **Nursery** have been busy in the role play areas. They have been learning about winter and what to wear to keep warm.



Reception have been busy drawing arctic landscapes. Amazing concentration from the children in EYFS this week.



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 **Wednesday 11th February 2026**. There are a number of Parents who have not yet completed the online form sent through Arbor. **We need the information back urgently so that we can collate all of the required information for PGL.** There are still a couple of payments outstanding, please can these be paid immediately.

Swimming

Unfortunately, the Year 5 children were unable to attend their swimming session today, due to a problem with transport this morning.

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.

Progressive Active Camp for February half term

We are delighted to announce that bookings are now open for the February half-term holiday club. It is great to know that some families have already booked on.

For further information or booking please scan the QR code or contact progressive sports directly on office@progressive-sports.co.uk or call them on 0161 478 3511



Before & After School Clubs

There are still a couple of places available for the 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 or speak to the school office



Progressive Active Camps
Be happy, healthy and active!
February Half Term

St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Hyde
8.45-3.15pm
Full Wraparound Provision also available
7.45am - 5.30pm

Go-Karts, Bouncy Castles, Glow Sports Arts and Crafts, Creative Arts and Gymnastics Battlefield Archery, Nerf Wars and Football!

We have something for everyone!

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Royal Mint Museum Short Story Competition 2026

The **Royal Mint Story Writing Competition** for KS2 pupils. This exciting competition encourages children to use their imagination and develop their writing skills by creating an original story inspired by the Royal Mint. This year's theme is gold, and children are invited to let their imaginations shine in a short story of up to 500 words. We can't wait to read the fantastic stories our young authors will produce!

There are also some super prizes:

- A gold coin for the winning writer
- £5,000 for the winner's school or local library
- The winning story will be professionally illustrated

The competition opens on **Monday 16th February** and runs to **17th April 2026**.

Entries will need to be directly uploaded to <https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/> but Miss Smith would love to read any entries as well!

Attendance & Punctuality

Well done to EYFS, Year 2 and the whole of Key Stage 2 for maintaining consistently **good attendance** so far this year. The overall yearly average remains at 95% and there has been a slight reduction in late arrivals. A prompt start to the school day is essential for success in learning.

Every school day matters and maintaining good attendance and punctuality 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
Punctuality so far this year	1.14%	0.75%	1.7%	1.8%	1.4%	1.5%	0.28%	2.0%	1.4%

Dates for your 2026 Diary

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

