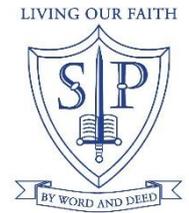


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Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026

Year 6 Residential – February 2026

On Wednesday morning next week, Year 6, will set off for their adventures at Dearne Valley, Doncaster. Miss Flynn, Miss Smith, Mr Rothwell, Ms Nicholson and Ms Standen (Foundation Governors) will be accompanying the children on the visit. I know that the children are very much looking forward to the experience and we hope that they all have a wonderful time.

Your child should attend school as normal on **Wednesday 11th February** and they should bring their luggage into the school with them. Parents are welcome to return to school to wave the children off at 10am. Your child will need a packed lunch, for the Wednesday, please ensure that food is sent in a disposable bag. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will be provided with a packed lunch.

Departure information on Wednesday 11th February:

- **Arrive at school for 8.55am wearing casual clothes**
- **Depart from School – 10am**
- **Arrive at Dearne Valley for approximately 12.00**
- **Picnic lunch at the Dearne Valley Site**

Return Information on Friday 13th February:

- **Depart from Dearne Valley – approximately 1pm**
- **Return to school – approximately 3pm**

All medication should be clearly labelled with your child's name and a separate form should be completed, with the daily dosage clearly identified. On Monday, all medication and money should be handed to Miss Flynn.

In order to keep you up to date whilst we are away, we update **X** (formerly Twitter) and the class page of the School Website so that we can keep you posted with the highlights. We will not contact Parents unless there is a specific need – remember no news is good news. If there is an **urgent** need to contact us whilst we are away, please phone the school office during the day or contact Dearne Valley in the evenings on 01709 842980.

Whilst Mr Rothwell is away with Year 6, Mr Allen will be taking responsibility for the Reception class.

Staffing News

After many years of dedicated service in our school office, Mrs McGivern will be leaving St Paul's Catholic Primary School on Friday 13th February. Throughout this time, she has made a significant contribution to the St Paul's community through her commitment, professionalism and care for our children and families. We are sincerely grateful for the many years of service and the difference she has made to our school. She will be greatly missed by all of the staff and children. We extend our very best wishes to Mrs McGivern as she takes up a new position and wish her well for her future.

School Budget

Like many schools, we are currently experiencing increased pressure on our school budget due to rising operational costs. These challenges impact our ability to maintain and enhance the resources that support learning. We invite all families to consider making a **regular voluntary contribution** to the school fund. All contributions are greatly appreciated and directly support the St Paul's school community.

These funds play an important role in supporting educational resources and activities that enhance learning opportunities for our children. All contributions can now be made through the School Arbor App. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

TTRS Battle

THE VALENTINE'S TTRS BATTLE BEGINS TODAY!

Who will take the crown? Who will rise as the **ultimate TTRS champion**?

🕒 **Battle Time: Today, 3:30pm – Tuesday, 9:00pm**

🌟 **TWIST ALERT!**

For the **first time ever**, the leaderboard is **HIDDEN** 🙊 No one will know who's on top until the **big reveal... It's anyone's victory!**

🏆 **PRIZES UP FOR GRABS:**

- The class with the **highest percentage of players taking part** wins a **special prize!**
- The **Most Valuable Player** in *each band* will also snag an awesome reward!

So... what are you waiting for? 🎸 **Log in. Rock out. Rise to victory!** 🎸

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from **9th to 15th February 2026**. This year's theme, **"This is My Place,"** focuses on the importance of belonging and helping children and young people feel safe, valued and included. During the week, pupils will take part in activities that encourage positive mental wellbeing and open conversations about feelings and support. We look forward to sharing this important focus with our school community.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day 2026 centres on the theme, **"Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,"** which highlights how rapidly artificial intelligence is becoming part of young people's everyday digital lives. Safer Internet Day offers a timely opportunity for schools and families to reflect on how we can guide children to use AI-powered tools thoughtfully and confidently. This year's focus encourages everyone to build critical thinking skills, understand how smart technologies work and make informed decisions about privacy, trust and online wellbeing.

By engaging your child in discussions about the benefits and risks associated with AI and the choices we make when using it will help empower young people to navigate an increasingly intelligent digital world with responsibility and resilience.

You may find the following resources helpful <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

TCSSA Boys Indoor Football Competition

Well done to all of the boys who took part in the TCSSA Boys Indoor Football Competition on Tuesday night. They showed such determination and teamwork on the pitch. The boys played with great skill, effort and spirit throughout the matches and their positive attitude was a credit to the school. A huge thank you to all the family members who came to support the team.



Free School Meal Vouchers

Next week, £15.00 shopping vouchers have been issued to all families with children who are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals. If you feel your circumstances may have changed you can complete a Free School Meal application <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938>

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!

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

Year 3 Parents

Just a reminder that on **Tuesday 24th February**, starting at 6pm Parents and Children are welcome to attend the Family Workshop as part of the Sacramental Programme.

Car Parking

This week we have received complaints about parking on Turner Lane. We ask that all parents park considerately in the local area. Please take care not to block any driveways and all Parents/Carers should avoid parking on the yellow zig zag lines at the front entrance to school.

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
	95.21%	95.2%	93.3%	95.1%	95.7%	97%	96.5%	96.3%	95.3%
Punctuality so far this year	1.0%	0.78%	1.7%	1.7%	1.4%	1.5%	0.28%	2.0%	1.4%

There will be no school newsletter next week.

Dates for your 2026 Diary	
Monday 9 th February	Start of Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Whole School Mass at 9am – Parents welcome Safer Internet Day
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
Monday 9 th March	Usborne Book Fair – more details to follow
Tuesday 10 th March	First Forgiveness at St Paul's Church at 6pm
Thursday 12 th March	Y1 & Y4 Really Wild Roadshow Visit
Friday 13 th March	TCSSA Swimming Gala – evening event
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
Monday 20 th April	Return to School

Community News

Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack

We're excited to share our brand-new **February Half Term Activity Pack**, filled with fun nature-themed activities, crafts, recipes and puzzles for families to enjoy during the holiday. It's a great way to inspire children to get creative, explore the outdoors, and learn more about the outdoors and the Trans Pennine Trail. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

