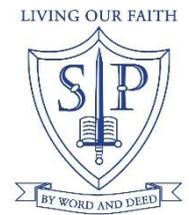


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## Newsletter

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### Year 6 Residential – February 2026

Year 6 had a fabulous time at Dearne Valley, Doncaster. Miss Flynn, Miss Smith, Mr Rothwell, Ms Nicholson and Ms Standen (Foundation Governors) were so proud of the children whilst we were away. Today the children were awarded a certificate in recognition of their achievements. We really hope that you enjoyed hearing about their adventures upon the return, although I'm sure most of the children were absolutely shattered!

A huge thank you to the staff and governors who gave their time freely to enable this residential to take place.



Comments from the children on their return:-

*I loved the Trapeze and climbing activities.*

*My favourite activity was the Problem Solving and the Sensory Walk.*

*Campfire was so much fun – we had hot chocolate too!*

*I enjoyed my room and it was fun finding out who were going to be with.*

*The activities and the staff were brilliant!*

### Sacramental Programme

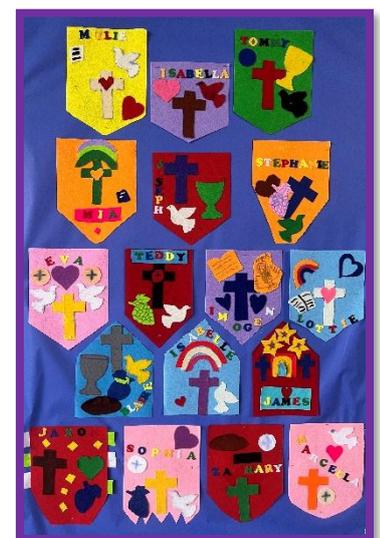
On Tuesday evening, it was lovely to welcome so many families to the Sacramental Programme workshop. Thank you for joining us as we continue to prepare the children for receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at St Paul's Church. The wonderful banners are now on display in the school hall. If you have any questions, in the meantime please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Wood or Mrs Speck.

### Staffing News

After many years of dedicated service, Mrs Webb will be retiring today from her role as Lunchtime Organiser. Many of our families will know Mrs Webb, who has undertaken a number of roles at St Paul's over the years — both as a valued volunteer, supporting children with additional needs, and most recently ensuring that every child enjoys a happy and safe lunchtime. Mrs Webb has always carried out her work in a quiet and unassuming manner, yet her impact has been immeasurable. Through her care, kindness and steady presence, she has supported and influenced generations of children.

We wish her every happiness for a long and well-deserved retirement. While it is impossible to calculate the number of lives she has touched over the past 40 years, we know her legacy will live on in the very happy memories she leaves behind.

Thank you, Mrs Webb.



## 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.

## Chinese New Year

We are delighted to announce that we are having a themed lunch on **Tuesday, 3rd March 2026**. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a themed school meal on this day, please complete the below form and make the payment of £3.25 via the Arbor App by Friday, 27th February 2026.

**Please Note payment is only required for children who are not eligible for free school meals and in Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.**

**You do not need to complete this form if your child is on school meals.**

[Chinese New Year Menu 03/03/26 – Fill in form](#)

## Sponsored Read & World Book Day

This week Mrs Speck lead a whole school assembly to launch the **Ready, Steady, Read** event to the children which we will be running next week. Sponsorship forms will be brought home with your child today.

**World Book Day** is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** which will begin with a Whole School assembly and KS2 will be participating in the National Year of Reading's Great Big Footy Quiz. Classes will also be getting together to share stories/books with each other. We are also inviting children to come to school either wearing a costume that reflects their favourite book/character, or just in their own clothes. Please do not feel the need to purchase new outfits - the day is all about the books!

On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** there will be an Usborne Book Fair in school. Each class will visit the book fair throughout the day just to browse the books. They will be given a sheet to write 3 of their favourite books down. After school, parents will be able to go into the hall and can purchase books.

## Royal Mint Museum Short Story Competition 2026

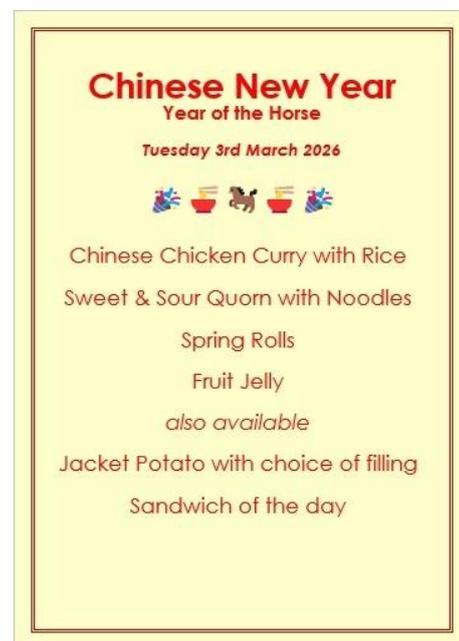
The **Royal Mint Story Writing Competition** for KS2 pupils. This exciting competition encourages children to use their imagination and develop their writing skills by creating an original story inspired by the Royal Mint. This year's theme is gold, and children are invited to let their imaginations 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 and the winning story will be professionally illustrated. The competition is now open and runs to **17<sup>th</sup> 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

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/>

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance so far this year	95.05%	95.4%	93.3%	95.4%	96.1%	97%	96.6%	96.4%	95.5%
Punctuality so far this year	1.0%	0.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	0.28%	2.0%	1.4%



## Dates for your 2026 Diary

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Year 5 River Study Educational Visit Start of the Usborne Ready Steady Read Week
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Themed Lunch – Chinese New Year
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Usborne Book Fair – more details to follow Start of whole school Science Week
<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>	Reception, Y1 & Y4 Really Wild Roadshow Visit
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	TCSSA Swimming Gala – evening event
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Class Photographs
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	TCSSA Cheerleading Competition
<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>

## Community News




### Let's Talk! Speech & Language Drop-In

FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES , A RELAXED SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS  
EACH FAMILY CAN TAKE PART IN ONE DROP-IN SESSION WITH US

#### ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ...

- How your child plays ?
- Their talking or understanding ?
- Their milestones ?



#### AT THE DROP-IN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO...

- Speak with a Speech & Language Therapist
- Get guidance from the Health visitor
- Enjoy the soft play together



#### JOIN US...

**Denton Wellness Centre**  
**Thursdays (term time)**  
**9am- 11am**




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