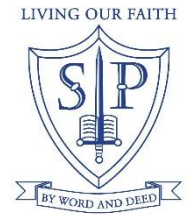


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Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Tameside Catholic Schools Sports news

Last Friday evening, Mr Allen and Miss Flynn had the pleasure of supporting the Year 5 and Year 6 children at the Tameside Catholic Schools **Swimming Gala**. Our pupils shone this year, with every child earning a medal thanks to their fantastic effort and team spirit. A huge well done to the girls' team, who were crowned overall Large School Winners after a series of outstanding performances. We're incredibly proud of all our swimmers for representing the school with such determination and enthusiasm. Many thanks to all of the Parents and Grandparents who came along to support.

Congratulations to our fantastic **cheerleading** squad who on Wednesday afternoon secured 3rd place in the Tameside Catholic Schools Cheerleading Competition. The girls performed brilliantly, showing impressive skill, confidence and true cheer spirit throughout their routine. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. A special thank you to Lianne for her wonderful coaching and guidance. Also, a huge thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to cheer on the squad. Your encouragement helped make the day even more special. Well done, everyone!

Thank you also to Mr Allen who I believe also performed at the event and to Mrs Clegg who kindly accompanied the children.



Parents Evenings

Bookings remain open for the Spring Term Parents Evenings that will take place on **Monday 23rd March** and **Thursday 26th March**. Bookings can **only** be made on the Arbor app, but will close on the day of the appointment at 12 noon. We hope that all Parents will take this opportunity to meet their child's class teacher, look at your child's work and receive an update on their progress. If your child has Special Educational Needs this is also an opportunity to discuss their Individual Learning Plan. Each appointment is for a maximum of 10 minutes and we ask that you adhere to this time. Both Miss Flynn and Mr Allen will be available both evenings should you wish to speak to either of them. Please sign in on your arrival in the school hall on either Monday or Thursday evening.

Class Photographs

On Tuesday, your child will have come home with a flyer for ordering the class photographs. The deadline for orders for free postage to school is Sunday 29th March.

Staffing News

Next Friday we say goodbye to our School Business Manager, Mrs Phoenix who is moving on to a new post. We are grateful for the hard work, dedication and care that she has brought to the St Paul's school community. Her work has made a real difference to staff, families and children alike. We wish her well for every success in the future and thank her for everything she has done during her time with us.

Book Fair

Many thanks to Mrs Speck for organising and co-ordinating the whole school Usborne Book Fair and Sponsored read. We are absolutely delighted with the amazing total raised which will all be spent on books for the children to enable them to continue to enjoy reading.



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.

Attendance & Punctuality

Every school day matters and maintaining good attendance and punctuality ensures that children achieve well. Year 1 we would really like your attendance and punctuality to improve too. Well done to Year 5 who continue to have the best punctuality across school.

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	96%	95.4%	93.6%	95.6%	96%	97.3%	96.6%	96.3%	95.6%
Punctuality so far this year	0.89%	0.83%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	0.24%	2.2%	1.4%

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 **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!

Dates for your 2026 Diary

Monday 23rd March	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 26th March	Key Stage 1 Dance Performance – Parents welcome at 8.10am Rock Steady Music Concert – Parents welcome at 9.30am* please note this is the correct time Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
Monday 30th March	Start of Holy Week
Wednesday 1st April	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross at 9.15am – Parents welcome Easter themed lunch – picnic lunch
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April	Return to School
Tuesday 28th April	Year 3 Family Workshop at 6pm
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 6th May	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Saturday 9th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church – 9.30am
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term
Monday 8th June	Return to School



Progressive Active Camps
Be happy, healthy and active!

Fully funded places available as part of the HAF Programme at some locations.
Tax free childcare vouchers accepted.
Sibling discount applied using code 'SIBLING'

Active Camps run across Greater Manchester in all school holidays
In some setting wraparound childcare is also available

Go-Karts, Bouncy Castles, Glow Sports
Arts and Crafts, Creative Arts and Gymnastics
Battlefield Archery, Nerf Wars, Football and much more
We have something for everyone!

To check which camps are running and to reserve your space scan the code below.



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Community News ~ Tameside Libraries



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TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY'S STORY TIME

Sit back and listen to some of our favourite stories, then take part in crafts, colouring, and puzzles.

STORIES FROM 11AM
DUKINFIELD LIBRARY, CONCORD WAY, SK16 4DB

SATURDAY 14 MAR
SATURDAY 18 APR
SATURDAY 16 MAY

AIMED AT 3-6 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES
Free, no need to book.
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LEGO ROBOTICS

Hosted by **JuniorSTEM**

Ashton Library
Thursday 2nd April
Stalybridge Library
Friday 10th April

Book your slot
5-7 years: 9.15 - 11.15
7-9 years: 11.15 - 12.45
9-12 years: 1.30 - 3.00

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WONDERDOME PLANETARIUM

HYDE LIBRARY - WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL
10AM - 4:30PM

MULTIPLE SESSIONS
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

BOOKING REQUIRED
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Short Story Competition

GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2026

FOR YOUNG WRITERS

Deadline:
Friday 1st May 2026

Theme: "Once Upon a Storytime"
The winners will be published on **Borrow Box.**

Scan to enter

CATEGORIES:
5-7, 8-11 & 12-16
500 WORDS MAX

Write your own fairy tale