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Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Year 1 Parents are invited to join us for the Year 1 Class Assembly on Wednesday morning at 9.15am

Sacramental Programme

Many thanks to all of the Year 3 families who joined us for the First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme Family Workshop on Tuesday evening.

We are very much looking forward to the First Holy Communion celebration on **Saturday 9th May** at St Paul's Church. Please arrive in good time for the start of the celebration. The photographer will be present to take both individual and group photographs after the Mass.

Thank you for your support of the Sacramental Programme this year and we ask that you remember the children and their families in your prayers at this time.

Tameside Catholic Schools Football Tournament

The boys' football team represented the school with great determination and spirit in the TCSSA football competition on Tuesday night. Although the team did not progress to the finals, their performances on the field were incredibly strong, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and growing confidence throughout the tournament. It was particularly encouraging to see several boys making their debut, all of whom contributed positively and gained valuable experience. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support the team and thanks to Mr Allen for co-ordinating the event.

Learning at St Paul's this week

Year 1 went on an exciting mini-beast hunt this week. They were searching for tiny animals that live in grassy areas. They looked under logs, in the shade, on the leaves – they even stomped on the ground to wake the worms up. They found some spiders, ants, ladybirds, worms and woodlouse. They had lots of fun.



Friday 8th May – Sir David Attenborough

To celebrate the amazing Sir David Attenborough's birthday, we're planning a whole-school themed day around his incredible work and love of the natural world. This will take place on his 100th birthday on the 8th May. This will be a cross-curricular History, Science and Geography Day, giving classes the opportunity to explore topics such as habitats, conservation, exploration and how our planet has changed over time. Inspired by Attenborough's passion for nature, classes will take their learning outside where possible for fieldwork, nature observations, sketching, or outdoor investigations. Children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** are welcome to come to school dressed in animal print, as an African animal, or in their own clothes as a safari explorer. We are very much looking forward to sharing this special occasion together.

Polling Station

On Thursday this week the school car park will in use as a Polling Station. A mobile Polling Station will be delivered on Wednesday. Please be mindful that there may be reduced capacity in the car park due to this.

FOSP – Summer Uniform Sale

Thank you to all who supported the uniform sale on Monday after school. Thank you for your continued support of FOSP events.

Sunshine

We have certainly all enjoyed the sunshine this week. We ask all parents to ensure that sunscreen is applied before your child arrives at school each morning. We also encourage children to wear caps/hats. Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe in the sun.

FOSP Easy Fundraising

This is an easy way to raise additional funds for FOSP for school when shopping online.



Attendance & Punctuality

Every school day matters and maintaining good attendance and punctuality ensures that children achieve well. We would like to thank families for your continued support with attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day and arriving on time has a significant impact on learning and wellbeing.

Overall attendance remains above 95% for the majority of classes. We would love to see all children arriving on time to school each day.

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
	95.5%	95.1%	93.7%	95.9%	96.1%	97.3%	96.8%	96.3%	95.7%
Punctuality so far this year	1.01%	1.6%	2.8%	1.5%	1.0%	0.86%	0.97%	1.1%	1.5%

Attendance Awards

Today in assembly, we presented the children with the Spring Term attendance awards. 150 pupils received an award for their excellent attendance during the Spring Term which is a significant increase from the Autumn Term. Well done everyone!

Award	Attendance	Punctuality	Number of Certificates presented – Autumn Term	Number of Certificates presented – Spring Term
Gold	Attendance is 100%	Always in school on time	46	78
Silver	Attendance is 98% or higher	Very rarely late to school	31	46
Bronze	Attendance is 96% or higher	Very rarely late to school	35	26
			112 certificates	150 certificates

There is a direct correlation between attendance and success. **We know that every school day matters.** Children who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed academically, build strong friendships and develop positive routines that set them up for future success. Even missing just **1 day every 2 weeks** can add up to nearly **4 weeks of lost learning** over the school year. We encourage all families to support good attendance and punctuality by:

- Establishing consistent morning routines
- Scheduling appointments outside of school hours when possible
- Avoiding holidays during term-time

Rock Steady Music

For those children who receive music tuition from Rock Steady we have been informed that Leah will be leaving on 20th May and will no longer be the regular band leader after this date. We hope you will join us in wishing Leah all the best for the future. Although we're sad that Leah is leaving, we are delighted to confirm the new regular band leader will be Matheus Silva. Matheus will start teaching week commencing 5th May and is so excited to start rocking with the children!

Dates for your 2026 Diary	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 6th May	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Thursday 7th May	School in use as a Polling Station
Friday 8th May	David Attenborough themed day Year 3 FHC candidates visit to church
Saturday 9th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church – 9.30am
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week English Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation – 2 papers
Tuesday 12th May	English Reading
Wednesday 13th May	Maths Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14th May	Maths Paper 3
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term
Tuesday 26th May	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
Wednesday 27th May	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
Thursday 28th May	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
Monday 1st June	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
Tuesday 2nd June	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
Wednesday 3rd June	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
Week Beginning Monday 8th June	Return to School Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Checks Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 14th July	Whole School Mass at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Thursday 16th July	Rock Steady Music concert for Parents at 9.30am
Friday 17th July	Last day of swimming for Year 4
Thursday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Break up for Summer at 3.15pm
Friday 24th July	Staff INSET Day

We hope that you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!