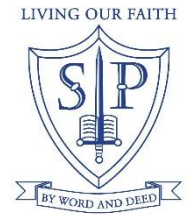


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## Newsletter

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### **Year 1 Class Assembly**

A very big well done to the **Year 1** children, who shared their learning so confidently and enthusiastically through their class assembly on Wednesday morning. They showed great curiosity as young explorers, helping us all to think about the importance of the continents and the smallest creatures in our world. We are all explorers. Even small discoveries (like mini beasts) can teach us big lessons about curiosity, respect and the world around us. We are very proud of their efforts—they were fantastic! Thank you to all of the Parents and Grandparents who joined us for the assembly.

### **Sir David Attenborough Day**

To celebrate the amazing Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, we've enjoyed a whole-school themed day around his incredible work and love of the natural world. We started the day with a whole school assembly focused on his life and all of his many achievements.

The Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children look fabulous in their safari and animal outfits.

All of the children across school have participated in activities relating to the life and works of Sir David and we really hope that we have inspired the children to take a little more care of our wonderful world. We hope that you are able to take the time to talk to them about their learning in school today.



***RECEPTION ON SAFARI 2026***

### **Staffing News**

As you are already aware from the communication from Mr Edwards, Chair of Governors, I have taken the decision to resign from my position as headteacher. Please be assured that this was not a decision that I have taken lightly, but I remain committed to St Paul's until the end of the Summer Term 2026. It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to have been the headteacher of our amazing school for many years and just like all of the staff I want the very best for your children and the school. I know that the Governors will work together with Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust to recruit a successor to my post.

### **Themed Lunch**

On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, Mrs Callaghan will be making a themed school lunch – **Take Away Thursday!**

The menu for the day is:-

- **Chicken Burger**
- **Rainbow Pizza**
- **Potato Wedges**
- **Sweetcorn**
- **Ice Cream**



All children, who are currently on packed lunches, are welcome to opt to have a themed meal on this day. All that we ask is that you make payment on Arbor by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Unfortunately, due to ordering requirements we cannot accept requests after this date. The cost of the meal is £3.25.

### **First Holy Communion**

We are very much looking forward to the First Holy Communion celebration tomorrow morning **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at St Paul's Church. Please arrive in good time for the start of the celebration and be warned it could be a little chilly in church. 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.

### **Statutory Assessment Tests**

The Year 6 children will complete their tests week beginning **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. All children need to be present in school for the tests to be administered.

During SATs week, the most important thing parents can do is create a calm, supportive environment that helps children feel confident and reassured. Keeping routines normal, especially in the mornings and at bedtime, can help reduce anxiety, and ensuring children get enough sleep will allow them to feel refreshed and ready to do their best. **Why not consider keeping your child's mobile phone out of their bedroom for the week?** A healthy breakfast each day and plenty of water will support their concentration, and arriving at school **on time** will help them start the day positively. It is helpful to focus on encouragement rather than pressure, praising effort and reminding children that SATs are one way of showing what they know. Remind your child how proud you are of their hard work and maybe consider planning something enjoyable at the end of the week to celebrate their efforts.

**Please note, that the last sessions for the after-school classes for Year 6 children will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.** There will be no session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The test timetable is as follows: -

<b>Date</b>	<b>Test Timetable</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	English – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	English – Reading Test
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics – Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics – Paper 3 (Reasoning)

### **Rock Steady Music**

For those children who receive music tuition from Rock Steady, we have been informed that Leah will be leaving on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 has started teaching this week.

### **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
	95.45%	95%	93.8%	95.8%	96.1%	97.2%	96.9%	96.4%	95.6%
Punctuality so far this year	0.7%	0.86%	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	0.22%	2.3%	1.4%

### Dates for your 2026 Diary

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church – 9.30am
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
	English Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation – 2 papers
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	English Reading
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Maths Papers 1 and 2
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Maths Paper 3
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Deadline for ordering a Take-Away Meal
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 Egyptian Themed Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Take-Away Thursday Menu</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Progressive Sports Holiday Club open
<b>Week Beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
	<b>Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Phonics Screening Checks</b>
	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Check</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 SEND Transition Session at Hyde Town Hall
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day – Parents welcome for a 9.15am start
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Transition Day
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 SEND Transition Session at Hyde Town Hall
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FOSP Summer Games Event
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole School Mass at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Rock Steady Music concert for Parents at 9.30am
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of swimming for Year 4
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	<b>Break up for Summer at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Staff INSET Day