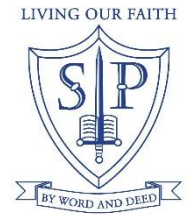


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Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026

First Holy Communion

What a lovely celebration we had at St Paul's Church last Saturday morning for the Year 3 children and their families. Congratulations to the Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. It was lovely to see such a full church and we hope that families had a lovely day celebrating. Thank you to Fr Isidore and the school staff for their support of the Sacramental Programme this year. All Parents are welcome to join us in school for the Whole School Mass with the readings and prayers to be led by Year 3 on **Tuesday 10th June at 9am**.

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.

Staffing Updates

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Lodhi, one of our lunchtime organisers to the position of cleaner in school. Her work will play a vital role in ensuring that our school remains a clean, safe and welcoming place for everyone. Thank you to Mr Dollard, our super site manager, who has done a wonderful job cleaning our school by himself over recent weeks.

As some of you may already be aware both Mrs Speck and Miss Shelley are both expecting babies later on in the year. I am sure you will join us in offering them best wishes at this exciting time.

Congratulations also to Miss Cocking, Reception class teaching assistant, who got married recently and is now known as Mrs Brierley. We wish her every happiness for her married future.

Learning in Year 3 & Year 3 Egyptian Themed Day

As part of their learning about Ancient Egypt, Year 3 children have completed these amazing pyramids for homework. We have been so impressed with their creativity and attention to detail. Thank you to all the children and families for their hard work. They look fantastic on our display!

On Tuesday 19th May, **Year 3** will be having an Egyptian themed day in school. Children are invited to come into school dressed up. This could be as an Ancient Egyptian, an explorer/archaeologist or just in their own clothes is fine too. They will be completing lots of fun Egyptian themed activities to enhance their learning in History.

Nursery News

Next week, Mrs Calderbank has been called for Jury Service and will potentially be absent from school for most of the time! In her absence Mr Allen will be taking responsibility for the Nursery children. Mrs Oakes and Mrs Shelley will continue to support him in his role.



Friends of St Paul's

The next **FOSP meeting** will take place on **Monday 18th May 2026** at **6pm** in Starbucks, Hyde. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. The meeting will cover upcoming events – especially the Summer Games Event, fundraising plans and ways we can continue supporting the school community. It's a great opportunity to share ideas, ask questions and get involved. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Statutory Assessment Tests

Well done to the Year 6 children who have worked hard this week whilst sitting their SATs tests. The staff in school have been impressed by the positive attitude to learning that the Year 6 children have displayed this week. The results will be shared with the end of year reports in July 2026.

Themed Lunch

On **Thursday 21st 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 15th May**. Unfortunately, due to ordering requirements we cannot accept requests after this date. The cost of the meal is £3.25.

There will be another themed lunch on **Friday 26th June** which will have a World Cup football theme. More information will follow about ordering this after the half term break.

Progressive Sports Holiday Club

Looking for a fun and active way to keep your child engaged during the school holidays?

Our **Progressive Sports Holiday Club** continues to run on-site, offering a safe, friendly and energetic environment for children. Each day is packed with a wide variety of activities including sports, fun games, creative sessions and opportunities to relax and make new friends. For booking details and upcoming dates, please follow the links on the school webpage [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: Progressive Sports: Before & After School Club and Holiday Club](#)

Rock Steady Music

Due to the Year 6 assessments on Thursday, there were no music lessons for the band members this week. I understand that parents will be reimbursed for this missed session. Leah will be leaving next Thursday 20th May. The new regular band leader will be Matheus Silva.

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/>

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance so far this year	95.45%	95%	93.8%	95.6%	96.1%	97.1%	96.9%	96.5%	95.6%
Punctuality so far this year	0.94%	0.87%	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	0.22%	2.3%	1.4%

Dates for your 2026 Diary

Friday 15th May	Deadline for ordering a Take-Away Meal
Monday 18th May	FOSP Meeting at Starbucks at 6pm
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Egyptian Themed Day
Thursday 21st May	Take-Away Thursday Menu
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	Return to School
Monday 8th June	Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Checks
	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 17th June	Year 6 SEND Transition Session at Hyde Town Hall
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day – Parents welcome for a 9.15am start
Friday 26th June	Themed Lunch – World Cup theme
Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 SEND Transition Session at Hyde Town Hall
Friday 10th July	FOSP Summer Games Event
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

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