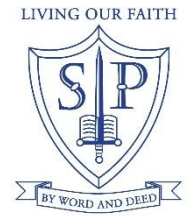


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Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026

Parents, Carers and Parishioners are welcome to join us for the Whole School Mass at 9am on Tuesday morning in the school hall.

Friends of St Paul's – Summer Games

We are looking forward to the Summer Games event today, starting at 3.30pm. Please be mindful of the heat and ensure you keep your child safe in the sun, by encouraging them not to run around, to wear a hat and sunscreen and to keep drinking water. Many thanks to the FOSP Committee for their organisation of this event to raise valuable funds for school.

Year 6 Production

The Year 6 children have been busy preparing for the performance of Mystery at Magpie Manor. The performance will take place on **Wednesday 15th July at 6pm**. Tickets for the performance will go on general sale from Monday and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are priced at £2.50 per adult and £1.50 for under 12's. Pre-school children can sit on a parent's knee and do not require a ticket. Paper tickets will then be issued via the children. It is important that you then bring your ticket along to the performance, as numbers are limited.

The children will need to return to school at 5.30pm on Wednesday evening in time for the performance starting at 6pm. If you are not watching the performance on Wednesday evening you will need to collect your child from the main entrance to school at 7pm.

Staffing Arrangements for September 2026

On **Monday 13th July**, as part of our transition programme, children will have the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher. These sessions are designed to help children feel confident, comfortable and excited about moving to their new year group in September.

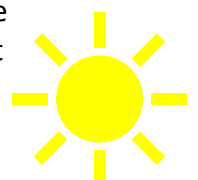
During the session, children will meet their new teacher, spend time in their new classroom and take part in a range of activities to support a smooth and positive transition.

We encourage families to talk positively about the move and reassure children that their new teachers are looking forward to welcoming them in September. Thank you for your continued support as we prepare the children for the next stage of their learning journey.

Warm Weather

With the hot weather continuing this week and forecast to remain warm next week, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for sunny conditions. We recommend that sunscreen is applied at home each morning before school. Please also ensure that your child brings a sun hat and a named water bottle.

These simple measures will help keep children safe, comfortable and hydrated while taking part in outdoor activities. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.



End of Year Reports

Due to limited capacity in the school office this year, reports will be printed and will sent home with your child in person. Please check your child's bag next week. There may be a slight delay with the Year 6 Reports, due to the national delay with SATs marking. Please refer to my email to Year 6 Parents for more information about this.

Sports Day

Sports Day will now take place on **Monday 20th July** starting at 9.15am. All of the children will take part in each race/activity. The children will need to wear a coloured t-shirt of the house that they are in. They can come to school in their kit and stay in their kit for the remainder of the day.

Barlow – Green

Beckett – Blue

Clitherow – Yellow (PE Kit is fine)

More - Red

Please ensure that your child brings their water bottle to school and if the sunshine makes an appearance, don't forget to apply sunscreen and send them in with a hat.

Parents and family members are all welcome to follow their child to see each of the activities, but please stay on the outside of the sports circuit.

In the case that Sports Day can't go ahead due to the weather we will post a message on the school website, after 8am. Please check the website before phoning school. We look forward to an active and enjoyable day.

Summer Reading Challenge



READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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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 note that requests for holidays during term time will be unauthorised and may incur a fine.

Attendance so far this year	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
	95.1%	95%	94%	95.4%	95.6%	97.1%	96.9%	96.2%	95.5%
Punctuality so far this year	1.05%	0.96%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	0.2%	2.4%	1.3%

Dates for your 2026 Diary	
Friday 10 th July	Last day of swimming for Year 4*
	FOSP Summer Games Event at 3.30pm
Monday 13 th July	Transition Morning 9.30am – 11.30am
	TechKnow Digital Festival Week
Tuesday 14 th July	Whole School Mass at 9.15am – Parents welcome
	Active Body/Active Mind
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Production of Mystery at Magpie Manor at 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	Rock Steady Music concert for Parents at 9.30am
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip – Clip 'n Climb
Monday 20 th July	Sports Day – starting at 9.15am
Monday 20 th July	Reports drop-in Session for Parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	Whole School Cafod Assembly
Friday 24 th July	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Start of the New School Year for all pupils

Community News

Understanding autistic young people's experiences of mainstream primary schools

Autism Central is holding the webinar 'Understanding autistic young people's experiences of mainstream primary schools', where an autistic researcher will share what needs to be done to create supportive and inclusive school environments. It will be held on Friday 17th July from 12-1pm. We would encourage any interested families to book their place on the [Autism Central website](#).

Free Summer Activity Pack for Families



Looking for ways to keep children active and entertained during the summer holidays?

The Trans Pennine Trail has launched a free **Kids Summer Activity Pack** packed with fun, family-friendly activities for Key Stage 1 and 2 children. Featuring Mandy Mole, Hannah the Horse, Bob the Badger and their friends, the pack includes outdoor challenges, crafts, puzzles, colouring activities, a short adventure story and lots of opportunities to explore and learn about nature. The pack can be downloaded to a mobile device or printed at home, making it ideal for use at home, in the garden, at the park or while exploring the Trans Pennine Trail : <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/>

We hope families enjoy exploring the activities together over the summer break!

TechKnow Digital Festival

There is an interesting and varied programme of activities on offer during the TechKnow Digital Festival running from 13th - 18th July which may be of interest to families. While some events require advance booking, there will also be plenty of free-drop-in activities taking place throughout the week, so there's something for everyone

to enjoy. Please see festival flyer for more details.