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Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

Diocesan Inspection

This week we welcomed two members of the Diocesan RE Inspection Team. They spent time in school observing lessons, talking to children, parents and staff and looking at pupil's work and school documentation. They also spoke to Governors and Father Isidore. Thank you to those Parents who took the time to complete the Parental questionnaire. We will look forward to being able to share the outcome of the inspection once we receive the final written report.



Special Friends Assembly

Next Wednesday morning, we warmly invite Reception and Year 6 parents to our annual Special Friends assembly. During this event, each Year 6 child will be paired with a Reception pupil, and they will be their Special Friend throughout the year, spending time together in class and at lunchtime.

We hope you can join us for this celebration. If you plan to bring younger siblings, please note that we kindly ask you to leave any prams or pushchairs outside, as our school hall cannot accommodate them.

You are welcome to take photographs during the assembly; however, we ask that you respect the privacy of our pupils by not sharing any photos of other children on social media. Photos taken are for your personal use only. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Family Fast Day

Next Friday, we invite you to join us in a special initiative: going without a snack and donating to **CAFOD**. As the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, **CAFOD** reaches those in hard-to-reach areas, war zones, and communities facing discrimination. If you would like to know a little more about Cafod please visit their website <https://cafod.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do>

By supporting this charity, we embody our Mission statement: "We support those in need as Jesus taught us." Instead of bringing a snack on Friday, please consider donating to CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

Learning at St Paul's



This week, **Year 1** have been investigating their senses. We tried to identify lots of smells- some disgusting and some nice.

European Day of Languages

Mrs Wood led KS2 in an assembly focussing on European languages.

Year 3 had a great day practising their French greetings whilst eating croissants!



Year 4

Now that looks like a fun science with Mr Titterington! **Year 4** were looking at the functions of the digestive system. Can your child tell you an interesting fact about this learning in Science?



We hope you've enjoyed talking to your child about their learning this week.

Friends of St Paul's (FoSP)

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Monday night, it was lovely to see so many new faces and hear your wonderful ideas.

KS2 TCSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Tameside Catholic Schools Sports Association cross country event on Wednesday evening. All of the children who took part ran really well in rather wet conditions. A special congratulations to Laura (Y3) and Rowan (Y6) who finished 10th and 3rd in their respective races. Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support the children. Thank you also to Mr Allen and Mrs McGivern who accompanied the children at this event.



Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Years 1, 2 and 4 with excellent attendance last week. Year 5 and 6 really need to arrive at school on time on daily basis. We are committed to promoting excellent attendance and punctuality, as these are key to a successful school experience. If your child will be absent, kindly inform the school office before 9am. Thank you for your co-operation and support in helping our students make the most of their school day.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Late arrivals	1	2	2	4	2	2	8	9
Attendance	97.93%	97.31%	99.66%	99.62%	96.21%	99.67%	96.56%	93.67%

Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

All Parents should have received a letter, via email, regarding applying for a Secondary School place. You should apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. You must apply for a place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> and the closing date for applications is **31st October 2024**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary	
Tuesday 1st October	ASCC Open Evening 5pm to 8pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Special Friends Assembly at 9.15am – Reception & Year 6 Parents welcome
Thursday 3rd October	Football Match v Discovery Academy
Friday 4th October	CAFOD – Family Fast Day
Tuesday 8th October	Whole school Mass led by Year 1 pupils – Parents welcome
Wednesday 9th October	Flu immunisation
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome TCSSA Tag Rugby
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half-term
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 4th November	Return to School
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term