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Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024

Advent 2024

As we approach the season of Advent, we are looking forward to a time of reflection, anticipation, and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Advent begins on **Sunday 1st December** and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to grow in faith and understanding of the meaning behind this special season. Throughout Advent, pupils will be engaged in various activities, including assemblies, celebration of the word, and Advent Prayer trail. These activities are designed to help our children prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.

We encourage all families to share in this journey at home with prayer, reflection, and kindness towards others. Together, let's make this Advent a time of hope, peace, joy, and love. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing children's faith. We look forward to celebrating this season together.

Advent Baminelli

This year, to celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, we are asking families to create a Baminelli together. The Baminelli is an Italian word that means "little baby". It is also the name of a Catholic tradition that involves bringing Baby Jesus figurines to be blessed by the Pope on the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday:



The Baminelli will then be blessed by Father Isidore at our KS2 Carol Service on **Friday 20th December 2024**. The hope would be that families will then have a blessed Baminelli to share prayers at home at Christmas time. If possible, we would like to also try and tie in Stewardship and encourage the use of recycled items to make them.



Year 5 Class Assembly



Congratulations to the Year 5 children who led a really informative class assembly on Wednesday morning this week. The children shared so many facts and figures about their learning across the curriculum this year. Their excellent singing, wonderful writing, hard work, creativity and knowledge of history clearly shone through. Thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who joined us for the assembly too.

Sports Report - TCSSA

Congratulations to the hockey team who finished 2nd on the TCSSA hockey competition on Tuesday night. They played incredibly well and won their group without conceding a goal. Unfortunately, we lost in the final against a very strong St. Raphael's team. The children played brilliantly throughout, showing wonderful hockey skills and excellent teamwork. Thank you to all family members who came long to support on a very cold evening. Thank you also to Mr Allen for his commitment to school sport.



EYFS Parents

On Tuesday afternoon the school nursing team will be in school to talk to the Reception children about handwashing and dental hygiene. From 2.30pm they will be available to talk to Parents particularly about being school ready and can offer suggestions/advice about toilet training. We would encourage parents to attend this session.

Before School Dance Club

On Thursday 12th December, we will be holding a before school dance performance for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Due to the Key Stage 1 production, on **Friday 13th December, the KS2 before school club will be cancelled.** We are inviting Parents of pupils attending both Thursday and Friday's Dance Club to join us at 8.15am on Thursday 12th December to watch the performances.

Year 6 Parents – Kingswood

Just a reminder to Year 6 Parents that you can pay for Kingswood through instalments. The second payment is now due. The total cost of the residential is £158.00. We will be holding a meeting for Parents on **Wednesday 4th December at 3.30pm.**

Christmas Card Competition

Simply ICT provide reliable and cost-effective IT support to St Paul's and have done for many years. Children are invited to enter the competition below. Good luck!

The poster features a festive background with holly leaves, candy canes, and snowflakes. On the left, there is a circular logo for 'SIMPLY ICT SOLUTIONS LTD' with a blue robot character wearing a red Santa hat. Below the logo are social media icons for X (@Simply ICT) and Facebook (@Simply ICT Solutions Ltd). In the bottom left corner, there is a photograph of Santa Claus holding a red Christmas card with a green tree and yellow star. The main title 'Christmas Card Competition' is in large red font with a holly sprig. The text describes the competition for primary school children in Tameside, Manchester, Stockport, Trafford and Oldham to design an ICT themed Christmas card. It lists three categories: EYFS, KS1, and KS2. Entry details include tagging the school on social media and using the hashtag #SimplyictChristmasCard. A winner from each category will receive a £25 Entertainer Toy shop gift voucher. The website www.simplyictsolutions.com/xmas2024 is listed at the bottom.

Christmas Card Competition

This year at Simply ICT Solutions Ltd we're running a Christmas competition for primary school children in Tameside, Manchester, Stockport, Trafford and Oldham to design an **ICT themed** Christmas card.

There will be 3 categories,

- **EYFS**
- **KS1**
- **KS2**

To enter, either the pupils school, parent or guardian can share the design on X or Facebook. Be sure to tag us and the school, mention the category they're entering along with #SimplyictChristmasCard and give us a follow as well.

A winner from each category will be selected on the 13th December and each will receive a £25 Entertainer Toy shop gift voucher

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Nursery Places – September 2025

The online form is now open for applications <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938> for **Nursery** places for September 2025. The closing date for applications is **31st January 2025.** Please be aware that we also require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application. This should be brought to the school office before the closing date in January 2025. Please promote our lovely school with anyone you may know who may be looking for a nursery place for September. Visits to school can be arranged through the school office.

Reception Places – September 2025

The online portal <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa> is now open for applications for Reception 2025. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**. Please be aware that we require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application. This should be brought to the school office before the closing date in January 2025. Please promote our lovely school with anyone you may know who may be looking for a school place for September. Visits to school can be arranged through the school office.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Nursery who had no late arrivals and to Year 1 with the highest attendance last week. Overall attendance has dropped to just below 95%. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school and on time each and every day.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals week beginning 18/11/2024	0	8	5	12	2	3	5	9	44
Late arrivals week beginning 11/11/2024	0	4	3	3	3	2	2	8	25
Attendance week beginning 18/11/2024	82.67%	93.65%	99.29%	97.4%	96.45%	97.93%	98.75%	89.67%	94.48%
Attendance week beginning 11/11/2024	94.0%	99.23%	95%	98.52%	98.28%	98.28%	94.69%	90.0%	96%

Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

Please make a note of any key dates, but please be aware that on occasion dates may need to change

Now	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa
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Tuesday 3rd December	School Nursing Team visit to Reception – handwashing & oral hygiene Parents welcome to talk to School Nursing Team with a focus on Toilet Training 2.30pm
Wednesday 4th December	Kingswood Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
Tuesday 10th December	Whole School Mass at 9am led by Year 3 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome Enrolment Mass for Year 3 pupils on the Sacramental Programme 2024.
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome (Ticket information emailed out today) Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm – Parents welcome (Ticket information emailed out today)
Thursday 12th December	KS1 & KS2 Dance Performance for Parents at 8.15am
Friday 13th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome (Ticket information emailed out today)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Children FOSP Christmas Event
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30am – St Paul’s Church All welcome – no tickets required Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term