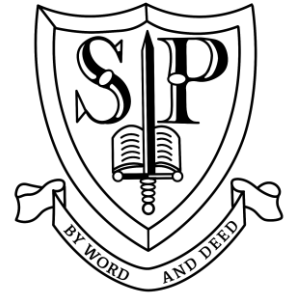


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Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome the children and staff back at the start of a very cold and snowy Spring Term. A huge thank you to Mr Hallam who has worked so hard to ensure that our school site was safe and ready to open every day.

The children have settled back in to the routines of school life and have produced some great work across the curriculum. Here are the areas of learning for the Spring Term.

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Nursery	WW...Winter	Dinosaur Roar
Reception	WW...Winter	Are you there, Spring?
Year 1	My World and Me	Explorers
Year 2	Heroic Humans (Science and History)	
Year 3	Marvellous Maps (Geography)	
Year 4	Adventures in the Rainforest (Geography)	
Year 5	Vicious Vikings! The Viking and Anglo-Saxon Struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor (History)	
Year 6	Amazing Americas (Geography)	

Learning at St Paul's this week

Year One have been busy creating a calendar for the new year. Lots of creative ideas ensuring that their drawings represent each of the four seasons. Well done Year one.



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.

Reception Places – September 2025

The online portal <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa> closes on **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Any applications submitted after this time will be submitted as late applications. 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.

Is your child ready for school?

Is your child reliably clean and dry in the daytime? If the answer to that is no, don't panic! Maybe you've been trying but things haven't been going well. There can be reasons why children struggle and help is at hand in the attached pdf. Children with additional needs may need extra time and effort with toilet training. We have information and support on tailoring toilet training to support your child's individual needs and capabilities. Please read the attached leaflet if you have a child in Nursery or Reception who isn't yet fully toilet trained.



Toilets-and-school-readiness.pdf

Parking Around School

We have had a number of complaints this week about parking around school, particularly on Turner Lane. Please can all parents/carers be considerate of local residents and ensure that they are not parked in a way that is blocking someone's driveway.

Friends of St Paul's

Thank you to the FOSP and all who helped out at the event just before Christmas. Thank you to all who attended. We raised over £1000 which is amazing and this money will go towards purchasing some new interactive screens for classrooms.

Classroom arrangements

Due to increasing numbers within the Early Years we have taken the decision to relocate the Reception class to the main school building. From **Monday 20th January**, the Reception children will be based in the first classroom as you enter the school from the Regency Gardens entrance. The Nursery children will remain as they are currently in the Foundation Building.

Kingswood – February 2025

The Year 6 children are very much looking forward to the annual residential to Colomendy on 12th February 2025. Thank you to all parents who have completed their forms online.

Tameside Specialist Outreach Support Services



Russell Scott Primary School in Denton facilitates Tameside Specialist Outreach Service parent group and allows time for parents/carers from Tameside Schools of Neurodivergent children and young people with a diagnosis (or going through a MAAT/ADHD assessment) to come together in a nurturing environment to share their journeys and ask for or offer advice, in addition to having guest speakers who will offer invaluable information on their specialist topics.


New venue: **Russell Scott Primary School, Clare Street, Denton on Wednesday 29th of January 2025 from 9.30am - to 11.30am.**

The focus for this session is: The Role of the Educational Psychologist (EP) - delivered by our guest speaker, Beth Shaw from Tameside Educational Psychologist Service.

If you are interested, please contact the school office number 0161 320 5186 to book your place. Please note there are no crèche facilities for young children.


Flu Vaccine

We are seeing high numbers of flu cases across the country and the situation is no different in Greater Manchester and Tameside. It is not too late for any children who missed their flu vaccine at school to still get it and get protected. Catch-up clinics are being held for any children in Reception to Year 11. The vaccine is a quick and painless nasal spray or there is an alternative injection available for those who want or need it. Vaccinations are available by appointment only in order to gain consent prior to the vaccination. Appointments can be made by calling 03333 583 397 and choosing option 1. The clinics will run from 11 – 18 January. There is more information on the GM NHS [website](#)



**EXTRA
FLU VACCINE CLINICS**
for school aged children

- Children in reception to year 11
- Locations across Greater Manchester
- 11 - 18 January 2025



Call 03333 583 397 (option 1) to book

Dates for your 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
Now	Online applications open for Nursery 2025 places https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 3 Visit to the Laudate Si Centre
Friday 24th January	Year of Jubilee starts
Tuesday 28th January	Tameside Catholic Schools Girls Football Tournament
Wednesday 29th January	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 5th February	NSPCC visit to school
Tuesday 11th February	TCSSA Cone It Competition
Wednesday 12th February	Year 6 depart for Kingswood at 9.30am
Friday 14th February	Year 6 return from Kingswood approx. 3pm
	Break up for half term
Monday 24th February	Return to school
Tuesday 25th February	Year 3 Sacramental Programme Workshop at 6pm
Thursday 27th February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Tuesday 11th March	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Paul's Church at 6pm

Term Dates for 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 2nd September – Friday 24th October

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February

HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Summer Term 2026

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

HALF TERM

Monday 8th June – Thursday 23rd July

INSET Days Monday 1st September 2025, Monday 5th January 2026, Friday 24th July 2026

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026