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Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

All welcome to the whole school Mass at 9am on Tuesday morning in the school hall.

Year 6 Residential – February 2025

On Monday morning next week, Year 6, will set off for their adventures at Dearne Valley, Doncaster. Mr Allen, Miss Smith and Ms Standen (Foundation Governor) will be accompanying the children on the visit. I know that the children (and staff) are very much looking forward to the experience and we hope that they all have a wonderful time.

Your child should attend school as normal on **Monday 10th February** and they should bring their luggage into the school with them. Parents are welcome to return to school to wave the children off at 10am. Your child will need a packed lunch, for the Monday, please ensure that food is sent in a disposable bag. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will be provided with a packed lunch.

Departure information on Monday 10th February:

- Arrive at school for 8.55am wearing casual clothes
- Depart from School with Swans Coaches – 10am
- Arrive at Dearne Valley for approximately 11.30am
- Picnic lunch at the Dearne Valley Site

Return Information on Wednesday 12th February:

- Depart from Dearne Valley – approximately 1pm
- Return to school – approximately 3pm

All medication should be clearly labelled with your child's name and a separate form should be completed, with the daily dosage clearly identified. On Monday, all medication and money should be handed to Mr Allen.

In order to keep you up to date whilst we are away we update X (formerly Twitter) and the class page of the School Website so that we can keep you posted with the highlights. We will not contact Parents unless there is a specific need – remember no news is good news. If there is an **urgent** need to contact us whilst we are away, please phone the school office during the day or contact Dearne Valley in the evenings on 01709 842980.

We appreciate that the children (and staff) may be feeling a little tired on Thursday morning however, there is an expectation that the children attend school as normal.



NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7th February

Today there has been lots of fantastically detailed mathematical problem solving happening all around school today all based on the book, *One is a Snail Ten is a Crab* written by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre. Everything from counting legs to algebra.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their number day!

Thanks to Mrs McGowan for organising the Guess the number of legs in the jar. This competition has certainly generated lots of discussions this week. The winner is Teddy from Year 2 – Congratulations Teddy with the correct guess of 720 legs in the jar.

Thank you to all who entered and have donated to the NSPCC. We have raised £112.39.

NSPCC Visits

On Wednesday Years 2, 5 and 6 participated in **Speak out. Stay safe.** workshops with the NSPCC. Children were taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.



Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at

www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Next week, £10.00 shopping vouchers will be issued to all families with children who are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals. If you feel your circumstances may have changed you can complete a Free School Meal application <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938>

Art Project

The Year 6 children participated in creating wonderful works of art inspired by the work of Harry Rutherford. All children can pick up a mini sketchbook trail from Hyde library and set off on a mini adventure. Alternatively, you can join the Hyde Art Day from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 22nd February.

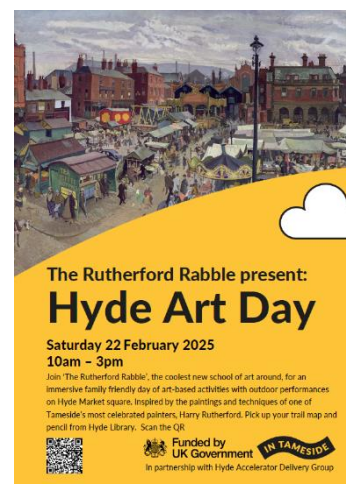
Safer Internet Day

E-Safety day takes places on Tuesday 11th February 2025 this year. The theme for E-Safety day is:

Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and other from scams online

Parents can find some really useful advice and guidance online

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Nursery Places – September 2025

The online form is open for applications <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938> for **Nursery** places for September 2025. We now offer 30 hours teacher led provision in the Nursery. We are also able to offer provision for children in the term after their 3rd birthday. Please speak to the school office if you have any queries about nursery provision.

We also require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application.

Like to keep up to date?

The local PCSO, Hannah Simmons, who is a regular visitor to school has asked us to share the following link where you can sign up to receive the latest updates from the police about local issues/incidents/information.

[Home Page - Bee in the Loop](#)

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 1 with the highest attendance last week. Year 6 we really need to see an improvement in your punctuality next week. 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 on the first day of absence.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals	3	4	3	4	2	2	6	13	37
Attendance	93.5%	95.8%	99%	91.9%	96.4%	96.6%	95.0%	95.7%	95.49%

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 Nursery 2025 places https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938
Monday 10 th February	Year 6 Depart for Kingswood at 10am
Tuesday 11 th February	Whole School Mass with Readings led by Year 2 at 9am Year 4 Visit to Hyde Library
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 6 return from Kingswood at approx. 3pm
Friday 14 th February	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 24 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 25 th February	Year 3 Sacramental Programme Workshop at 6pm
Wednesday 26 th February	Little Bikers for Reception
Thursday 27 th February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome Little Bikers for Reception
Tuesday 11 th March	Whole School Mass with Readings led by Year 5 at 9am TCCSA Cheerleading Competition – pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Paul's Church at 6pm
Wednesday 12 th March	Little Bikers for Reception
Wednesday 19 th March	Class Photographs Little Bikers for Reception
Wednesday 26 th March	Little Bikers for Reception
Wednesday 2 nd April	Little Bikers for Reception
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter holidays at 3.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school
Saturday 10 th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 9 th June	Return to school Year 1 Phonics Screening Check & Year 2 Phonics Screening Re-checks Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day