

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

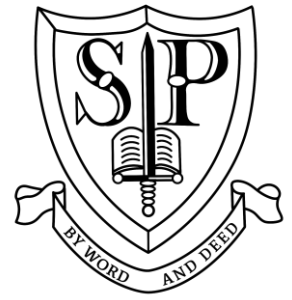
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LIVING OUR FAITH



Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

Start of Lent – Wednesday 5th March

Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal that lasts for 40 days leading up to Easter. It is a time for each of us to deepen our relationship with God, grow in our faith, and focus on areas where we can improve as individuals and as a community. Traditionally, people observe Lent by fasting, giving up certain habits, and performing acts of charity. This time invites us to pause, reflect, and ask ourselves how we can live more like Christ, showing love and kindness to others. Let us all take this opportunity to grow spiritually, embracing the challenges and blessings of this season with open hearts.

Dear Lord,

As we enter this season of Lent, guide us in our journey of reflection and renewal.

Help us to grow closer to You through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness.

May our hearts be open to Your love, and may we share that love with others.

Strengthen us to follow Your path, and may we emerge from this season

transformed and ready to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Amen.

Sacramental Programme

Thank you to the families of the children in Year 3 who attended the family workshop on Tuesday evening. Over the coming weeks the children will be preparing ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday 11th March at *6pm** at St Paul's Church.

*Please note the change of time for this special celebration.



World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is always an exciting event in the school calendar and is a wonderful opportunity to share our love of reading with each other. We are inviting the children to come to school either dressed as a character from a book, in their pyjamas or just in their normal clothes with their favourite book. Please be aware that PE lessons will still be taking place that day, so be mindful of this when planning your outfits! The staff are busy planning exciting activities for the children. During the day, we will be designing a new card for the National Book Tokens competition. Your child could win up to £350 in book tokens for the school and £100 in book tokens for themselves. School will organise entering the competition and only your child's name and age will be sent to the National Book Token company with their entry. However, if you do not wish for your child's entry to be sent off please speak to your child's class teacher or to Miss Boyd before Wednesday 5th March.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on **Monday 17th March** and **Thursday 20th March**. Bookings can only be made on the School Spider app and this will open on Monday 3rd March at 9am. We hope that all Parents will take this opportunity to meet their child's class teacher, look at your child's work and receive an update on their progress. If your child has Special Educational Needs this is also an opportunity to discuss their Individual Learning Plan.

Year 1 Class Assembly

Please note that due to Ash Wednesday and other events taking place in school next Wednesday morning we have had to change the date of the Year 1 Class Assembly. The assembly will now take place on Wednesday 21st May. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Safe Squad

On Wednesday morning Year 6 were visited by the Tameside Safe Squad Team.

In Safe Squad we learnt how to carry out CPR: you had to lock your fingers together. We learnt about hate crime and making sure we are kind to everyone it doesn't matter if they are different. If they are gay, transgender or a boy that wears makeup that's their choice and no one else needs an opinion. In digital safety, we learnt not to add a load of randomers and that people with 100s of friends won't know them all. We also discussed how cringy it can be to beg for followers when your making content. If you do make content, you shouldn't show your face. It was fun and made us think about making the right friends at secondary school.



Written by Archie and Lucia

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 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.

Reminder to Parents: Always fasten your seatbelt and that of your child!

Your child's safety is a top priority. Every time you get in the car, please make sure your child is properly secured in a seatbelt or car seat, depending on their age and size. Seatbelts save lives and significantly reduce the risk of injury in the event of an accident.



No matter how short the trip or how familiar the route, **make it a habit to check that everyone is safely fastened in** before driving.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest attendance and excellent punctuality from the week before half term. 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	2	4	4	2	2	0	4	7	25
Attendance	94.7%	87.5%	96.2%	93.3%	97.9%	98.6%	97.8%	91.3%	94.66%

Community News/Events

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Support for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Tameside

- Peer support groups
- Information sessions
- Friendly online community
- SEND stay & play groups
- 1:1 support and signposting
- No need to book. Free for all.

Scan the QR code to register with the project. For further information visit our Facebook page - Family Engagement Project Tameside or email us at: familyengagement@mencap.org.uk

LEAP **mencap** Family Engagement Project

NATURE EXPLORERS

Join us for our fortnightly outdoor stay and play group for children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities or emerging needs aged 0-5 and their caregivers.

- Safe enclosed space
- Inclusive free play
- Parent peer support

March/April dates:
Thursday 8th March, 20th March, 3rd April, 17th April
10.00am - 11.30am
Community Green Allotment, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN

Explore outdoors and nature

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SEND Parent and Carer Peer Support Group

Free informal support group for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Tameside.

- Children welcome
- Free refreshments
- Meet other SEND parents
- No booking required
- Support and signposting

Come and join us!
1st Wednesday of the Month
10.00am - 11.30am
The Together Centre, Loxley House, 287 Birch Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU

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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 3rd March	Booking for Parents Evenings opens at 9am Appointments bookable through school spider only
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent
	Little Bikers for Reception
	Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5
	Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Monday 10th March	Science & Geography focus week
Tuesday 11th March	Whole School Mass with Readings led by Year 5 at 9am
	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Paul's Church at 6pm
Wednesday 12th March	Little Bikers for Reception
	Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5
	Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
	TCCSA Cheerleading Competition – pm
	FOSP Meeting at 5pm – all welcome
Friday 14th March	Wild Roadshow for Year 1 and Year 4
	TCSSA Swimming Gala – Wellness Centre, Denton
Monday 17th March	Bookstart Session for Nursery Children and Parents at 9.15am
	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 20th March	Fire Service Visit to Year 6
	Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
Tuesday 18th March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 19th March	Little Bikers for Reception
	Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5
	Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Wednesday 26th March	Little Bikers for Reception
Wednesday 2nd April	Little Bikers for Reception
	Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5
	Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Friday 4th April	Lenten Prayer Trail
	Break up for Easter holidays at 3.15pm
Friday 18th April	Good Friday
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday
Saturday 10th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 21st May	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 9th June	Return to school
	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check & Year 2 Phonics Screening Re-checks
	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 Transition Day