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Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

Good Luck to those children participating in the TCSSA Swimming Gala this evening.

Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to all of the Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday evening. The children read beautifully and were respectful throughout the service. Thank you to the families who joined us for the blessing of the school chapel and the service itself. We ask that you keep the Year 3 children in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

Year 5 Class Mass

Thank you to Father Isidore and the Year 5 children who led the readings and prayers at the whole school Mass on Tuesday morning. The theme of the Mass was forgiveness and we reminded ourselves that we should forgive one another and be more like Jesus in our thoughts and actions.



Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** evening next week. We ask that Parents arrive on time for their appointment and that you adhere to the 10-minute appointment slot to try and ensure that the evening runs to time! We also ask that whenever possible that your child does not attend the appointment with the teacher. 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. Both Miss Flynn and Mr Allen will be available should you wish to speak to either of them.

TCSSA Prayer Competition

The Tameside Catholic School Sports Association organise a variety of school sporting competitions throughout the year. This year is the 50th anniversary of the association and to mark that event, children are invited to write a prayer that will inspire athletes and foster a spirit of sportsmanship and faith. Three winners will be chosen from each participating school with one overall winner celebrated at the end. The winning prayer will then become the TCSSA Sports Events Prayer. Prayers should be submitted to Mr Allen by 1st April.

TCSSA Cheerleading Competition

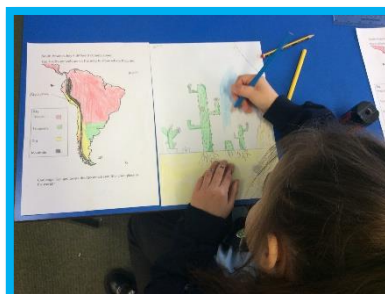
On Wednesday afternoon, the cheerleading squad took part in the Tameside Catholic Schools Sports Association competition at All Saints Catholic College. The girls have been working really hard on their routine since the start of the year and you could really tell – they were amazing! Their hard work, dedication and skill really paid off when it came to the performance and the squad finished in 4th place. Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support the children. Also, a big thank you to Lianne from Active Tameside for her hard work coaching the squad. Thanks also to Mr Allen and Mrs Clegg who accompanied the children to the competition.



Science & Geography Focus Week



In **Year 1**, we have been studying the penguins in Antarctica. We found out they have blubber to keep them warm. We carried out an investigation using "blubber" and icy water. We found out that the "blubber" stopped our hands from getting really cold in the water - just like it stops the penguins getting really cold in Antarctica.



Year 3 have learned that South America has 4 different climate zones. We looked at how animals and plants have adapted to survive in the rainforest and desert climates.



Learning in the EYFS



Reception have had great fun making bread this week. I hope that it tasted as good as it looked!

Yesterday, the **Nursery** children loved having their Parents in for the first Stay and Read session. Thank you to all who came along.



Nursery Places – 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. The online form for applications can be found here:- <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938>

The Big Lent Walk

On Tuesday 1st April, the children will be taking part in *The Big Lent Walk* in school. Each class will be given a time slot to walk as many kilometres as they possibly can around the school grounds. Our aim is to complete 200km as a school, but we think that our active children will break this target with ease.

We are aware that it might not be easy for families to donate much at this time, but anything that you can spare will go towards our school target of £500. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

To make it easier for families to donate and share with relatives, this year, we will be using JustGiving in conjunction with CAFOD to collect the donations. Also, the kilometre route will be available (weather permitting) at the end of the day so that families can also take part in the walk. If you are able to donate for *The Big Lent Walk* <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-pauls-big-lent-walk2025>



Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 5 with the highest attendance from last week and to Year 2 with no lates. It is great to see all of the classes from Year 1 to Year 6 having attendance above 95%. 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	1	4	2	0	2	2	1	11	23
Attendance	92.9%	88.8%	96.6%	95.9%	95.7%	95.0%	97.5%	95%	94.7%

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	
Friday 14 th March	TCSSA Swimming Gala – Wellness Centre, Denton 8pm start (Meet at 7.45pm)
Monday 17 th March	Bookstart Session for Nursery Children and Parents at 9.15am Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 19 th March	Little Bikers for Reception Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5 Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Thursday 20 th March	Fire Service Visit to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Little Bikers for Reception
Tuesday 1 st April	Big Lent Walk for Cafod
Wednesday 2 nd April	Little Bikers for Reception Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5 Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Friday 4 th April	Lenten Prayer Trail Break up for Easter holidays at 3.15pm
Wednesday 16 th April	Offer Day for Primary School Admissions
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday
Sunday 20 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school
Tuesday 29 th April	Sacramental Family Workshop at 6pm - school
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	Year 4 Chester – Roman Experience
Wednesday 7 th May	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Saturday 10 th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
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