

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

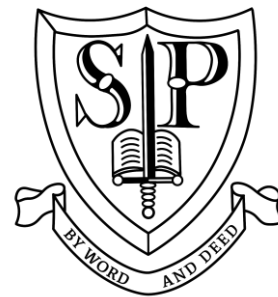
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## Newsletter

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to all of those Parents who attended Parents Evenings this week. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's work and receive an update on their progress. The next update for parents will be the annual end of year report. If you have any questions or queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### **TCSSA Swimming Gala**

Congratulations to our incredible swimming team for their outstanding performance at the TCSSA Swimming Gala last Friday! Their dedication, hard work, and team spirit were truly inspiring, and we are so proud of their achievements in the pool. Each swimmer gave their best effort, showcasing determination and sportsmanship in every race. A huge thank you to all the family members who came to support them—your encouragement and cheers made a real difference. Well done, team, and we look forward to even more success in the future! Thank you to Mr Allen for organising and attending the event.

### **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. Thank you to those who have entered so far. 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 **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

### **The Big Lent Walk**

On **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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>



### **Class Photographs**

This week class photographs have been taken and your child should have brought home a flyer with a QR code. If you wish to order the picture please place your order before **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April** to benefit from free postage.

### **Nursery Places – September 2025**

We have now sent out offer letters for places for September. Please ensure you have confirmed acceptance of your place by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. We do still have some places available in the teacher led Nursery provision. We are also able to offer provision for children in the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

### Thank you

The nursery children had a fantastic time looking after their environment today, with a little help from their grown-ups. Now, they will learn how to care for the plants and vegetables they planted and hopefully watch them grow and attract new wildlife.

Many thanks to those Parents who gave their time to help out in Nursery this morning. We really appreciated your help and support to improve the outdoor learning environment.



### Wellbeing Newsletter

Please click on the link below to access some really useful information guides about the following topics: -

- **Understanding your child with additional needs:** a well-being guide
- **Autism and emotional wellbeing:** What do parents of autistic children need to know about emotional health?
- **Navigating parental decisions:** vaccinations and other health choices
- **Understanding big feelings for small people**



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### Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 4 with the highest attendance from last week. It is great to see all of the classes from Reception 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	3	7	2	5	1	4	4	6	32
Attendance	86.9%	98.8%	99%	95.6%	93.6%	99%	95.9%	96%	95.6%

## 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**

<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Little Bikers for Reception
	Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5
	Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Deadline for acceptance of a Nursery place
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Fundraiser - Big Lent Walk for Cafod
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Little Bikers for Reception
	Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5
	Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Lenten Prayer Trail
	Break up for Easter holidays at 3.15pm
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Class photograph order deadline for free postage
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Offer Day for Primary School Admissions
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Good Friday
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Easter Monday – Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Return to school
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Sacramental Family Workshop at 6pm - school
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 4 Chester – Roman Experience
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Return to school
	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check & Year 2 Phonics Screening Re-checks
	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Transition Day