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Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

The Big Lent Walk

Thank you so much to everyone who has sponsored the children for **The Big Lent Walk** that took place on **Tuesday 1st April**. So far, we have raised a tremendous £385.00 for CAFOD. It's not too late to sponsor the children, you can do so by following this just giving link:-

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-pauls-big-lent-walk2025>



The children successfully completed their Lenten Walk today, competing 8 laps around the school playground in 30 minutes. We were also joined by our Chair of Governors, Mr Edwards, who walked alongside us. The children behaved beautifully and listened well. There's still time to make a donation. Thank you!



Florence

I liked getting my stamp but I found it hard work walking all over the playground.

**Charlie,
Freddie
& Joan**

We liked walking round- we've never done it before because we usually run! It was really fun. We went round more than 10 times! We felt thirsty and tired afterwards because the sun was shining really brightly.

Ted

During this Lent Walk we had much fun and loved how you could get unique different stamps and the encouraging chart bar. Although this activity is fun we need to remember the origin and purpose of this and during our end of the day prayer we said a silent prayer for those who injured and affected by natural disasters, wars and other problems.

Lent Prayer Trail



Thank you to the Worship Leaders who planned and led a beautiful Lenten Prayer Trail for the whole school today. (They even came in at 8am to set up the hall!) Each station focused on a different part of the journey that Jesus took during Holy Week. All classes took part in a respectful and reflective way.



Easter Mass Times

The Easter Service and Mass times will be published this weekend on the Parish newsletter. You can find copies of the church newsletter here <https://stmaryandstpaul.org/parish-news> Father Isidore would love to see some of our families at the parish Masses over the Easter Season.

Change to Arbor

As you are aware from email communications earlier this week all parents have now been invited to log in to the Arbor Parent Portal and App. If you haven't seen this please be aware that the email may have gone in to your spam/junk folder. If you have any issues with logging in or did not receive the email, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Moving forward this app/portal will be used for all payments for school meals, school trips etc.

School Meal Payments for Summer Term

If you wish to pay for the first half term or the full term. Total amounts are as follows: -
Summer 1 = £74.75 Summer 2 = £110.50 Full term = £185.25

Class Photographs

Class photographs have been taken and your child will have brought home a flyer with a QR code. If you wish to order the picture please place your order before **Sunday 6th April** to benefit from free postage.

Learning at St Paul's



Reception look very happy with their fully decorated houses and castles. They can be very proud of their wonderful work.

Year 3 have been studying the artist **Alma Woodsey Thomas**. They have created beautiful mood boards researching her work and used oil pastels to recreate her distinctive style of dashes of colour. On Tuesday, we practised our sewing skills and tried to recreate our designs using a running stitch.



Year 1 have been working hard to compare weights using our lovely new balance scales. We have found out which is heavier, which is lighter and made the scale balance using cubes. This means they are equal. It has been lots of fun!



Which is heavier?



TTRS Competition

Well done to all of the children who entered the Easter TTRS Competition. The winning house was Beckett.

Reading Stars

We have continued to promote a love of reading by awarding a half-termly book prize to children who have shown exceptional enthusiasm and achievement in reading. Whether it's diving into a new book, reading regularly at home or sharing their love of stories with others, these students have truly shone. Congratulations to all of the reading stars this half term.

Spring 2 – Reading Stars							
Nursery	Ella	Reception	Isaac	Year 1	Bria	Year 2	Millie
Year 3	Rose	Year 4	Isabella	Year 5	Arabella	Year 6	Ellie-Marie

Nursery Places – September 2025

We do still have some places available in the teacher led Nursery provision for September. 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>

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Nursery for having the highest attendance from last week and well done to Year 1 and Year 4 for no late arrivals. 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	4	10	0	5	8	0	2	15	44
Attendance	98.9%	96.7%	93.8%	96.4%	96.4%	94.3%	92.5%	95.7%	95.6%

Holidays during Term Time

We have received an increase in requests for holidays during term time. Please be aware that holidays during term time will **not** be authorised and may incur a fine. The fine for school absences will be £80.00 if paid within 21 days, or £160.00 if paid within 28 days. This fine is issued by the Local Education Authority. In most cases both Parents will be fined. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

On behalf of all of the staff we would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 22nd April.

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	
Sunday 6 th April	Class photograph order deadline for free postage
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
Wednesday 23 rd April	Year 5 Parents Evening
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

Community News

Please see below for events that are taking place in the local libraries over the half term break.



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