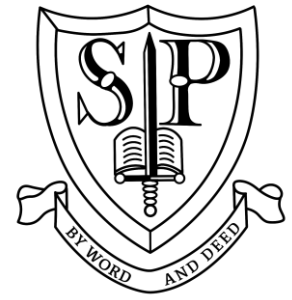


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Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2025

Staffing News

This week we were delighted to welcome Mr Dollard as the new Site Manager. Mr Dollard is already working hard to ensure that the children enjoy a safe, clean and welcoming learning environment. You may have already seen his friendly face at the gate each morning. I am very sure that he will soon settle into his new role here at St Paul's.

School Communications & Payments

As you are aware from email communications sent out before the Easter holiday all parents have now been invited to log in to the Arbor Parent Portal and App. Thank you to those parents who have already signed up to this – we have had a 57% take up so far, but would really like this to increase. If you haven't yet seen this communication please be aware that the email may have gone directly to your spam/junk folder. If you experience 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.

Attendance & Punctuality Awards

Today in assembly, we presented the children with the Spring Term attendance awards. 126 pupils received an award for their excellent attendance during the Spring Term.

Gold	41	Silver	51	Bronze	34
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There is a direct correlation between attendance and success. **We know that every school day matters.** Children who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed academically, build strong friendships and develop positive routines that set them up for future success. Even missing just **1 day every 2 weeks** can add up to nearly **4 weeks of lost learning** over the school year. We encourage all families to support good attendance and punctuality by:

- Establishing consistent morning routines
- Scheduling appointments outside of school hours when possible
- Avoiding holidays during term-time

Year 3 Parents – Sacramental Programme

Next Tuesday, Year 3 children who are enrolled on the Sacramental Programme, and their Parents are invited to attend the final Sacramental Programme Workshop, starting at 6pm in the school hall. The children are very much looking forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 10th May** at St Paul's Church at 9.30am. Thank you for your support of the Sacramental programme during this year and please remember the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

In Memory of Pope Francis

It is with great sadness that we remembered **Pope Francis** in our school prayers this week. Pope Francis was known throughout the world as a voice for peace, compassion and justice and believed in the changes that children can make in our world. Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis touched the hearts of millions with his humility, deep faith, tireless commitment to the poor, care for the environment and desire to build a more compassionate world. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

As a school community rooted in faith, we offer our prayers for the repose of his soul and for the Church during this time of mourning. We give thanks for his life of service, and we hold in our hearts his many teachings on love, mercy and hope.

May Pope Francis rest in eternal peace.

SEND Caseworkers for children with EHCPs

All schools across Tameside have now been allocated a SEND case officer who will be the primary contact for any questions or queries you may have if your child has an EHCP. The designated officer for St Paul's is called **Khiea Taylor** and this is who you should ask for should you contact the SEND Team about your child's Education Health Care Plan.

The most effective way to communicate with the SEND team is via the dedicated email addresses below:

- SEND Assessment Team: SENAT@tameside.gov.uk
- Annual Review Team: SENART@tameside.gov.uk

When contacting either of these email addresses, please include the following details:

- The name of the caseworker – **Khiea Taylor**
- Your full name and telephone number
- An outline of your concern, query, or problem

Using email allows the SEND Team to manage enquiries more effectively and ensures your query reaches the right person quickly. A member of the team will respond to your email within 48 hours.

While it is possible to contact the SEND team by phone 0161 342 4433, phone lines are open between 9am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Please note that lines can be very busy, and there may be longer wait times. We strongly recommend using email wherever possible for a faster and more efficient response.

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>

School Meal Payments for Summer Term

Thank you to those families who have already paid for school meals. If you wish to pay for the first half term or the full term the total amounts are as follows: -

Summer 1 = £74.75

Summer 2 = £110.50

Full term = £185.25

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	
Tuesday 29th April	Sacramental Family Workshop at 6pm - school
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 6th May	Year 4 Chester – Roman Experience
Wednesday 7th May	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Saturday 10th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church at 9.30am
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 20th May	Year 1 visit to Cockfields Farm
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