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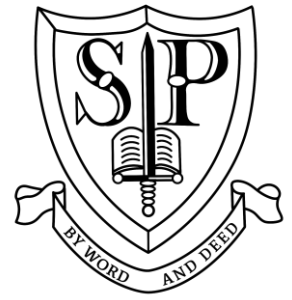
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Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Year 4 Visit to Chester

On Tuesday, Year 4 went on a school trip to Chester. When we got there, there was a statue with full armour and a scary face. Some people were scared of the statue but I wasn't. When we went into the museum, we explored the rooms. In the room, there was a soldier holding a sword. We went upstairs and a lady showed us what happened in Chester in the BC years. She told us about the fights which happened. Later, we met a Roman soldier and marched through Chester. We spoke Latin and there were some tricky words.

Written by Gabriel



On 6th May, Year 4 went on a trip to Chester and went to a Roman Museum to learn about the Romans, but on the way there the traffic was bad. A lady called Mary was waiting for us and we asked some questions about the Romans. After that Mary asked for a volunteer and she chose me and I got to wear the armour. After lunch we got some Roman shields. We then went and met the Roman Soldier called Julius. Afterwards we went to the amphitheatre.

Written by Zachary

Year 3 – Sacramental Programme

We are very much looking forward to celebrating with the Year 3 children who will receive their First Holy Communion tomorrow morning at St Paul's Church. Please ensure that you and your family arrive in good time for the start of the Mass. We ask that no photographs are taken during the celebration. The official photographer will take group and individual photographs after Mass has finished.

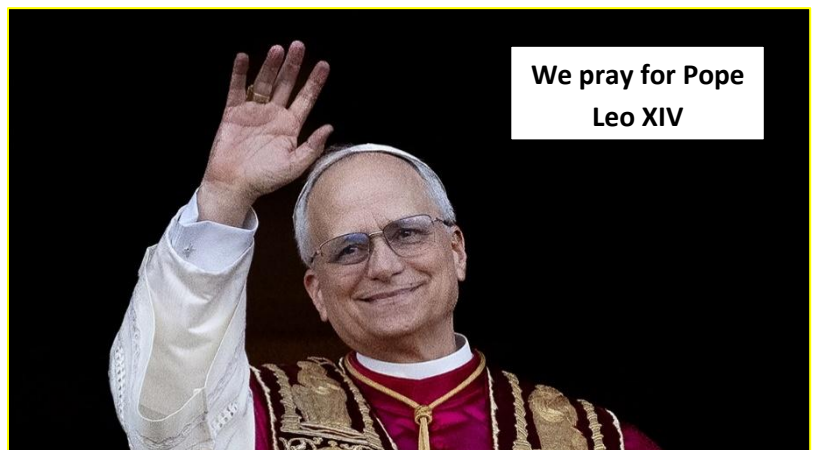
Thank you for your support of the sacramental programme during this year.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

Pope Leo XIV

We are filled with joy to share the election of our new Holy Father, **Pope Leo XIV**, the successor to Pope Francis.

As a Catholic school community, we are united in prayer for Pope Leo as he begins his papal ministry. We encourage you to speak with your children about the significance of this moment, and we will be taking time in our classrooms and liturgical gatherings to reflect on the meaning of papal leadership and service to the global Church.



**We pray for Pope
Leo XIV**

TCSSA

Congratulations to the boys' football team who took part in the finals of the Tameside Catholic School Sports competition on Tuesday night. The boys played incredibly well in preliminary rounds without losing a game or conceding a goal – meaning that the team qualified for the final against St Mary's, Dukinfield.

The final was hard-fought and St. Paul's were on top for the majority of the game, however, after conceding an early goal, the boys were unable to make the break-through and finished as runners-up. Their effort and attitude could not be faltered and they did St. Paul's proud. Thank you to the family members who came along to support the children and thanks to Mr Allen for coaching the team too.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Congratulations to Year 2 who lead an amazing assembly on Wednesday morning. They shared so many aspects of their learning including writing linked to their themed *Honeybee Day*. One thing is certain that Year 2 absolutely love singing! Thank you to those parents and grandparents who joined us for the assembly and to those who have also completed the feedback survey.

Statutory Assessment Tests

The Year 6 children will complete their tests week beginning **Monday 12th May**. All children need to be present in school for the tests to be administered. We would really appreciate it if all children in Year 6 arrive on time for the start of the school day. **Please note, that the last sessions for Booster Classes for Year 6 children will be Tuesday 13th May.** The test timetable is as follows: -

Date	Test Timetable
Monday 12 th May	English – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday 13 th May	English – Reading Test
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics – Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 15 th May	Mathematics – Paper 3 (Reasoning)

VE Day

Yesterday, Miss Smith led Key Stage Assemblies to celebrate 80 years VE day – signalling eight decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe. We want the children to understand the significance of VE day and the sacrifices made during those challenging years.

This week the children across school were also invited to make bunting to display in the school hall.

FOSP

It was lovely to welcome some new faces to the FOSP meeting this week who also brought along some new ideas. We will be holding a **Summer Games and Bake Sale on July 4th at 3.15pm**. There will be games for all ages including Beat the Goalie, Tin Can Alley, Play Your Cards Right and many more.

All funds raised will go towards purchasing new books for the school library.

For this event to go ahead we shall require an extra 15 volunteers. If you can help either with set up from 2.30pm or during the event then please email admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk by next Friday 16th May.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 2 for having the highest attendance last week and well done to 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	5	5	2	9	1	0	5	10	37
Attendance	97.73%	98%	97.93%	99.64%	96.21%	96%	97.19%	95%	97.21%

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>

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	
Saturday 10th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul's Church at 9.30am
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week starts
	<i>Y6 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar Papers 1 & 2</i>
Tuesday 13th May	<i>Y6 Reading Paper</i>
Wednesday 14th May	<i>Y6 Maths Papers 1 & 2</i>
Thursday 15th May	<i>Y6 Maths Paper 3</i>
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
	<i>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check & Year 2 Phonics Screening Re-checks</i>
	<i>Year 4 Multiplication Checks</i>
Tuesday 10th June	Whole school Mass to be led by Year 3 at 9am – parents welcome
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 4th July	FOSP Summer Games starting at 3.15pm – all welcome
Thursday 24th July	Break up for Summer
Friday 25th July	Staff INSET Day


Community News

Fuel 4 Fun Whit Holiday Camps


Dates Running: Tuesday 27th May – Friday 30th May 2025


Bookings Open: Tuesday 6th May at 9am

Tameside MBC and Active Tameside have partnered to deliver the Fuel 4 Fun programme, funded through the Holiday Activity and Food Fund (HAF). This initiative supports children, young people, and families who receive benefit-related free school meals (FSM) or are in crisis.

 How to Book: Visit our website for more details and to secure your booking:

<https://eequ.org/tamesidefuel4fun>

 Scan our QR Code:

 Note: Bookings close once all places are filled, so we recommend booking as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

