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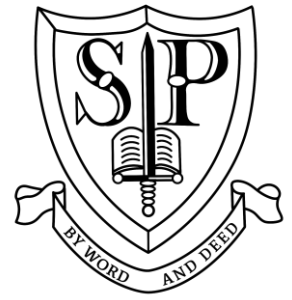
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LIVING OUR FAITH



Newsletter

Friday 23rd May 2025

***All Parents are welcome to join us in school for the Whole School Mass
with the readings and prayers to be led by Year 3 on Tuesday 10th June at 9am.***

Year 1 Trip to Cockfields Farm

On Tuesday, the Year 1 children enjoyed a sunny day at Cockfields Farm. They saw lots of different animals and even had the chance to play! Here are some of the quotes about the day from the children:-

"I really liked the alpacas- they were very hairy and very big."

Shriya

"I liked the buzzard called Andrew - he was lying in the dust to cool down." Riley

"I liked going on the merry-go-round - it went really fast! I also like Dave the owl - he was enormous!" Zara

Mrs McGowan was very proud of the children and their excellent behaviour at the farm. It was lovely to hear that members of the public complimented the children on their behaviour that day.



Year 1 Class Assembly

Well done to the Year 1 children who also led a super class assembly on Wednesday morning. It was a wonderful showcase of their learning and we were so impressed with their confidence. All of the children spoke clearly, performed enthusiastically, and shared their knowledge with pride. A special thank you to the teaching team for their guidance and to all the parents and grandparents who joined us to celebrate the achievements of all of the children.

Before School Dance Club

Thank you to the children who attend the Before School Dance club for their fantastic presentations on Thursday and Friday morning. We certainly have some very impressive dancers, expertly coached by Leanne. Thank you to the parents who came along to watch. We really hope you enjoyed the performances too!

Wedding Bells



We are delighted to share the news that Miss Boyd will be getting married this weekend. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating her and wishing her, and her husband to be, every happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter. We look forward to welcoming her back after the half-term break, and in the meantime, we send them our very best wishes for a joyful wedding day and a wonderful married life ahead.

Thank you to those families who contributed to the class video – both her and Mr Speck were very touched by the children's messages. After the half term break, we will all have to get used to calling her Mrs Speck.

FOSP

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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help – We haven't quite had enough volunteers so we may have to reduce the games on offer!

Learning at St Paul's

Reception have been learning all about maps this week. They have looked at treasure maps, town maps, world maps and street maps using google street view. The children have even drawn their own town maps too.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

We encourage the Parents to support their child in continuing to work on TTRS during the holidays.



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

During the holiday, we ask that you continue to support your child with their reading. Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading and books. Parents play a very important part in helping with this. Mrs McGowan has shared some resources to help with this at home. Thank you for your support.

The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning. They are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using their phonics skills. This check will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage, so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

Reading Stars

We have continued to promote a love of reading by awarding a half-termly book prize to children who have made good progress with reading during Summer 1. Whether it's diving into a new book, reading regularly at home or sharing their love of stories with others. Congratulations to all of the reading stars this half term.

Spring 2 – Reading Stars							
Nursery	Heerob	Reception	Sienna A	Year 1	Riley	Year 2	Teddy
Year 3	Adam	Year 4	Ezra	Year 5	Max R	Year 6	Molly

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 3 for having 100% attendance. We are aware that this week there are a number of children who are not in school due to family holidays. Please note that holidays taken during term time may incur a fine. 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	2	5	3	4	3	4	2	8	31
Attendance	93.2%	96%	98.3%	94.3%	100%	98.3%	98.4%	98.7%	97.15%

Teaching Assistant Vacancies here at St Paul's

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust wishes to appoint 2 x Level 3 Teaching Assistants at St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy.

Further information and an application form can be found by following this link:-

[Teaching Assistant Level 3 at St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy, Hyde, Cheshire | MyNewTerm](#)

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 23 rd May	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 9 th June	Return to school
	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check & Year 2 Phonics Screening Re-checks
	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Tuesday 10 th June	Whole school Mass to be led by Year 3 at 9am – Parents welcome
Thursday 12 th June	FOSP Meeting at 6pm at Starbucks, Hyde
Tuesday 17 th June	TCSSA KS1 Mixed Football Tournament
Wednesday 18 th June	Nursery visit to Flowery Field Farm
Tuesday 24 th June	TCSSA KS2 Athletics Competition
Wednesday 25 th June	Induction Meeting for Nursery/Reception intake for September 2025 at 6pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 5 Rivers Trip
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	FOSP Summer Games starting at 3.15pm – all welcome
Monday 7 th July	Egyptian Workshop for Year 3
Tuesday 8 th July	Whole school Mass to be led by EYFS at 9am – Parents welcome
	TCSSA Rounders Competition
Friday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip to Clip 'n Climb, Oldham
Wednesday 16 th July	Save the date - Year 6 Production of Panto Pandemonium!
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Friday 18 th July	Last week of swimming for Year 4 pupils
Monday 21 st July	Drop-in session for Parents 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.30am – Parents welcome
	Break up for Summer
Friday 25 th July	Staff INSET Day

Community News

A family festival at Manchester University

Our free, family-friendly festival is running **Saturday 14 June 2025, 11am – 4:30pm** and promises to be a great day jam-packed with interactive science experiments, creative sessions, poetry, music performances, extraordinary stories, and much more! The event will be held at **The University of Manchester**, on the Oxford Road campus. Together we'll explore what makes for a **greener, healthier, and fairer** world. Visit over **80 hands-on stalls**, take part in our **Bee Curious** programme of inspiring talks and performances, unleash your inner artist on our very own **street art trail**, and plant your own seeded pot

A COMMUNITY DAY FOR ALL

Our free Universally Manchester Festival returns with fun activities for all!

Join us on **Saturday 14 June, 11am – 4:30pm** for a jam-packed day of inspiring Bee Curious talks, hands-on science activities, creative sessions, performances, tours, and the chance to meet with our staff, students and community partners!

From poetry to physics, music to medicine and computing to creative writing, there's loads to discover and do – with activities on offer for all ages.

Together we'll explore what makes for a greener, healthier and fairer world for everyone.

Our Universally Manchester Festival is free and open to everyone. Discover more of our family friendly activities at: universallymanchester.com

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

FAMILY FUN

#UNIVERSALLYMANCHESTERFESTIVAL

to take away in our **university-community allotment**. Our festival is **free and open to everyone**. We hope you can join for some exploring, learning, and play! Discover our full programme of activities at: <https://universallymanchester.com/> Follow us on the socials:

#universallymanchesterfestival

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MINIBEAST

Crafts & Activities

Join in for crafts, games, and a bequest hunt. Free, no need to book. Ages 4-8

Tuesday 27 May, 10am - 12pm
Dukinfield Library, SK16 4YB
Bug Hotel Workshop

Thursday 29 May, 2pm - 3pm
Denton Library, M15 2JF

Monday 2 June, 10:30 - 11:30am
Hyde Library, SK16 1JL

Wednesday 4 June, 2 - 3pm
Stalybridge Library, SK15 2BN

Friday 6 June, 2 - 3pm
Ashton Library, OL6 6BN

MAY - HALF TERM

Information: direct@tameside.gov.uk | 0161 342 4000

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DUKINFIELD LIBRARY'S

STORY TIME

Sit back and listen to some of our favourite stories, then take part in colouring and jigsaw puzzles.

11AM - 11:30AM

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY, CONCORD WAY, SK16 4DB

SATURDAY 5 APRIL
SATURDAY 10 MAY
SATURDAY 14 JUNE
SATURDAY 5 JULY

AIMED AT 5-8 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Free, no need to book.
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