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Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025

Whole School Mass

Thank you to the Year 3 children who led the readings and prayers at the whole school Mass on Tuesday morning. Thank you to all of the Parents and Grandparents who joined us for the Mass – it is always lovely to celebrate Mass as a school community.

Before and After School Club Provision

We are delighted to share the news that we are currently in the process of working with an external provider to establish a Before and After School Club with the aim of supporting families. The club will offer a safe, welcoming and engaging environment for children outside of regular school hours. At this stage, we are unable to confirm when the club will be able to start as we need to ensure that the provision we introduce is both sustainable and of high quality. We understand that many families would welcome this support and we will keep you fully informed as and when developments occur. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Request from Father Isidore

Father Isidore is very keen to further develop links between the Parish and the School. From Sunday 29th June, there will now be a 9am Mass at St Paul's Church in addition to the Saturday evening Mass at 6pm. Father is looking for volunteers who would be willing to lead the children's liturgy at the Sunday morning Mass. All resources would be prepared for you and you would just need to lead the session. This is a wonderful opportunity which would enable the children in our school/parish to hear the Gospel and reflect on the message in an age-appropriate way. You do not need to have any prior experience just a willingness to share your faith with children. If you are interested or need any more information, please speak to Father Isidore. You can catch him at any of the weekend Masses, by telephone on 0161 3302424 or email stmaryandstpaulRC@gmail.com

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Thank you to all Year 4 parents for supporting your children in learning their multiplication facts. We are pleased to share that all Year 4 children have now completed the Multiplication Check. The score your child achieved will be included in their end-of-year report. It is important that your child continues to consolidate their times tables knowledge, as this will provide a strong foundation for their future learning in maths.

FOSP

On Friday 4th July, we will be holding a **Summer Games and Bake Sale**. This event will start at 3.15pm. There will be games for all ages including Beat the Goalie, Hook-a-duck, Play Your Cards Right and many more. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help.

The FOSP are looking for some raffle prizes, such as vouchers, tickets to events or attractions, beauty treatments or themed gift baskets – if you have any such prizes that you would be willing to donate please hand them in at the school office.

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

School Meal Payments

All parents can now check their balance and make payments through the school Arbor Parental Portal and App. If you haven't yet logged in, please take the time to do so. This will ensure you don't miss any important information about school trips etc.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

We are pleased to let you know that most of the Year 1 children have now completed the Phonics Screening Check. Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support in helping your children with their phonics learning. The results of the check will be shared with you in your child's end-of-year report.

Current Year 2 Parents

You may or may not be aware that once your child moves to KS2 they are no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. This means that if you would like your child to continue having a school dinner every day then there will be a charge, unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals. Please can you kindly let the school office know before the end of June whether you would like your child to continue on school meals or change to sandwiches from September.

New Parents Induction Meeting

We have invited all Parents with a child starting in Nursery or Reception, in September, to join us for an Induction evening on **Wednesday 25th June**, starting at 6pm. This meeting will take place in the school hall. This meeting is aimed at Parents so we ask that you do not bring your child/children along if at all possible. We do still have some spaces available in Nursery for September. If you know anyone who is still looking for a place, please encourage them to contact the school office for more information.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 3 for having the highest attendance. We are aware that this week there are a number of children who have been absent due to family holidays. Please note that holidays taken during term time may incur a fine. If your child will be absent, kindly inform the school office before 9am on the first day of absence. Overall school attendance for Summer 1 was **95.9%**. This being just above the national average of 94.9%. Persistent absence, children whose attendance falls below 90% was at **6.7%**, below the national average of 12.5%.

We remain committed to promoting excellent attendance and punctuality, as these are key to a successful school experience.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals	1	4	3	2	2	0	1	8	21
Attendance	94.1%	95.2%	96.4%	96.4%	98.3%	90.3%	94.7%	85.7%	93.88%

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 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
Sunday 29 th June	Feast of St Peter & Paul 9am Mass starts at St Paul's Church – all welcome
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	Year 6 Production of Panto Pandemonium!
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Production of Panto Pandemonium! Sports Day
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

Tameside Specialist Outreach Support Services

Would like to invite you to our parent group at our new venue:

**Russell Scott Primary School, Clare St Denton on;
Wednesday July 09th 2025 from 9.30am - to 11.30am**

Our parent group is facilitated by Russell Scott Primary School in Denton and allows time for parents/carers from Tameside Schools of Neurodivergent children and young people with a diagnosis (or going through a MAAT/ADHD assessment) to come together in a nurturing environment to share their journeys and ask for or offer advice, in addition to having guest speakers who will offer invaluable information on their specialist topics.

The focus for this session is:

The Role of the Speech and Language Therapist from ISCAN, presented by Team Leader Helen Slater and Therapists Rachel Lockhead and Alice Earl

If you are interested, please contact the school office number below to book your place. Please note there are no crèche facilities for young children.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Telephone Number - 0161 320 5186

Russell Scott Primary School, Clare Street, Denton, Manchester M34 3LQ



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 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**

