

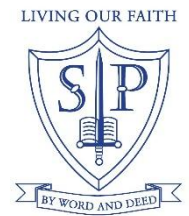
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Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Start of Year Mass

We began our new school year with lovely Start of Year Mass, bringing together our whole school community in prayer and reflection. It was a special opportunity to give thanks, set our intentions for the year ahead, and ask for God's guidance and blessings on our children, staff and families. The children participated respectfully and we were proud to see so many of them take part in the readings, offertory and singing. Moments like this remind us of the strength of our school community and the shared values that guide us throughout the year. Thank you to the Parents/Carers and Grandparents who joined us for the start of year Mass with Father Isidore on Tuesday morning.

Readers at Mass

Father Isidore has also asked for 3 children to read at Mass on Sunday 28th September at 9am. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and you are happy to take them and they would be willing to read please speak to Miss Flynn.

New Behaviour Policy

The new policy has been well received by pupils who enjoy receiving Golden Tokens that they add to the class collection in houses each day. The total number of gold coins are counted for each class and the House Captains collect the overall school total on a Friday. The winning house across school is rewarded with an extra play on a Friday afternoon. Last week the winning house was Beckett.

Children who do not follow the rules are given an initial warning and then issued with a blue card and are asked to reflect on their behaviour whilst missing out on part of their breaktime.

KS2 MFL Competition – European Day of Languages 2025

This year marks the 25th anniversary of **European Day of Languages**, and the theme is:

“Languages open hearts and minds!”

Key Stage 2 classes will be marking the occasion with a variety of language activities in school. We are also holding a **Key Stage 2 Poster Competition**. We would like you to design a colourful, eye-catching poster that advertises this year's theme and shows how learning languages helps us to understand and connect with people from different cultures.

What to include:

- The theme *“Languages open hearts and minds!”*
- Bright, creative designs
- The date - European Day of Languages - Friday 26th September

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries, and winning posters will be displayed around school to celebrate European Day of Languages.

Hand in entries to: Mrs Wood by Friday 19th September

Bike & Scooter Shelter

We are delighted that the bike and scooter shelter is now accessible for use by all children. We do ask that if children are riding their bikes/scooters to school that they wear a helmet. In order to keep everyone safe, children should get off their bikes/scooters once on the school premises.

We also ask that children do not play on the tyres or the climbing frame at the end of the school day.



St Paul's School Curriculum

We are proud to offer a broad, balanced, and ambitious curriculum that is designed to inspire a love of learning and support every child to achieve their full potential. Our curriculum is carefully planned to build knowledge and skills over time. We follow the National Curriculum and enrich it with additional opportunities that reflect our school's values. From early reading and maths mastery to science, the arts, history and geography, we aim to provide high-quality teaching across all subjects. Personal development, spiritual growth and wellbeing are also woven throughout our curriculum, ensuring our children grow not only academically but as confident, kind and responsible individuals.

Parents can find curriculum overviews for each year group on our recently updated school website curriculum page:- [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: Curriculum at St. Paul's](#)

Learning at St Paul's this week

Year 4 really enjoyed their art lesson this week. The children were thinking about what pottery can tell us about Ancient Egyptian times and created a sketchbook page about ancient canopic jars.



Friends of St Paul's (FoSP)

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our first FOSP (Parent Teacher Association) meeting of the school year, which will take place on **Monday 29th September** at **5.30pm** in the main school building. The **FoSP** plays a vital role in supporting our school through fundraising, organising events and building a strong sense of community. Whether you're a returning member or completely new, everyone is welcome — no commitment required, just come along and see how you can get involved.

This first meeting is a great chance to meet other parents and staff, share ideas for the year ahead, find out how you can help (even in small ways!) and learn more about how the PTA makes a difference in our school

We hope to see many of you there!

School Meal Prices

For those children in Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the cost of a meal is now **£3.25** per day. All payments should now be made through the Arbor App/Parent Portal payment system and in line with our payment policy we ask that all meals are paid for in advance on a weekly, half termly or termly basis.

Weekly payment: £16.25

Autumn 1: £126.75

Autumn 2: £113.75

Year 6 Residential

All Parents should now have received communication regarding the annual Year 6 Residential that will take place in February 2026 to Dearne Valley PGL centre in Doncaster. In order to secure places, we require an initial deposit by **Thursday 18th September**. If anyone is struggling financially, please feel free to speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen.

Attendance & Punctuality

The annual overall attendance for 2024/2025 was **96.4%**. We aim for attendance of all classes to be above 95%. Unfortunately, last week a number of classes attendance was significantly impacted by families taking holidays during term time. The first week in any new class is significantly important and enables your child to get to know the day-to-day routines. Any holidays during term-time will not be authorised and may incur a fine.

This week, there have also been a number of children arriving late. The school day starts promptly at 8.55am and it is important that all children are in class ready for the start of the school day.

Thank you to those families who do always ensure that their child arrives at school promptly for the start of the school day – it really does make a difference to their learning.

Attendance so far this year	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
	95.8%	96.8%	93.3%	96.4%	95.8%	94.8%	98.9%	97.9%	96.5%

Flu Immunisation

Intrahealth will continue to deliver the school-aged flu vaccination programme in autumn this year. This will be offered to all pupils from Reception to Year 6. Please complete and return consent forms to school no later than **Friday 19th September**.

Car Parking

We kindly remind all families to use the school car park **safely and considerably** during drop-off and pick-up times. Please note the following:

- **Only park in marked bays** – do not block other vehicles or access points
- **Do not leave engines idling** while waiting – for safety and environmental reasons
- **Accessible parking bays** should be kept free for those who need them
- Be mindful of **pedestrians, especially young children**, when entering or exiting the car park

Your co-operation helps keep our school environment safe and respectful for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary	
Tuesday 16 th September	Rock Steady Music Assembly
Thursday 18 th September	Deposit for the Year 6 Residential due today
Friday 19 th September	Individual Photographs
	Final Return Date for Flu Immunisation Consent Forms
	Closing date for KS2 European Day of Languages Poster Competition
Wednesday 24 th September	TCSSA Cross Country Event
Friday 26 th September	European Day of Languages
Monday 29 th September	Friends of St Paul's Meeting at 5.30pm in school
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 3 Visit to Longdendale Environmental Centre
Wednesday 8 th October	Special Friends Assembly
Tuesday 14 th October	Whole School Mass led by Year 5
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 6 Safe Squad
Monday 20 th October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 21 st October	TCSSA Mixed Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evenings
Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half-term
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 3 rd November	Return to School
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2026 places
Wednesday 12 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 6
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term



Come and join our FREE interactive storytelling sessions.

Sessions are suitable for children 0-4 years and their families. There is no need to book, just turn up and enjoy the fun. 28 weekly sessions run from 23 September 2025 to April 2026. Families can help create a new picture book and receive a free copy when it is published.



Tuesdays

10am-10.45am
Hattersley Library
Stockport Road, SK14 6NT

Tuesdays

1.15pm-1.45pm and 2pm-2.30pm
Ashton Library
Market Place, OL6 6BH

Wednesdays

10am-10.30am
Online Zoom session
(Bookable session)

Wednesdays

1.30pm-2.15pm
Dukinfield Library
Concord Way, SK16 4DB

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