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Newsletter

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TCCSA – Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Tameside Catholic Schools Cross Country event on Wednesday night. All of the children ran incredibly well showing excellent determination and spirit. A special mention to Laura (Y4) who finished in 3rd place in the Year 3 and 4 girls race and Theo (Y4) who finished in 8th place in the Year 3 and 4 boys race. Thank you to all parents and family members who came along to support the children.



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!

Invitation to all children currently on Sandwiches to take a School Meal

On **Thursday 2nd October** we will be having a special themed meal. All children across school are invited to take a themed school meal on this day. We just ask that you complete the form and make your payment on the Arbor App by **Monday 29th September**. Payment is only required for children in Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 or 6. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 the meal is free!

If your child currently has school meals you do not need to do anything.

Arbor Communications

We now have 95% update on the Arbor App which is good news. Please ensure that you check your spam/junk folder to ensure that you don't miss any important information from school. If you have any questions or queries please speak to the school office.



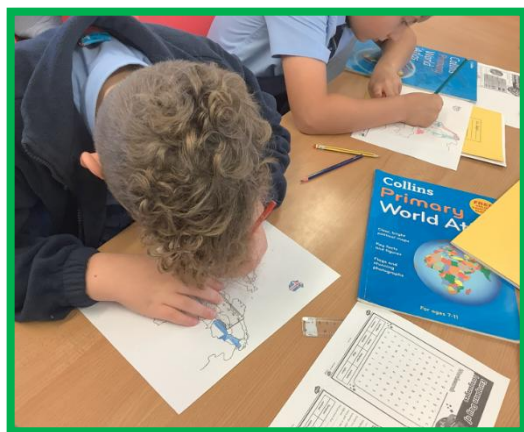
KS2 MFL Competition – European Day of Languages 2025

To celebrate European Day of Languages the children have been participating in a languages Treasure Hunt around school learning various ways to say hello.

Mrs Wood was delighted with the wonderful posters that children created. The three winners of the poster competition have been awarded with a book prize: **Eleanor - Year 6, Amelia - Year 5, Theo - Year 4** and all children who took part have received a sticker.

Thank you to one of our **Reception** families for donating fresh polish desert for snack time today. The children loved the sweetness of the apples and of course pancakes!

Year 6 have started by discussing their travel wish list and why languages are important. Now, they are locating countries using atlases.



New Behaviour Policy

At the termly Local Governing Body meeting, this week, the new behaviour policy was approved. The full policy is now available on the school website and can be found by following this link: [St Paul's Catholic Primary School: Statutory and School Policies](#)

Last week the winners of the extra play were **More**.

We believe the following rights and responsibilities are key to the success of our policy across school.

Rights	Responsibilities
All children have a right to learn in a safe, supportive environment.	Treat others and all property with respect and care.
Staff have a right to teach without disruption.	Follow instructions promptly and do your best work.
Parents have a right to be informed about their child's behaviour.	Accept responsibility for your actions and learning.

Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

All parents should now have received a letter, via email, regarding applying for a High School place. You should apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. You must apply by logging on to [Secondary School Admissions - Tameside MBC](#) and the closing date for applications is 31st October 2025. Parents are advised to watch the following video before applying:-

[Myth Busters on School Admissions](#)

Any applications received after this time will be dealt with as a late application.

Attendance & Punctuality

The aim for attendance of all classes to be above 95%. It is great to see that the overall attendance has improved with the vast majority of classes having attendance above 95%. Congratulations to Reception with outstanding attendance so far this year.

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
	96.6%	98.5%	94.5%	96.5%	97%	96.6%	98.0%	96.7%	96.8%
Punctuality so far this year	1.7%	0.85%	2.3%	1.9%	1.5%	2.3%	0.30%	2.4%	1.7%

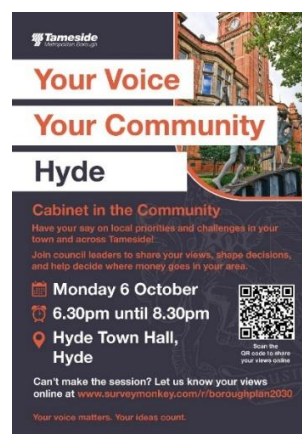
FOSP – SPUD Uniform Sale and Collection

Do you have any school uniform items in great preloved condition that your child no longer needs? We'd love your donations to help other families while promoting reuse and reducing waste. Come along to grab school uniform at a fraction of the price, help our school community, and support sustainability! Thank you for your generosity.



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary	
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

Community News



Industrial Action - The Bee Network

Staff at some Bee Network bus operators – First, Metrolink and Stagecoach – have announced strike action from **Tuesday 30 September to Thursday 2 October (inclusive)**

During this period of industrial action passengers can expect the following:

Impact on Services

- **Bus services not expected to run:** Around two-thirds of Bee Network buses will not operate, including some school services. Some early morning services on Friday 3 October may also be affected. A full list of impacted services will soon be available on the [dedicated page](#) on the TfGM website and customers can use the search function to quickly check if their bus is affected.
- **Trams and trains:** Metrolink and train services will operate as planned.

Ticket Acceptance

Passengers affected by industrial action with valid 7-day, 28-day, term-time or annual bus passes, as well as concessionary passes (including Our Pass), can use them across the three strike days on:

- The entire Metrolink network
- All Northern train services in affected areas
- TransPennine Express services between Greenfield and Manchester Piccadilly and from Castleton to Manchester Piccadilly

Travel Advice

- We are encouraging passengers to check before they travel and allow extra time for essential journeys.
- Services will be busier than normal; passengers should travel outside peak times (7–9am and 4–6pm) where possible.
- Local roads traffic and demand for hire bikes are likely to increase.

Further Information

A dedicated webpage has been set up at www.beenetwork.com/bus-industrial-action, which will soon include:

- A full list of affected services, Ticket acceptance details, Other travel advice

Passengers can also call the Bee Network Contact Centre on **0161 244 1000** (extended opening hours during strike days).