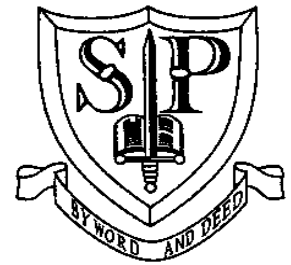


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Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to the start of the Spring Term. The children have quickly settled back into the routines of school life and have already produced some fantastic work based on their new learning. More information about the curriculum can be found by clicking on the relevant year group on the school website <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/curriculum-information/5603>

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Nursery	When I grow up	Dinosaur Roar
Reception	Polar Adventures	Are you there, Spring?
Year 1	Land Ahoy! (Geography)	
Year 2	Heroic Humans (Science and History)	
Year 3	Mighty Metals (Science & Geography)	
Year 4	Adventures in the Rainforest (Geography)	
Year 5	Vicious Vikings! The Viking and Anglo-Saxon Struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor (History)	
Year 6	Amazing Americas (Geography)	

Learning at St Paul's

Nursery have been enjoying their learning in the outdoors - Early years have been embracing the chill to explore all things winter.

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."

John Ruskin



Friends of St Paul's

Thanks to a number of Christmas fundraising events, raffles, Christmas Mingle and sweet sales the FOSP have raised £877.00. This is a tremendous amount and over the past term has been used to fund new furniture to support pupils with SEND, new glockenspiels and new IT equipment. The FOSP met together to discuss events for this term which will include a Smarties Challenge and an Easter fundraising event.

Reception Places – September 2024

The online portal is now open for applications for Reception 2024. The closing date for application is **15th January 2024**. Please be aware that we require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application. This should be brought to the school office before **Monday**.

Dinner Debts

A new policy has now been introduced and all debts must be cleared promptly. Thank you to those families who have been supportive of this new policy.

If your circumstances have changed, and you feel you may be entitled to **Free School Meal** please contact the school office who can check this out for you. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Attendance & Punctuality

Last Friday, we presented 113 attendance awards to children. We have also sent out letters to Parents where attendance has fallen below 90%. Certificates will be awarded again at the end of the Spring Term for those pupils who have **both** good attendance and good punctuality.

Award	Attendance	Punctuality	Number of Certificates presented
Gold	Attendance is 100%	Always in school on time	36
Silver	Attendance is 98% or higher	Very rarely late to school	44
Bronze	Attendance is 96% or higher	Very rarely late to school	33

Term Dates for the next academic year

Please note these are also available on the school website.

Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 25th October

HALF TERM

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

HALF TERM

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

HALF TERM

Monday 9th June – Thursday 24th July

INSET Days - Monday 2nd September 2024, Monday 6th January 2025, Friday 25th July 2025

Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May 2025

Cricket Coaching

This half term all of the children in Key Stage 2 are participating in the Chance to Shine project, through Cheshire Cricket Club. The children will receive one coaching session every Wednesday. This project will enable the children to participate in regular physical activity through learning cricket skills. It will also teach them key skills such as communication, perseverance and leadership and about respect and fair play.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week to enable them to participate.

If your child has enjoyed the coaching sessions and you would like your child to join a local cricket club then please speak to Mr Allen for more information.

Before & After School Clubs

There are still some places available on the Thursday morning **Dance Lessons for Key Stage 1** (7.55am to 8.45am) with Lianne, on the Thursday after school **Sports Session for Year 1** (3.15pm – 4.15pm) with Ryan and on the Tuesday morning **Fitness Fun for Year 3** (8.00am – 8.45am) with Mr Allen. If you would like a place for your child please speak to the staff in the school office.

Dates for your 2024 Diary	
Monday 15th January	Closing date for Reception applications
Wednesday 17th January	Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank
Tuesday 23rd January	Year 3 visit to The Marist Centre
	School Nurses to talk to Year 5 girls
Wednesday 24th January	Year 1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Wednesday 7th February	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – departure at 9.30am
Friday 9th February	EYFS Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
	Year 6 Return from Kingswood – approx. 3pm
	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 19th February	Return to School
Tuesday 20th February	Family Workshop for the Sacramental Programme at 6pm
Thursday 22nd February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Friday 23rd February	Little Bikers for Reception and Year 1
Friday 8th March	Year 2 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
	TCSSA Annual Swimming Gala - evening
Tuesday 12th March	TCSSA Cheerleading Competition
	Sacrament of First Forgiveness at St Paul's Church at 7pm
Wednesday 20th March	Class Photographs
Sunday 24th March	Start of Holy Week
Tuesday 26th March	FOSP – Spring Sing at 3.30pm
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Wednesday 10th April	Start of the Summer Term