

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*As there will be no newsletter next week I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school family a very happy and holy Christmas and a healthy new year. We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.*

### **Christmas Productions**

Congratulations to the children in Nursery and Reception for a wonderful performance on Tuesday morning this week. For such young children this was a great achievement to perform on stage. Well done to the Year 6 children who narrated the story too. On Wednesday and Friday morning it was the turn of Key Stage 1 who performed *A Midwife Crisis*. The children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all of the staff who prepared the children so well for the performances. Thank you also to all of the Parents and Grandparents who came along to watch each of the performances.

Thank you to the FOSP for organising the raffle at each of the performances and thanks to all who bought raffle tickets. Well done to all of the winners – we hope you enjoy your fizz and chocolates!

### **Key Stage 2 Carol Service**

All Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend the Key Stage 2 Carol Service on **Thursday** morning next week. This will start at **9.30am** and will take place in St Paul's Church. No tickets are required for this event. The children will be walking down to church from school shortly after registration. It is therefore important that your child arrives at school on time.

### **Advent - Nativity Scene**

This year, to celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, we are asking families to create a nativity scene together. Nativity Scenes will be blessed by Father Isidore at our whole school Mass on Tuesday 19th December. Please bring the nativity scene to school by Monday 18th December 2023 labelled with the name of your child or your family name.



### **Caritas Christmas Appeal – Christmas Jumper Appeal**

**Children are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday next week in support of the Caritas Christmas Appeal** - with your support Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury can continue to reflect the love of Christ. All donations received from the fundraising will go towards providing food, warm clothes, heating, lighting and toys to those on the poverty line. Thank you in advance for your support of this appeal.

### **Christmas Mass Times**

**Father Isidore would love to see some of the families at Mass each weekend. Here are the Christmas Mass times for your reference.**

**Christmas Vigil Mass** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St Mary's, Dukinfield at 5pm

St Paul's, Hyde at 6.30pm

**Christmas Day Masses**

St Mary's, Dukinfield at 9-30am

St Mary's, Dukinfield at 11-00am





## Friends of St Paul's – Christmas Mingle

On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, the FOSP, will be hosting the Christmas Mingle – there will be a guest appearance from Father Christmas, Refreshments, Stalls and a performance by the school choir. Doors will open at 3.30pm.

There will be a super raffle with some amazing prizes to be won including a Smart TV, a £100 Smyth's Toys voucher, Facial/Back Massage, Magnum of Prosecco, Chinese Share Boxes, Chocolate Hamper, Book Tokens, Vouchers for the Stable Gate, Denton, A meal for 2 at the Viceroy and Cup Cake Class vouchers. Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £1 per strip.

## Reception Places – September 2024

The online portal is now open for applications for Reception 2024. The closing date for application is **15<sup>th</sup> 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 the closing date in January. Please promote our lovely school with anyone who may be looking for a school place for September.

## Dinner Debts

We are rather concerned about an increasing number of dinner money debts. In January, we will be introducing a new policy and all debts must be cleared promptly. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to **Free School Meals** 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)

For those pupils currently entitled to Free School Meals we will be issuing vouchers to assist you with providing meals for your child over the Christmas holidays.

## Kingswood – February 2024

Please can all Parents kindly complete the online forms for Kingswood, so that we can share dietary requirements and any key medical information with Colomendy. If you haven't yet signed and returned the Code of Conduct please send in to school next week.

Mr Allen will be leading the trip and Miss Smith and Miss Girven will also be accompanying the children, along with two of the Governors, Mr Edwards and Ms Nicholson.

## Wednesday Word

Please see the link below for the Christmas edition of the Wednesday word. We hope that you will be able to spend some time with your child over the coming weeks to read and reflect on the messages of the Gospel Readings.

Link: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=114.2>

## Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Nursery with the highest attendance and excellent punctuality last week.

<i>Attendance &amp; Punctuality for week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023</i>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
<b>Attendance</b>	100%	97.59%	91.43%	97.20%	95.86%	91.56%	95.52%	90.65%	<b>94.98%</b>
<b>No of Lates</b>	0	1	8	3	4	4	5	2	

Next week we will be presenting certificates to pupils who have very little time off school and are rarely late.

Award	Attendance	Punctuality
Gold	Attendance is 100%	Always in school on time
Silver	Attendance is 98% or higher	Very rarely late to school
Bronze	Attendance is 96% or higher	Very rarely late to school

Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary	
November	Online applications open for Reception 2024 places
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Mass at 9am – Parents welcome FOSP Christmas Mingle – starting at 3.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Festive Fun Day! Christmas Jumper Day – <b>Donations for Caritas Christmas Appeal</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30am in St Paul's Church - Parents welcome Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Swimming starts
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Closing date for Reception applications
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Year 3 visit to The Marist Centre
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – departure at 9.30am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 6 Return from Kingswood – approx. 3pm Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Return to School

## Community News

### December news from Tameside Libraries



Remember this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Ready, Set, Read? The team are back for a **Winter Mini Challenge** perfect for keeping children reading during the Christmas holidays! The challenge is all online so it's easy for children to sign up and read any books they have at home as well as borrowed from the library, and library ebooks and eaudiobooks from Borrowbox count for the challenge too!

All the information is on our website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/news7> and

we've also got some **family activities** in the run up to Christmas to support the Winter Mini

Challenge theme. Attached is a poster with all the details; these activities are free to attend and there's no need to book, just come along on the day.

Children and families can join Tameside Libraries to get a library card at any of our 8 branches, full details are available on our website:

[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens)

**Christmas Arrangements** All libraries will be closed from their usual hours on Saturday 23 December until they open again on Tuesday 2 January 2024 with the current opening hour arrangements from each venue. Open+ is not available during the Christmas break.

December 2023  
Free, unlimited ebook and eaudiobook titles from Tameside Libraries

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