

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

### **Special Friends Assembly**

It was lovely to welcome so many Parents to the annual Special Friends assembly on Wednesday morning. During this event, each Year 6 child was paired with a Reception pupil, who will be their Special Friend throughout the year, spending time together in class and at lunchtime.

Thank you to the Year 6 and Reception pupils and staff who led the readings, songs and actions at the Assembly. Your effort, enthusiasm, and creativity truly shone through, making the event a memorable experience for everyone. It was wonderful to see how well you engaged with your special friends and highlighted the importance of friendship.

We also want to extend our thanks to the **Friends of St Paul's** (FOSP) for your generous book donations for the children in Reception. Your support is invaluable and helps foster a love of reading among our youngest learners. The children enjoyed sharing the new books with their special friends, and your contributions will make a significant difference in their learning journey. We really appreciate your continued commitment to enhancing our school community.

### **Family Fast Day**

Today, we invited the children to go without a snack and give a donation to **CAFOD**. In our assembly on Monday we thought about how we can support those in need by carrying out very small actions including giving a small donation to Cafod. Payments can still be made via School Spider. Thank you for your generous donations today.



### **Parking**

We would like to bring to your attention the parking issues around our school. With an increasing number of cars parked on Turner Lane, access has become challenging, especially for emergency vehicles. To ensure the safety of our children and maintain clear access for emergency services, we kindly ask that families consider walking to school whenever possible. If you need to drive, please use the car park off Regency Gardens. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will help us keep our school environment safe for everyone.

### **Year 1 Class Mass**

On Tuesday morning at 9am Year 1 will be leading the readings and prayers at a whole school Mass. Parents and Parishioners are welcome to join us for this.

### **Sports Report**

Congratulations to the girls' football team who put on a brilliant display against a very good Discovery Academy team on Thursday night. The girls played incredibly well - winning 4-1! Well done to Lacey, Lexie (who scored twice) and Emmy who all got on the score sheet.

Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support. On to the next round!

Thank you to Mr Allen for training and accompanying the girls to the match.



Looking so smart and happy in their new kit!

## Learning at St Paul's

This week the children in **Reception** have been busy developing their mark making skills. The children have also starting joining the rest of the school for the Friday celebration assembly. We have been very impressed with their listening skills and excellent behaviour.



## Parents Evenings

All Parents are invited to attend Parents Evening appointments. These meetings give you an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher for a 10-minute appointment. We have added Parents evenings to the diary dates section of the newsletter. You only need to attend on one of the evenings not both nights. Booking takes place through the school spider and booking slots will be released after the half term break.

## Two Lunchtime Organiser Vacancies

We are looking to appoint 1 x Lunchtime Organiser on a fixed-term contract basis initially for 12 months, and 1 x Lunchtime Organiser on a permanent basis. This will be to supervise children in the dining areas and elsewhere as required. The hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 11.40am – 12.50pm, or 12.10pm - 13.20pm.

The main duties of the role are:

- To help create an atmosphere so that the meal and lunchtime recreation is a pleasant experience for the children and staff
- To take students who have minor accidents or are unwell to the School Business Manager or other nominated colleague, for first aid where necessary, and if first aid is not necessary, to comfort and reassure them.

The successful candidate will:

- Establish a good rapport with the children in your care
- Be professional, and friendly, patient and understanding towards the students
- Be flexible, motivated and able to follow instructions and remain calm in difficult circumstances
- Be able to adapt and respond appropriately to challenging situations
- Be open to new ideas, committed to working as part of a team & of course have a good sense of humour
- Have strong moral and ethical principles and values

We can offer the successful candidate:

- An opportunity to work within a welcoming and enthusiastic environment with wonderful children, supportive staff, governors and parents
- Close links and group support from an expanding multi-academy Trust
- An opportunity to be part of a team of dedicated, talented and hardworking individuals
- Entry into the Local Government Pension Scheme
- A true commitment to Continuing Professional Development

Further information about the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust can be found at: <https://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk> If you would like to apply for the position, application packs are available from the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust's website: <https://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies/> You should complete the CES Application Form for Support Staff and return it by e-mail to [recruitment@corpuschristitrust.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@corpuschristitrust.co.uk)

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest attendance and best punctuality with no children arriving late last week. We are committed to promoting excellent attendance and punctuality, as these are key to a successful school experience. If your child will be absent, kindly inform the school office before 9am. Thank you for your co-operation and support in helping our students make the most of their school day. Please note that holidays during term-time will not be authorised and may incur a fine.

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Overall</b>
<b>Late arrivals</b>	2	4	2	3	2	0	1	5	19
<b>Attendance</b>	91.03%	93.33%	96.55%	94.62%	96.9%	98%	93.75%	91.33%	94.44%

### **Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School**

We know that many of you have been busy attending the opening evenings of the local high schools. All parents must apply for a place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> by the closing date of **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

<b>Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary</b>	
<b>Please make a note of any key dates, but please be aware that on occasion dates may need to change</b>	
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Whole school Mass led by Year 1 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu immunisation
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Boys Football Match v Godley
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Year 3 Visit to Longdendale Environmental Centre
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome TCSSA Tag Rugby
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for Half-term
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Closing date for Secondary School applications
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Return to School
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Freshwater Theatre Company for Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
<b>Early November</b>	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole School Mass led by Year 6 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome Worship Leaders at the annual SVP Mass at 11am TCSSA Indoor Football Competition
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Worship Leaders out with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Staff INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Back to school – start of the Spring Term