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Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Catholic Schools Inspection Report

We were delighted with the outcome of the recent inspection here at St Paul's. We received an overall judgement of **outstanding**. A few highlights from the report include: -

There is a tangible sense of welcome in this loving school.

Pupils ask insightful questions and show mature and deep reflection in response to teacher's questions.

Relationships at all levels are a strength of the school.

The behaviour of pupils is exemplary.

Many thanks to those Parents who also contributed to this fabulous report and to your children who we have the pleasure of teaching. They certainly made the inspectors feel very welcome at St Paul's and were very open with their responses to questions asked of them.

Father Denis

We are deeply saddened to announce the death of Father Denis Maher, our former parish priest, who served our community with dedication and love. He touched many lives with his compassionate spirit, sense of humour and unwavering faith. We ask that you remember him and his family in your prayers.



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Mrs Prince

Next week, Mrs Prince, our school caretaker will retire from her post. Thursday will be her last day at school. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service to St Paul's. Her hard work and care have made a lasting impact on our community, and she will be greatly missed by many. From keeping our school clean and safe to always having a friendly welcome at the gate, she has made a difference to the lives of so many children and staff. On behalf of the children, staff, parents and governors we would like to wish Mrs Prince a very long and happy retirement.

Staffing News

On Monday, we will welcome Mr Hallam to the staff team as our new school caretaker. His role is vital in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all members of our school family. I am sure that you will welcome him and we very much look forward to working with him.

Learning at St Paul's

This week, **Nursery** have been having a lovely time making and eating pumpkin soup!



Sports Report

Last Friday, the boys' football team played in the first round of the Tameside cup against Godley Community Primary Academy. There was some excellent football on show from both schools and the game ebbed and flowed throughout. With seconds to go, St. Paul's were 4-3 down and with the last kick of the game, we scored directly from a corner. Unfortunately, we lost the game in extra time, but the boys' played brilliantly. Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support the children. Thanks also to Mr Allen for the time he dedicates to sport at St Paul's.



Headteachers Learning Walk

On Wednesday morning this week we welcomed the headteachers from the local Catholic Schools – St Mary's, St Peter's and St Raphael's who visited each of the classrooms and talked to the children about their learning. They too were exceptionally complimentary about the behaviour and learning at St Paul's. The children are always so friendly and welcoming towards visitors at school and enjoy sharing their beautiful work and ideas.

Keeping your child well this winter

As winter approaches, coughs and colds will likely affect us all. Young children can be prone to infections, particularly in winter, as their immune systems are still developing. This leaflet will provide information on some of the most common infections during the winter period, what symptoms to look out for and what treatment is available. If you ever become concerned about your child's health, seek advice from your **pharmacist, NHS 111** or **GP surgery**. We hope you will find the following leaflet helpful in keeping your child well this winter.



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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.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest attendance and the 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 on the first day of absence. 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.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals	1	6	1	5	2	0	6	3	24
Attendance	88.28%	89.47%	93.1%	96.92%	88.21%	97.67%	96.56%	90.67%	95.61%

Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

All parents must apply for a place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> by the closing date of **31st October 2024**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Holiday Clubs

More information can be found at www.pas.uk.com

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GLOSOP
ST ANDREWS

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Booking Page

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IN YOUR AREA

Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

Please make a note of any key dates, but please be aware that on occasion dates may need to change

Tuesday 22nd October	Year 3 Visit to Longdendale Environmental Centre
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome TCSSA Tag Rugby Competition at St Christopher’s, Ashton-under-Lyne
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half-term
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 4th November	Return to School
Tuesday 5th November	Freshwater Theatre Company for Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places
Tuesday 12th November	Whole School Mass led by Year 6 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome Worship Leaders at the annual SVP Mass at 11am TCSSA Indoor Football Competition
Wednesday 13th November	Worship Leaders out with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team
Monday 18th November	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 21st November	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 27th November	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Tuesday 3rd December	School Nursing Team visit to Reception – handwashing & oral hygiene
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term