



Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

Year 4 Class Assembly

Well done to the Year 4 children who led a fabulous class assembly on Wednesday morning. With great enthusiasm, the children shared so many aspects of their learning across the curriculum. All of the children sang a number of songs that they had been taught during this term as well as providing accompaniment with the glockenspiels. Thank you to those parents who came along to join us and thank you for the lovely feedback through the school spider survey too.



BBC 500 Word Competition

Today, Miss Smith led an assembly to introduce the BBC 500 Words competition. There were so many creative, though-provoking, passionate, and hilarious ideas for the stories that the children want to write at home. More information about the competition, and inspiration, can be found on the BBC 500 Words website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>. The deadline is 9pm on Friday 8th November. The stories need to be submitted by parents and carers at home, but, if at all possible, I would love to see examples of the stories that have been written as well-just because it brightens my day.

Reading Stars

This year we are promoting a love of reading by awarding a half-termly book prize to children who have shown exceptional enthusiasm and achievement in reading. Whether it's diving into a new book, reading regularly at home or sharing their love of stories with others, these students have truly shone. Congratulations to all of the reading stars for this half term.

Autumn 1 – Reading Stars							
Nursery	Rory	Reception	William	Year 1	Rory	Year 2	Joseph
Year 3	Nana	Year 4	Grace	Year 5	Barney	Year 6	Dola

Year 3 Educational Visit

Written by Georgie

On Tuesday we went to Longdendale Environmental Centre on our trip. In the centre we pretended to be igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. Then we went for a walk to see what rocks were used for and where they came from. They were used for making buildings and also the reservoir that we get all of our water at home from!

After lunch we learnt about soil. We even tried to make some soil out of moss, sticks and grass but we didn't have time - it takes years to decompose!

Written by Thomas P

I really enjoyed the trip because I got to learn about fossils and different rocks. My favourite thing was digging the soil and finding worms; the worm poo is like a moisturiser for the soil! I really liked mashing the moss and sticks to try to make a bit of soil.

Thank you to the staff and Parents who accompanied the children to Longdendale.



Happy Retirement - Mrs Prince

Yesterday, we held a special assembly for Mrs Prince. The children shared their memories, and we thanked her for 35 years of dedicated service to St Paul's. Thank you to the former staff, Parents, and Governors who joined us to celebrate Mrs Prince's work. On behalf of the children, staff, parents, and governors, we would like to wish Mrs Prince a very happy and healthy retirement.

Sports Report

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday night, the tag rugby team played in the Tameside Catholic Schools tag rugby competition. The children played well against some very strong teams and finished 4th in their group. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to support the team.

Football

Good luck to the girls' football team, who are playing in the second round of the Tameside schools cup this afternoon.

Hyde United

We would like to thank all of the children and parents who took up the free ticket offer for the Hyde United game last Saturday. Mr Rothwell wanted to pass on his thanks to all the children for cheering on the team to a 3-2 victory and representing the school during the half time penalty shootout! We hope you enjoyed the game and are able to attend many more in the future.

Thank you to Mr Rothwell for facilitating this opportunity for the children and their families.

Month of Remembrance – November

The month of Remembrance is the special time of year when we remember all who have died. Poppies and other items will be on sale when we return after the half term break.

Poppies – 50p Snap Bands - £1.50 Wrist Bands - £1.50 Reflectors - £1.50 Zip pulls – 50p

There are only a limited number of items available. Please ensure that you send your child with the correct change.

Free School Meals

Once again, we have issued £10 vouchers to all of the families with children who are entitled to benefits related free school meals. You should have received your voucher through the school spider email communication system.

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 Nursery with the highest attendance 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	4	3	4	2	3	5	9	31
Attendance	98.62%	93.46%	90.34%	97.73%	94.64%	96.00%	96.25%	95.67%	95.34%

Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

If you haven't already applied for a Secondary School don't forget as the closing date falls during half term, **31st October 2024**. <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

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

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
Friday 8th November	Closing date for BBC 500 words writing competition
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