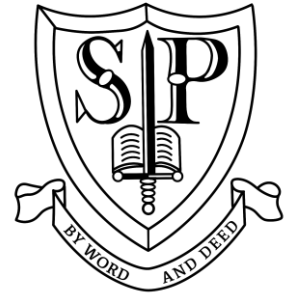


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## Newsletter

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

*Parents and Parishioners are welcome to the Whole School Class Mass on Tuesday morning when the readings will be led by Year 6.*

### **Parents Evenings**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

As you are probably already aware from school spider communications and previous newsletters, online bookings for parents' evenings are now open. Parents meetings will give you an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher for a 10-minute appointment. We ask that wherever possible children do not attend the appointments with their parents. All parents should sign in at the entrance to the hall where you will be directed to look at your child's work prior to meeting the class teacher. Both Miss Flynn and Mr Allen will be available on the Monday and Thursday should you wish to speak to either of them.

### **Year 3 Stone Age Workshop**

**Our Fantastic Stone Age Workshop by Dexter.**

On Tuesday, Year 3 were lucky enough to have a workshop to enjoy. Do you want to find out more information? Carry on reading!

In the beginning, we made a timeline to put the three periods on the timeline. We did the Palaeolithic, the Mesolithic and the Neolithic. I could not absolutely believe how long it actually was. I was so focused.

After we had done, we time travelled back in time to the Stone Age. I was amazed at what I saw. We sharpened stones, made tools, hunted animals and flattened sea creatures.

Finally, we travelled back to 2024. What an exciting trip to the Stone Age. The best part was when we ate stew. I felt shocked. I hope I get to go to the Stone Age again.



### **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 are now on sale.

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.



### **Mr Hallam**

I am sure you have spotted Mr Hallam on your way in to school as he stands at the gate each morning or as he is busy working each day. This week, thanks to Mr Hallam, we have introduced a new award – the tidiest classroom award. Each week Mr Hallam and Miss Lythgoe will choose a class who will be awarded a trophy to keep for the week. You never know this may even inspire some children to keep their bedroom tidy at home too!

### **Sports Update**

The girls' football team travelled to St. Thomas More on Tuesday night to take part in the TCSSA indoor football competition. The girls played really well against some tough opposition – finishing 4<sup>th</sup> on the night. Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support the girls.



### **Year 3 Parents – Sacramental Programme**

Today we have circulated an email and a Sacramental Programme application form. We would like to invite Parents to an initial meeting. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in school.

This initial meeting is just for Parents. We hope that you will be able to join us at the start of this important faith journey for your child.

### **School Building Fund**

Thank you to those families who have already contributed to the school building fund. Voluntary donations are being requested from all parents with children in our school. The Fund is of great importance in helping meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects and managing property, as it enables schools to be able to take advantage of Government funding. The voluntary contributions made by parents in respect of children attending our schools play a vital role in this. If you haven't made a payment and would like to contribute this can now be done through the school spider payments application.

### **Year 6 Parents – Kingswood**

Just a reminder to Year 6 Parents that you can pay for Kingswood through instalments. The second payment is now due. The total cost of the residential is £158.00. We will be holding a meeting for Parents on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm.

### **Nursery Places – September 2025**

The online form is now open for applications <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938> for Nursery places for September 2025. The closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**. Please be aware that we also 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 2025. Please promote our lovely school with anyone you may know who may be looking for a nursery place for September. Visits to school can be arranged through the school office.

### **Reception Places – September 2025**

The online portal <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa> is now open for applications for Reception 2025. The closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. 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 2025. Please promote our lovely school with anyone you may know who may be looking for a school place for September. Visits to school can be arranged through the school office.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Congratulations to Year 2 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	0	3	2	2	1	3	3	8	22
Attendance	80.69%	94.62%	93.79%	97.41%	97.14%	92.00%	93.75%	90.33%	92.47%

## 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**

<b>Now</b>	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places <a href="https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa">https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa</a>
<b>Now</b>	Online applications open for Nursery 2025 places <a href="https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938">https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938</a>
<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, Church of Our Lady of the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Worship Leaders out with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team at St Mary's Church, Dukinfield
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Girls Football match v St James
	Initial Meeting for the Sacramental Programme
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</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>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	School Nursing Team visit to Reception – handwashing & oral hygiene Parents welcome to talk to School Nursing Team with a focus on Toilet Training 2.30pm
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Kingswood Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Mass led by Year 3 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome (Ticket information to follow) Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm – Parents welcome (Ticket information to follow)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome (Ticket information to follow)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day for Children FOSP Christmas Event
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30am 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