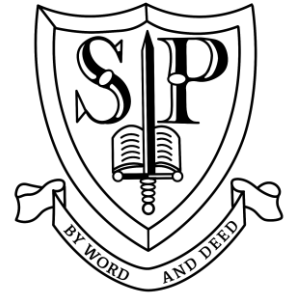


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LIVING OUR FAITH



Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

Parents and Parishioners are welcome to join us for 9am Mass on Tuesday morning. We would welcome any donations of chocolate for the **FOSP Christmas Mingle** – these can be brought into school next week.

Christmas Productions

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Parents to school for the Christmas productions when **Early Years** and **Key Stage 1** children will perform their nativities.

EYFS: **Shine Star Shine** - Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am

Key Stage 1: **The Innkeeper's Cat** - Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

Key Stage 1: **The Innkeeper's Cat** – Friday 13th December at 9.30am

Please ensure that you bring your tickets with you to the performances. Prams and buggies need to be left outside the main entrance away from fire exits and doors. We also ask that you remain seated throughout the performance.

There will be a raffle at each of the performances next week so don't forget to bring some money along with you.

****Please note that for all events any photographs or videos taken must be for your own personal use and images of other children must not be posted on any social networking sites. Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this matter.****

We apologise that for some performances we were unable to accommodate additional ticket requests. If you have received any tickets that you are no longer able to use please kindly return them to the school office.

Advent Bambinelli

Thank you to those families who have been busy making a Bambinelli. Families are invited to make a Bambinelli together. The Bambinelli is an Italian word that means "little baby". It is also the name of a Catholic tradition that involves bringing Baby Jesus figurines to be blessed by the Pope on the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday:



The Bambinelli will then be blessed by Father Isidore at our KS2 Carol Service on **Friday 20th December 2024**. The hope would be that families will then have a blessed Bambinelli to share prayers at home at Christmas time. If possible, we would like to also try and tie in Stewardship and encourage the use of recycled items to make them.



Before School Dance Club

On Thursday 12th December, we will be holding a before school dance performance for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Due to the Key Stage 1 production, on **Friday 13th December, the KS2 before school club will be cancelled**. We are inviting Parents of pupils attending both Thursday and Friday's Dance Club to join us at 8.15am on Thursday 12th December to watch the performances.

Kingswood - February 2025

Thank you to those families who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend please check your emails and complete the online forms. We ask that all forms are completed by **Friday 13th December**. **Please be aware the final balance is due by Monday 9th December**. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to speak to Mr Allen or Miss Flynn.

Visit from the School Nursing Team

On Tuesday afternoon, the school nursing team came to school to talk to the children in Reception about handwashing and dental hygiene. The nurses showed us how to wash our hands correctly. We sprayed glitter foam on our hands and if it glowed, that meant our hands were not clean!

We also learned about healthy foods and how to brush our teeth properly.



NHS GM Primary
Care Health Services

Handy Health Reference Guide

Primary Care: Get to know where to go is a handy reference guide intended to give an overview of primary care services and help families get the care they need from the right people, in the right place, at the right time. It's a busy time of year for all the bugs, coughs and colds at the moment so hopefully good timing for families! Winter is also a time of year when NHS services come under increased pressure so we hope you may find this handy NHS guide helpful.

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 **31st 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.

SEND Survey

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities?

Tell us what you think.

Complete the survey by 20 December.

Tameside
Metropolitan Borough



2024 SEND Parent/Carer Survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVQF5ZZ>

2024 SEND Children and Young Person's Voice Survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVM5MS6>



Nasal Flu Vaccination – Catch up session on Tuesday 10th December

Intrahealth will attend school for a catch-up session for any pupils who were absent on the last visit. If you have had your child vaccinated in the meantime or would now like your child to be vaccinated please let Intrahealth know on 03333583397 to avoid a double vaccination.

Friends of St Paul's

On Wednesday 18th December, the FOSP will be holding a Christmas Mingle. Refreshments will be available with stalls, a tombola, Guest appearance from Father Christmas and we will also be selling raffle tickets for each of the colour hampers. We hope you are able to join us for this event.

Next week, **the FOSP are requesting donations of chocolates for the tombola**. Please send in any donations with your child next week.

Christmas Card Competition

Simply ICT provide reliable and cost-effective IT support to St Paul's and have done for many years. Children are invited to enter the competition. Good luck! The closing date for entries is Friday 13th December.



Christmas Card Competition

This year at Simply ICT Solutions Ltd we're running a Christmas competition for primary school children in Tameside, Manchester, Stockport, Trafford and Oldham to design an **ICT themed** Christmas card.

There will be 3 categories,

- EYFS
- KS1
- KS2

To enter, either the pupils school, parent or guardian can share the design on X or Facebook. Be sure to tag us and the school, mention the category they're entering along with #SimplyICTChristmasCard and give us a follow as well.

A winner from each category will be selected on the 13th December and each will receive a £25 Entertainer Toy shop gift voucher

www.simplyictsolutions.com/xmas2024

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 **15th 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 Reception with 100% attendance and to Year 1 with no late arrivals last week. Overall attendance improved to above 96%. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school and on time each and every day.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals last week	3	8	0	6	2	5	1	4	29
Attendance last week	98.67%	100%	95.71%	94.81%	98.21%	96.55%	98.44%	88.67%	96.38%

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

Now	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa
Now	Online applications open for Nursery 2025 places https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938
Tuesday 10th December	Whole School Mass at 9am led by Year 3 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome Enrolment Mass for Year 3 pupils on the Sacramental Programme 2024.
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome Don't forget your tickets!
	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm – Parents welcome Don't forget your tickets!
Thursday 12th December	KS1 & KS2 Dance Performance for Parents at 8.15am
Friday 13th December	No Before School Dance Club today
	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome Don't forget your tickets!
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Children
	FOSP Christmas Event
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30am – St Paul's Church All welcome – no tickets required
	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term

Community News

'Cuppa and Chat'

Parent/Carer Engagement Events

The 'Cuppa and Chat' events are an open forum for parents/carers, Tameside SEND staff, and local area partnership representatives to discuss parents' experiences and concerns regarding SEND services.

Date and Time	Location
Monday 9th December 2024 @ 10am	Itrain Dukinfield
Friday 14th February 2025 @ 11am	Active Oxford Park
Wednesday 30th April 2025 @ 2pm	Cromwell school Café
Thursday 5th June 2025 @ 1pm	Active Hyde
Monday 14th July 2025 @ 10am	Active Copley Stalybridge

