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Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Friends of St Paul's

On **Wednesday**, the FOSP will be holding a Christmas Mingle, starting at 3.15pm. 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.



We would still welcome any donations of chocolates on Monday.

We will start to sell Raffle Tickets for the Colour Hampers on Monday at a cost of £1.00 a strip.

EYFS Nativity

Congratulations to the children in Nursery and Reception for a lovely EYFS performance of ***Shine Star, Shine*** on Wednesday morning this week. I'm so glad that the children were able to help the star to shine with such wonderful singing and acting. The children all looked happy and confident on the stage.

A special thank you to the Year 6 children Lacey, Thea-Rose, Jennah, Heath and Lucia who narrated the story so well and to Rohan W who also took responsibility for the music.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

Well done to the children in Year 1 and 2 for their performances of ***The Landlord's Cat*** on Wednesday and Friday this week. A beautiful re-telling of the Nativity story told from the viewpoint of the cat, who really did know everything! Such great singing, dancing and amazing costumes made for two very special performances.

Thank you to the Friends of St Paul's who organised and sold the Raffle tickets at each of the performances. Thanks to all who bought tickets and congratulations to the winners – we hope you enjoy your fizz or chocolates!

Key Stage 2 Carol Service

All Parents, Carers and Grandparents are welcome to attend the Key Stage 2 Carol Service at **9.30am** in St Paul's Church on **Friday** morning. The children will be walking down to church shortly after registration so we ask that all children arrive at school on time. This is always a very special event and I'm sure you will not be disappointed if you are able to join us.

The children will take their **Advent Baminelli** to church on Friday and these will be blessed by Father Isidore.

Thank you to the Staff Team

Thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard preparing the children for each of the performances across school. An awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that we are able to share the Christmas stories so beautifully with our families.

St Paul's Parish Carol Service

On Sunday afternoon at 3pm St Paul's Parish will be hosting a Christmas Carol Service, with some of the Key Stage 2 children leading readings. Families are invited to go along and join in with the Carol Singing. All are welcome afterwards for refreshments and cake. Thank you to Mrs Calderbank for accompanying the children at this event.



Kingswood Payments

Please can all Parents kindly ensure that the full payment is made for Kingswood as payments are now overdue. We appreciate that finances may be stretched at this time of year so if you do need any support with payments please speak to myself or Mr Allen and we will see what we can do to help.

Thanks to those who have completed their online forms - if you haven't done so, please complete by next Wednesday at the very latest as we need to share any key information with Kingswood.

Christmas Mass Times

Father Isidore would love to see families at mass each weekend. Here are the Christmas Mass times for your reference:-

- Tuesday 24th December 5pm, Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass, St Mary's Church
- Tuesday 24th December 6:30pm, Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass, St Paul's Church
- Wednesday 25th December 9:00am, Nativity of the Lord – Dawn Mass, St Paul's Church
- Wednesday 25th Dec 10:30am, Nativity of the Lord – Mass during the day, St Mary's Church



Thank you to those families who have volunteered their children to play the parts of Mary and Joseph at the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Paul's church.

Year 3 Mass



Thank you to the Year 3 children who led the Readings and prayers at the whole school Mass on Tuesday morning. Eleven children were also enrolled on the Sacramental Programme and we look forward to continuing to support them on their journey of faith throughout this year as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist in 2025.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday** next week, children and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers. To keep things simple, we just ask that children wear their Christmas jumper in place of their school jumper so they can continue to wear their usual school trousers or skirts. **Donations are welcome to Caritas of Shrewsbury.** All donations received will go towards providing food, warm clothes and heating to those who may be in need at this time. Thank you in advance for your support of this appeal.

Before School Dance Club

Congratulations to all of the members of the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 dance clubs for their fabulous performances on Thursday morning. Thank you to all of the Parents who came along too – we hope that you enjoyed the performance.

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.

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.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 4 with highest attendance last week. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school and on time each and every day. We hope that the new year will bring good health to all so that overall attendance improves.

Next week, we will be awarding certificates to those children who have had good attendance and punctuality throughout the Autumn Term.

Award	Attendance	Punctuality
Gold	Attendance is 100%	Always in school on time
Silver	Attendance is 98% or higher	Very rarely late to school
Bronze	Attendance is 96% or higher	Very rarely late to school

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals last week	1	4	6	6	2	3	4	9	35
Attendance last week	95.33%	93.6%	97.14%	95.93%	96.43%	97.59%	91.88%	90.67%	94.82%

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
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Children FOSP Christmas Event
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30am – St Paul’s Church All welcome – no tickets required Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
Thursday 9 th January	Before School Dance Club starts for Y1 to Y3
Friday 10 th January	Before School Dance Club starts for Y4 to Y6
Tuesday 14 th January	Year 4 Class Mass
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 3 Visit to the Laudate Si Centre
Friday 24 th January	Year of Jubilee
Wednesday 29 th January	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome

As there will be no newsletter next week I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school family a very happy and holy Christmas and a healthy new year.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th January 2025.