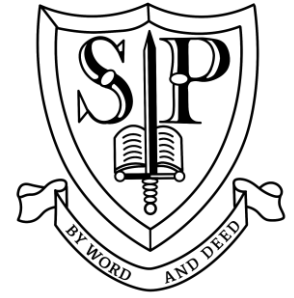


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LIVING OUR FAITH



Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025

Start of Lent – Wednesday 5th March

This week in assembly we talked about the significance of **Lent**. Like Spring, Lent is also a season of hope. There are three things that we are asked to follow in Lent that help us be signs of hope in the world. They are: prayer, fasting and charity. Pope Francis has also asked us to be **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee Year. On **Ash Wednesday** each of the classes participated in a special celebration of the word. We hope that you find the time to read the Wednesday Word, shared via email each week, so that it may help you to focus on the Gospel Readings, during the season of Lent.

Sacramental Programme

The Year 3 children who are enrolled on the Sacramental Programme will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday 11th March at *6pm in school**. Please ensure that you arrive at school in good time before the service starts. The children do not need to wear their uniform for this celebration. Family members are welcome to attend. We ask that you keep the Year 3 children in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

*Please note the change of time and location for this special celebration.

Parents Evenings

Bookings are now open for the Spring Term Parents Evenings that will take place on **Monday 17th March** and **Thursday 20th March**. Bookings can only be made on the School Spider app. Thank you to those Parents who have already booked an appointment. We hope that all Parents will take this opportunity to meet their child's class teacher, look at your child's work and receive an update on their progress. If your child has Special Educational Needs this is also an opportunity to discuss their Individual Learning Plan.

Before and After School Club Provision

We have had a number of enquiries about Before and After School Club Provision and this has been discussed by the Governing Body. It is something that the school are currently looking into, however we need to ensure that any provision we offer is aligned with St Paul's values, policies and educational ethos.

Learning at St Paul's

Reception enjoyed their learning on Tuesday this week as they celebrated Shrove Tuesday!

Miss Boyd and the Reading Champions led an author spotlight assembly for **Key Stage 2** children on Tuesday morning. The assembly certainly inspired the children to select new books to read written by Michael Morpurgo.



World Book Day

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in school. It was wonderful to see so many children reading and talking about their favourite books. Thank you to all of the children (and staff) who came dressed in something comfy to read in or dressed as their favourite character. It certainly goes a long way to promoting that love for reading.

We went down to Nursery to read to the children and show them the characters we were dressed as. We watched the Big Live Read assembly and learnt about the different genres of books that we could read and their features. (Nola Year 5)



Caretaker

Mr Hallam will be leaving on Monday. We thank him for his work at St Paul's and wish him well for his return to his previous post.

Friends of St Paul's Meeting

On Wednesday at 5pm the Friends of St Paul's will be meeting to discuss current and future fundraising events and ideas. All are welcome to attend this informal meeting held in school. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

Dogs

We know that dogs play an important part in family lives, however we would like to take this opportunity to remind all Parents/Carers that dogs are **not** allowed on school sites. This includes dogs being carried. We ask that all parents adhere to this guidance to ensure the safety of all on the school site.



Nursery Places – September 2025

The online form is open for applications <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938> for Nursery places for September 2025. We offer 30 hours teacher led provision in the Nursery. We are also able to offer provision for children in the term after their 3rd birthday. Please speak to the school office if you have any queries about nursery provision. We also require additional evidence such as birth and baptismal certificates to accompany your online application.

Changes to Parent Payments – Arbor Parent Portal

Over the coming week, you will receive a welcome email from Arbor, who manage the school information systems, inviting you to join our new parent portal and app. This will replace the School Spider payment app from Monday 24th March. Through this app you will be able to make payments and book clubs and trips. Over time further features will also be added to the app/portal. More information will follow in due course. If you have any questions/queries please speak to the school office.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest attendance from 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.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals	7	6	1	5	2	2	3	13	39
Attendance	97.1%	90.8%	99.3%	99.6%	98.2%	97.0%	93.4%	95%	96.3%

Dates for your 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 Nursery 2025 places https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938
Monday 10th March	Science & Geography focus week
Tuesday 11th March	Whole School Mass with Readings led by Year 5 at 9am Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at 6pm
Wednesday 12th March	Little Bikers for Reception Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5 Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6 TCCSA Cheerleading Competition – pm FOSP Meeting at 5pm – all welcome
Friday 14th March	Wild Roadshow for Year 1 and Year 4 TCCSA Swimming Gala – Wellness Centre, Denton
Monday 17th March	Bookstart Session for Nursery Children and Parents at 9.15am Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 18th March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 19th March	Little Bikers for Reception Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5 Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Thursday 20th March	Fire Service Visit to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 26th March	Little Bikers for Reception
Wednesday 2nd April	Little Bikers for Reception Active Body – Active Mind for Year 5 Cricket Coaching for Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Y6
Friday 4th April	Lenten Prayer Trail Break up for Easter holidays at 3.15pm
Tuesday 16th April	Offer Day for Primary School Admissions
Friday 18th April	Good Friday
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday
Saturday 10th May	First Holy Communion at St Paul’s Church
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 21st May	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 9th June	Return to school Year 1 Phonics Screening Check & Year 2 Phonics Screening Re-checks Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 Transition Day