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Newsletter

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The Big Lent Walk

Next **Tuesday 1st April**, the children will be taking part in **The Big Lent Walk** in school. Each class will be given a time slot to walk as many kilometres as they possibly can around the school grounds. Our aim is to complete 200km as a school, but we think that our active children will break this target with ease.

We are aware that it might not be easy for families to donate much at this time, but anything that you can spare will go towards our school target of £500. Thank you to those families who have already donated. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

To make it easier for families to donate and share with

relatives, this year, we will be using JustGiving in conjunction with CAFOD to collect the donations. Also, the kilometre route will be available (weather permitting) at the end of the day so that families can also take part in the walk. If you are able to donate for *The Big Lent Walk* <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-pauls-big-lent-walk2025>



TCSSA Prayer Competition

The Tameside Catholic School Sports Association organise a variety of school sporting competitions throughout the year. This year is the 50th anniversary of the association and to mark that event, children are invited to write a prayer that will inspire athletes and foster a spirit of sportsmanship and faith. Thank you to those who have entered so far. Three winners will be chosen from each participating school with one overall winner celebrated at the end. The winning prayer will then become the TCSSA Sports Events Prayer. Prayers should be submitted to Mr Allen by **Tuesday 1st April**.

Parents Evenings

We have now re-arranged the Parents Evenings for Year 5. The meetings with Mrs Shackleton will now take place on **Wednesday 23rd April 2025** from 3.20pm to 6pm. Booking should be made in the usual way through school spider app.

PE Kits

PE is in an important part of the school curriculum. An increasing number of children have been unable to participate in the weekly PE lessons as they do not have their PE kit. Please can all Parents ensure that their child has a full PE kit in school so that they don't miss out on active learning. We thought it may help if you know which days your child has PE lessons next week.

Nursery	PE kit not required	Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Thursday	Year 2	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday	Year 4	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday & Thursday Friday (swimming)	Year 6	Wednesday & Thursday

Class Photographs

Class photographs have been taken and your child will have brought home a flyer with a QR code. If you wish to order the picture please place your order before **Sunday 6th April** to benefit from free postage.

Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that the Governors have appointed Mrs Calderbank, our current Nursery teacher, to a permanent teaching position within school.

Learning at St Paul's

Thank you to the Worship Leaders who led the Celebration of the word for the Reception children. The children led the session beautifully and Reception showed great respect and excellent listening skills.

TTRS Competition

Our Easter TTRS battle is starting today at 3:30pm until 8:30am next Friday. Playing times are restricted to after 7am and before 9pm. The battle is between the houses. Which house will reign supreme? Good luck everyone!

Nursery Places – September 2025

We do still have some places available in the teacher led Nursery provision for September. 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. The online form for applications can be found here:- <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/forms/5938>



Car Park

Please can all drivers take care when using the school car park. Please drive with due care and attention at all times. Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that we keep all children and adults safe.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 3 for having the highest attendance from last week and well done to Nursery, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for a decline in late arrivals. 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	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	10	23
Attendance	96.6%	97.5%	94.1%	96.4%	97.9%	94%	92.5%	94.7%	95.5%

Holidays during Term Time

We have received an increase in requests for holidays during term time. Please be aware that holidays during term time will **not** be authorised and may incur a fine. The fine for school absences will be £80.00 if paid within 21 days, or £160.00 if paid within 28 days. This fine is issued by the Local Education Authority. In most cases both Parents will be fined. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

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

Tuesday 1st April	Fundraiser - Big Lent Walk for Cafod
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
Sunday 6th April	Class photograph order deadline for free postage
Wednesday 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
Wednesday 23rd April	Year 5 Parents Evening
Tuesday 29th April	Sacramental Family Workshop at 6pm - school
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th May	Year 4 Chester – Roman Experience
Wednesday 7th May	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
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