



24 May, 2024

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: Jesus sent out the first disciples to spread the Good News to everyone. He commanded them: "Baptise people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all the commandments I have given to you. Remember that I will be with you always; to the very end of time."



Dear Parents and Carers,

**First Holy Communion** – Thank to Father Philip, Miss Cooper, Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Meola for all the help you have given to spiritually prepare our children for the First Holy Communion. The two masses to celebrate this sacrament were beautiful occasions.

**PTFA Meeting** – We invite parents, teachers, staff and friends of our school (including parishioners and governors) to a meeting of our PTFA in school at 3.30pm on Tuesday, 11 June. Everyone is most welcome. We need to begin preparations for our quiz night and our summer fair, both of which are great fundraisers. All money raised by the PTFA is used to directly benefit the children. We would be delighted to welcome new members to our PTFA – all help offered in much appreciated. If you have some time to spare to help us at the quiz night or at the fair, please come along to the meeting, or speak to Mrs K Broadbent in our Year 1 class.

**Class Masses**

Year 2 – Wednesday, 26 June at 9.15am  
Nursery – Wednesday, 10 July at 9.15am

**Attendance** - week beginning 13 May 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	99.1	94.5	98.7	95.7	93.6	93	99.1	99.3
Punctuality (number of late marks)	1	1	5	1	5	6	1	0

Very high attendance in Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6 last week – well done to these classes!

**Whit Friday Brass Band Competition** – Attached is a poster with details of all the locations where the bands will be playing this afternoon and evening. We wish a great time to all of our families who will be attending the contest – please remember to look out for Elliot in Year 4, who will be playing as part of St. John’s Band from Mossley.

**End of Year Reports** – Reports will be given out in-person to all children at the end of the school day on Monday, 15 July. Please let Mrs Murray know if you are a parent or carer who will require an additional copy of your child’s report so that we can make arrangements for one to be sent to you, or for you to collect one from the school office. Reports this year will have a slightly different format, which we hope will make them more useful and accessible.

**Big Arts Week** – The week beginning 17 June in school will be spent celebrating the arts: music, dance, drama and art and design. (A little bit of design and technology may also creep into the week)! Our theme is going to be ‘movies.’ Each class will base their arts learning around a film with a universal rating. You may wish to send in an old adult-sized shirt to cover your child’s school uniform that week. We are asking for donations of £3 per child for this week, in order to provide extra resources for the children. Payment for this can be made online via School Money - [www.edsp.co/sm-login](http://www.edsp.co/sm-login). Each child will receive a framed piece of art on the Friday of Big Arts Week which we hope you will enjoy keeping as a memento. These are the films each class has chosen:

Nursery	Jungle Book
Reception	Trolls
Year 1	Finding Nemo
Year 2	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Year 3	Wall-E
Year 4	Madagascar
Year 5	ET
Year 6	Yellow Submarine

**Willow Wood Hospice** Wow! The Lenten fundraising for our local hospice raised an absolutely fantastic amount of money!



**CAFOD** – Thank you for your generous donations at CAFOD Café, and for the Infant breadsticks and Junior toast. In total, we raised £382 for CAFOD.

**Priory Tennis** - Please see attached a flyer regarding a free after school session for children at the local Priory Tennis Club. We know that the Wednesday tennis club is well attended and much enjoyed by many of our children, and so thought that the offer of a similar club on Thursdays may be of interest to many of our families.

**School Fund** – the amount for this academic year is £38.00. Payment can be made online via the School Money Scheme. This has been set up so that you may choose the amount you would like to pay (as this is a voluntary donation). We are most grateful for any contributions that you are able to make. All monies donated are spent on wider curriculum opportunities for the children.

**Diocesan Building Fund** - If anyone would like to make a donation to this fund, please do so via School Money at [www.edsp.co/sm-login](http://www.edsp.co/sm-login). The fund is used to meet the cost of building repairs in our Catholic schools. There is a letter on our school website in which Bishop Mark gives more information. We are very grateful for any donations received, no matter how small.

**Eligibility Forms – Nursery September 2024** – parental agreement and funding claim forms were sent out 10<sup>th</sup> May. If these forms have not yet been returned to the school office, please can these be signed and returned to school by 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**Nursery Snack Fund** - snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement. Payments are made via School Money Scheme. Nursery snack fund for next half term will be £20.30.

**Nursery Wraparound Provision** – we are pleased to offer wraparound care in our nursery unit. The sessions are from 11:55 am until 15:15. The charge is £15.00 per each afternoon session. Please speak with Mrs Walker or Mrs Evans to arrange any additional afternoons.

**School Meals** - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for next half term is £85.55 (29 meals). Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside) Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

*Also, if you think you may be eligible and you have a child in the infants - including Nursery, although Infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal scheme, you should still apply for this, as school receives extra funding to support your child in school. Please contact Mrs Murray in the school office for more information.*

**Coconut, Prawns, Avocado and Nut allergies** - please could I ask parents not to include any of these items in their child's packed lunch as we have children in school with severe allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Packed Lunches** - If your child no longer requires school meals and wishes to go onto packed lunches, we require a minimum of **2 week notice period**. All requests need to be made in writing to the school meal email address – [schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

**Wednesday Word** – at present the Wednesday Word is not always being sent via email. The weekly newsletter is still available to view on our website - <https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/catholic-life/wednesday-word/>

**Twitter / X** - We have re-launched our Twitter/X feed - @stpetersSB and are using this social media platform as a way of engaging with families so you are kept up to date with current news and events. Please take a moment to follow our page.

### **Dates for your diary**

10 June – Year 6 trip to Llandudno, 6.45am – an early alarm call!  
11 June – Year 3 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters  
12 June – Reception and Year 6 height and weight measurements from school nurse service  
14 June – Class photographs  
18 June – Year 5 trip to Bridgewater Hall  
week beginning 24 June – 4+1 meetings in school for parents of children on our SEND register  
25 June – Meeting for new Nursery parents, 5.00pm  
26 June – Meeting for new Reception parents, 5.30pm  
27 June – Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport  
28 June – Quiz night in school, 6.30pm  
1 July – Whole school mass to celebrate the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, 9.15am  
3 July – Year 6 leavers’ production  
5 July – Meet the new teacher day  
10 July – Own clothes day in exchange for tombola gift for the summer fair  
11 July – Sports Day  
12 July – Leavers’ assembly, 9.15am – Year 6 families invited  
12 July – Summer fair (in the evening after school)  
15 July – Reports given out to families  
16 July – Year 6 trip to the Crystal Maze  
17 July – Parent drop-in for any particular questions about end of year reports  
18 July – Leavers’ mass, 9.15am. All families welcome  
19 July – School closed to children – INSET Day







### **Community Events**

**Denton Netball Club** are looking for new players from Nursery to Year 4 – please see the attached leaflet for more information. There are also sessions for adults – competition for our staff netball team!

**Cricket Clubs** – Please see attached posters regarding Denton St Lawrence Cricket Club and Dukinfield Cricket Club as they are looking for new members. Denton St Lawrence Cricket Club – All Stars and Dynamo sessions starting 13<sup>th</sup> May. Dukinfield Cricket Club – looking for new junior members.

**Tameside – What’s On** - Please take a look at the activities that will be on offer over the holidays in Tameside - [Tameside - What's On \(intameside.co.uk\)](http://intameside.co.uk).

**Football Fun Factory** - At the end of the current term, we have our May half-term camp which will take place this time around for 4 days at West Hill School in Stalybridge, I have added the key details below and also attached a flyer too...

-  Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May 2024
-  West Hill School, SK15 1LX
-  Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm
-  £20 per day or £64 for the full 4-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!
-  Boys & Girls aged 5-12!
-  <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1819>

Also, for the remainder of May, we have our weekly evening sessions which will be running right the way up until the children finish for the holidays and will start up again in the 2nd week of the holidays when the High Schools return a little earlier than the Primary Schools.

● West Hill School - Football Fun & Development - Monday's 5.00pm-6.00pm (5 to 12 years) - <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/724>

● Active Medlock - Football Fun & Development - Wednesday's 5.30pm-6.30pm (5 to 12 years) - <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/725>

● Alder Community High School - Football Fun & Development - Thursday's 5.00pm-6.00pm (5 to 12 years) - <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1710>

**Transpennine Trail** – Please take a look at the activity pack below. The pack contains lots of fun activities for the holidays that include making a raft out of twigs, making butterfly cakes, learning about Spring flowers and honey bees, and helping us at TPT HQ to celebrate the Trail's 35th Birthday with some fun activities. This can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF – please contact us via email. <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

**Community Fair at The University of Manchester** - Our free, family-friendly Community Fair is running Saturday 8 June 2024, 10am – 4:30pm, and promises to be a great day of fun for all ages. This jam-packed day of interactive science experiments, creative sessions, sporting challenges, poetry and music performances, extraordinary stories, face-painting, tasty treats and much more! Whether you're interested in science, arts, engineering or history, there's plenty of hands-on fun and opportunities for inspiration from engaging events with Professor Brian Cox, to circus skills or the explosive Flash Bang Chemistry Show.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan

**Headteacher**