



19th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers and families.

I hope this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe how quickly this short but busy half-term has flown by, and we are now approaching the final stretch of the school year.

As always, the last half-term tends to be the busiest, with lots of exciting events and important activities ahead. Toward the end of this letter, you will find a list of key dates to add to your diary.

I would like to begin this letter by sharing some important staffing news:

Mrs Sharon Tattersdill will be taking early retirement at the end of this school year.

Mrs Tattersdill has been a much-loved and highly valued member of our school community for 25 years. Over that time, she has taught and inspired countless children, and has been a passionate advocate for PE, school sport, and competition — truly our greatest cheerleader in this area.

We are incredibly grateful for her dedication, energy, and the positive impact she has had on so many lives. While we will deeply miss her presence, her legacy will certainly live on. Please be assured that we are in the process of recruiting for her teaching role, and PE, school games, and sport will continue to be a high priority at St Paul's.

While we are currently in the process of recruiting a new teacher to take on Mrs Tattersdill's role, I'm very pleased to share some exciting news:

Mrs Sarahjane Davies has been appointed as a full-time class teacher at St Paul's, starting in September 2025. We are thrilled that she will be continuing her teaching journey with us, and we look forward to the energy, experience, and dedication she brings to our team.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Charlotte Hart has been appointed as our new Wraparound Leader for the after-school childcare facility. We look forward to welcoming her to our team after half term.

We are currently recruiting a Wraparound Assistant to work alongside Mrs Hart. Unfortunately, we have had to re-advertise the position. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact school for more details. The vacancy is available on the BHCET vacancies website:

[Vacancies | Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust](#)

After the half-term break, we will be extending our opening hours until 5:30pm. Our website will be updated shortly, and further details will be shared directly with parents who currently use the facility.

Over the coming weeks, we will be finalising the organisation of our classes in preparation for September. We understand that this is something families look forward to knowing, so we will ensure this information is shared with you before the end of term.



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Safeguarding Update:

Mrs Williams and Mrs Miller have recently completed training for the role Designated Safeguarding Lead. This means that the adults in our school who have enhanced safeguarding training for this role are:

Mrs Sinclair – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Mrs Williams – Deputy DSL for Early Years

Mrs Miller – Deputy DSL

Mrs Peacock – Deputy DSL

Mr Marc Scott – Chair of Governors, now has the responsibility of the designated governor for Safeguarding.

Our policies and website information will be updated to reflect these changes.

New School Building Update

We are thrilled to share that we have now received official confirmation that our long-awaited new school building has been approved — a major milestone for our school community!

While we are almost ready to begin construction, there has been a slight delay due to a compliance issue related to the childcare building that is being retained. The Department for Education (DfE) has instructed contractors to revisit the mechanical and electrical systems to ensure they meet the required carbon-neutral specifications.

As a result, the start of the building work has been pushed back slightly. It is now expected to begin in **October 2025**, with a projected completion date of **October 2026**.

I will continue to keep you updated on progress and any further developments as we move forward with this exciting project.

Before we move on to upcoming dates and events, I would like to ask for your continued support with regard to the following:

Arrival and Departure Safety:

Please ensure that children do not play on the climbing equipment or with any outdoor resources before or after school. Our grounds can be very busy at these times, so it's important that children stay close to their adults to avoid accidents.

Mobile Phones:

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be handed in at the school office at the start of the day. Phones should be switched off as soon as children enter the school grounds and must not be turned on again until they leave.

We have had a few recent incidents where pupils have not followed these expectations — including using phones inside the building or during arrival and dismissal. Pupils are aware of the rules, and we would really appreciate your help in reinforcing the importance of following them.



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Attendance:

Regular school attendance is vital for every child's learning, development, and overall success. Each day of school provides valuable opportunities for children to build knowledge, develop friendships, and grow in confidence. Frequent absences can disrupt this progress and make it harder for children to keep up with their peers. We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day, arrives on time, and is ready to learn. Together, we can help every child reach their full potential. Please avoid term time holidays and if possible, appointments during school time. Please also ensure that any requests for leave of absence are completed in advance of the dates of leave so that correct procedures, in line with our Attendance Policy, can be followed. As you know, the Government have very clear expectations of school attendance that schools must follow.

Dates for your diary – there will be further dates/information shared over the coming weeks

Date	Year Group	Further info
Wednesday 21 st May	Y5 and Y6 Athletics	Details already shared to those attending
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May – Half Term Break		
PLEASE NOTE THAT MULTI-SPORTS AND NETBALL CLUB WILL NOT RUN W/C 2ND JUNE		
w/c Monday 2 nd June	Y4	Multiplication Table Check
Monday 2 nd June – Wednesday 4 th June	Y5 Residential to the Youth Village	Details already shared to those attending
Tuesday 3 rd June	Y6 Cricket Competition	Details to follow
Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June	Y1 and some Y2 Phonic Screening Check	
Tuesday 10 th June	Nursery and Reception trip to Tweddle Farm	Details already shared
Wednesday 11 th June	Mass at 9.15am	Everyone welcome
Thursday 12 th June	Hoopstarz Day	Details to follow
w/c Monday 16 th June	Sponsored outdoor and adventurous activity event for each class	Details to follow
Tuesday 17 th June	Nursery and Reception Sports afternoon	1.30pm – Details to follow
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 STEM event at Yarm School Y2 visit to Captain Cook Museum - Stewart Park	Details to follow Details already shared



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Thursday 19 th June	Y5 visit to EDF FOSPs Disco for Reception – Year 6	Details to follow R-Y2 3.15-4.30pm Y3-6 4.30 – 5.45pm
Friday 20 th June	First Holy Communion Children to attend a rehearsal at 11am at Holy Rosary Church Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 Sports Afternoon	Children will walk to church with Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Pemberton – no parents need attend. 1.15pm – details to follow
Saturday 21 st June - First Holy Communion Mass at 10am		
Monday 23 rd June	Y5 visit to St Michael's Y6 and Reception class photographs	Details to follow
Tuesday 24 th June	Y6 Festival at the Youth Village "More than Dance" workshops – Pilgrims of Hope Nursery New Starters meeting for parents at 3.45pm	Details already shared Whole school event over 2 days Details already shared
Wednesday 25 th June	"More than Dance" workshops – Pilgrims of Hope Reception New Starters meeting for parents at 5pm	Details to follow
Friday 27 th June	Pilgrims of Hope pledge day and school Feast Day celebration for children Y3 and Y4 Football	Details to follow
Monday 30 th June	Y6 Transition Day	Details to follow from secondary schools
Tuesday 1 st July	Y6 Transition Day School Transition Day	Details to follow from secondary schools Details to follow
Thursday 3 rd July	Y5 and Y6 Sports afternoon 1.15pm	Details to follow



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As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you need to.

Your sincerely,

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Sheena Sinclair
Head Teacher



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