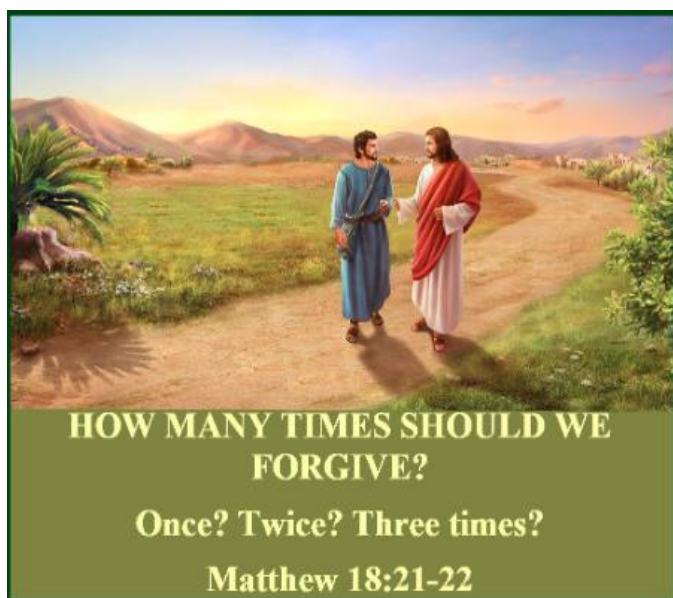




Friday 18th September 2026

www.st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk

"Together in Faith, Friendship, Kindness and Courage"



Key Scripture: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son." (John 3:16)

Prayer, Liturgy & Worship

Assembly

In this week's gospel the children:

- Know that hurtful choices and actions separate us from God and each other.
- Have confidence in God's mercy and forgiveness.
- Live out Jesus' teachings to 'love one another.'
- Forgive one another.

House Leader Elections



We held the school House Leader elections last Wednesday. Year 6 children put themselves forward for the election. Each child then made a speech detailing why they should be the House Leader. A large number of children put themselves forward and each and everyone of them made excellent speeches. The children in each house voted for their House Leader. It was a great exercise in democracy. The results were announced at last week's Mentions Assembly.

British Value: Democracy

Houses	Leaders
Sissay	Oliver Diamond & Harper Walsh
Lowry	Harry Morgan & Imogen Deakin
Pankhurst	George Grahame-Betts & Isla Diamond
Turing	David Rusinek & Imogen Warner
Gaskell	Max Dear & Alessia Hayden



Anti-Bullying

The children are constantly reminded about bullying. At school we have a saying: **STOP**. This stands for two sayings:

We teach the children how to recognise bullying using STOP. It stands for: **Start Telling Other People**.

If you feel you are getting bullied: **Several Times On Purpose**.

A logo with the text 'WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT' in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: 'WE ARE' on the first line, 'MACMILLAN.' on the second line, and 'CANCER SUPPORT' on the third line.

Macmillan Nurses Fundraiser

Next Friday, 25th September we will host a fundraiser for the Macmillan Nurses. The children, staff and families wear green and white and donate £1.00 to buy cakes. **We**

will host a tea and cake event after the

Mentions Assembly. All parents, grandparents, family members and carers are welcome to attend. As well as raising money, it's a good opportunity to meet families within our school community. **If you can spare any time, it would be great to see you and support this worthwhile cause.**



Applications to Secondary School - September 2027

High School applications for our **Year 6** children moving up next September should be made using the online application form via the Citizens Portal. This is available on the 'School Admissions' page of Tameside Council's website, under the section headed 'Secondary School Admission'. You are advised to read the 'Moving On' booklet before you complete your online form.

The full list of the high school opening evenings will be detailed at the end of the newsletter, however the St Damian's flyer is below for information.

The closing date for application forms is **Friday 31st October 2026**.



Arts Award - Mayor Visit

The mayor of Tameside and local councillors visited St Christopher's on Monday to present the Arts Award to the children. Year 5 children, who were in Year 4, completed a project on the four core values. They carried out lots of different activities. They have managed to design four boards that will go up in school for all to see.



Arbor Email issue

The weekly newsletter was sent out via Arbor email for the first time last Friday. Unfortunately, it appears that emails sent via Arbor are ending up in some parent's junk/spam folders instead of appearing directly into their inbox. We are currently working with Arbor support to resolve this issue as quickly as possible, however the weekly newsletter is always uploaded onto the school website each Friday for you to access to keep everyone up to date.



'BELIEVE TO ACHIEVE'

Challenge | Grow | Achieve

Ofsted
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Open Evening

Monday 28th September 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

% achieving 4+ in English and maths	% achieving 5+ in English and maths	% achieving 7+ in English and maths
87.0%	67.9%	21.0%

English results

% achieving 4+ in English	% achieving 5+ in English	% achieving 7+ in English
92.0%	79.0%	35.8%

Maths results

% achieving 4+ in Maths	% achieving 5+ in Maths	% achieving 7+ in Maths
90.7%	74.7%	37.7%



Ofsted - reported;

- ▶ Pupils attending St Damian's *"thrive in school"*
- ▶ Leaders have fostered a *"vibrant and academically stimulating environment for pupils"*
- ▶ Pupils *"behave exceptionally well, work hard and achieve highly"*
- ▶ Leaders have designed an *"exceptionally ambitious curriculum"*

Excellence in Pupil Development Award 2026

"The main strength of the school is the very close relationship between staff and students. This is characterised by frequent expressions of mutual respect and appreciation, and friendliness"



St Damian's RC Science College

Headteacher: Mr R Conway

Tel: 0161 330 5974 | website: www.stdamians.co.uk

Lees Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, OL6 8BH

[Click here for more information](#)



School Team Trials

Michael Morgan has kindly offered to coach and run St Christopher's boys' team and Miss Cooper will run the girl's team. Miss Finan, St Christopher's PE leader, will organise the fixtures. Without the support of these people we wouldn't have football matches at school. Thank you!

There was a huge turn out on Thursday night for the team trials. Thank you to all the children who took part, everybody tried so hard. Mr Morgan and Miss Cooper have some really hard choices to make.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Noone and Deputy DSL Miss Mulhall.

Prayer For The week

Dear God,

Thank you that you are always ready to forgive me.

Help me to say sorry and ask forgiveness when I hurt others.

Give me strength and courage to forgive those who hurt me.

By your cross you redeemed the world.

Amen



Class	CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS
Reception	Elijah & Nathan
Year 1	Jack & Edie
Year 2	Teddy & Ròhan
Year 3	Declan, Neveah A & Chester
Year 4	Travis & George
Year 5	Tiwa & Sonny
Year 6	Skye & David

Class attendance for week ending 17/9/26

Registration Form	%
Reception	89.0%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	99.7%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	96.7%
Overall Weekly Total	95.6%
Winners	Year 3

Autumn 1 2026 Half Term Events

23 rd Sept	Mass
25 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning (after Mentions Assembly) - Everyone Wear Green & £1 cake donation
1 st Oct	Full Governors
5 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations in School
8 th Oct	Individual School Photographs
13 th Oct	Year 6 trip to Air Raid Shelters
15 th Oct	Year 5 Assembly
15 th Oct	FFSC Glow Disco
23 rd Oct	School Closes at 3.15pm for Half Term holiday

High School Open Evening dates and times

SCHOOL NAME	OPEN EVENING	TIME
Alder Community High School (Community)	Thursday 8th October 2026 https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk	4:30pm – 6:30pm
All Saints Catholic College (Voluntary Academy)	Wednesday 7th October 2026 https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Audenshaw School (Academy)	Thursday 8th October 2026 http://www.audenshawschool.org.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Denton Community Academy (Academy)	Wednesday 23rd September 2026 https://dca.northerneducationtrust.org	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Dixons Ashton (Academy)	Thursday 8th October 2026 http://www.dixonsash.com	5.00pm – 8:00pm
Dixons Pennine Academy (Academy)	Thursday 8th October 2026 https://www.dixonspa.com	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Droylsden Academy (Academy)	Thursday 24th September 2026 https://www.droylsdenacademy.com	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Fairfield High School for Girls (Academy)	Thursday 1st October 2026 https://www.fairfieldhighschool.co.uk	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hyde High School (Academy)	Thursday 1st October 2026 http://www.hydehighschool.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Laurus Ryecroft High School (Free School)	Wednesday 7th October 2026 https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk	5:30pm – 8:00pm
Longdendale High School (Academy)	Thursday 24th September 2026 https://longdendalehighschool.org.uk	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Mossley Hollins High School (Academy)	Thursday 1st October 2026 https://www.mossleyhollins.com	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Rayner Stephens High School (Academy)	Thursday 24th September 2026 https://raynerstephens.org.uk	4:30pm – 8:00pm
St Damian's RC Science College (Voluntary Aided)	Monday 28th September 2026 https://www.stdamians.co.uk	5:30pm – 7:30pm
St Thomas More RC College (Voluntary Aided)	Thursday 24th September 2026 https://www.stmcollege.org.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm
West Hill School (Academy)	Thursday 24th September 2026 https://www.westhillschool.co.uk	4:30pm – 7:00pm

Information is correct at time of writing. Please check individual schools' web sites before you plan your visit.