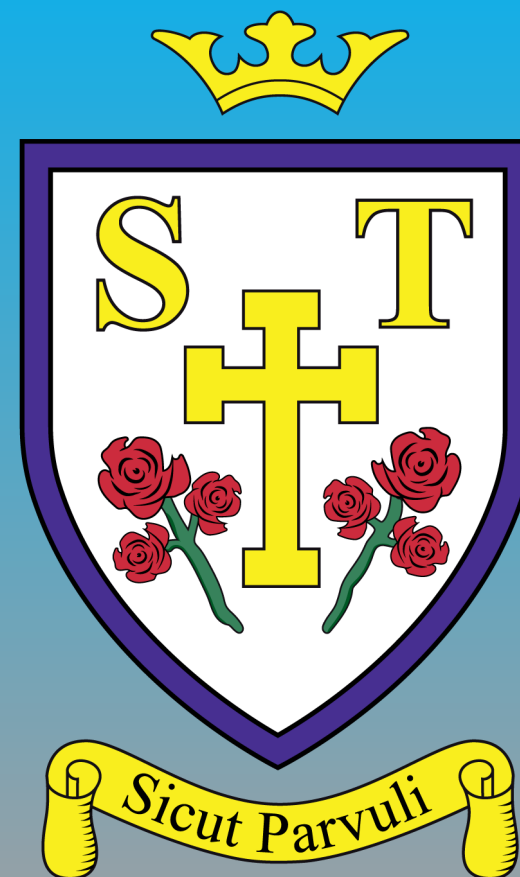


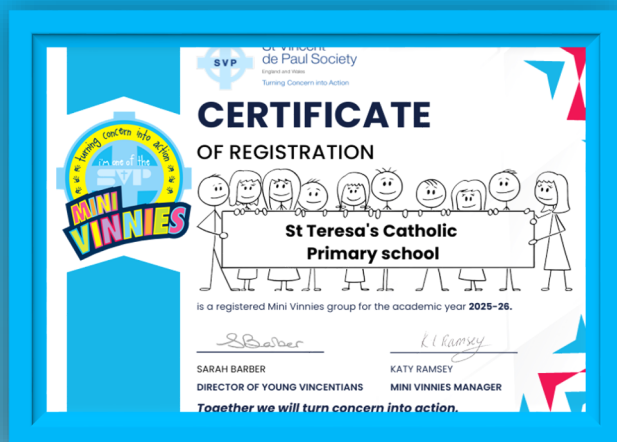


As our Jubilee Pilgrim of Hope journey comes to a close, we want to pause and celebrate everything we have shared and achieved together in 2025. Throughout the last 12 months, hope hasn't just been something we have spoken about, it has been something we have lived. In every classroom and corridor, in every act of kindness and every moment of prayer, we have shown what it means to walk as pilgrims of hope.

We have also carried hope beyond our schools walls through our charity work. Whether through fundraising events, collections or quiet acts of service, we have responded generously to the needs of others. Every pound raised and every cause supported has been a way of our children saying, we care and we will help. This is pilgrimage in its truest form.



St Teresa's Catholic
Life newsletter
Autumn 2025



We have welcomed our new Mini Vinnie group and we have been holding weekly meetings on a Tuesday with Mrs Smalldon to plan how we can help change lives in our community.

We introduced our new Mini Vinnie group to the school by presenting an assembly.

Our Mini Vinnies now have their new badges and are wearing these with pride.

The key events this term we have been working on are..

- ♦ Pray leader training 06.10.25
- ♦ Foodbank collections



The school council launched an appeal to help children less fortunate than ourselves in the last week of the Autumn term. We asked our families to donate a present for a child who might not receive one this year. Our school donated over 300 presents for Home Start. What a wonderful show of caring for our community.



The perfect end to our Autumn term, the year 3/4 Carol concert in Church. The children performed, sang and read beautifully, reminding us about the true meaning of Christmas.



The Mini Vinnies launched their annual foodbank appeal at the start of December. We asked the families of St Teresa's to send in long dated food items that would be used at Penwortham foodbank for any families finding it particularly difficult at this time of year.

A massive thank you from the Mini Vinnies for all the foodbank donations. We counted over 500 different food items. This will make a massive difference to families in need. Thank you so much for your generosity.



On Wednesday, 17th September, Ruth Millward-Hopkins visited school to talk to the children about Fairtrade. She explained the importance of dignity in work and showed how buying Fairtrade products, like bananas, chocolate and tea, helps farmers and workers receive a fair wage. Ruth also took the children on the journey of tea, from the pickers in the fields to our homes, showing how Fairtrade makes a real difference to people's lives.





'Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love... Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love. (St Thérèse)

We spent a week celebrating St Teresa's feast day on Wednesday 1st October. The children started the week with an assembly about St Teresa presented by the Mini Vinnies. We completed a weekly planner thinking about ways in which we could live out her theology of 'The little way'. Each child made and wore a flower which was her symbol and we ended the week with a special mass in church led by Father Ian. It was a Wonderful week in school.



On Wednesday, 10th December Mrs. Smalldon led the Mini-Vinnies group on a special visit to Priory Park Care Home. The children sang Christmas carols to the residents and delivered Christmas cards, spreading warmth and joy to the elderly in our community. The residents were absolutely delighted by the children's visit, and their smiles were priceless.

St. Therese's Little Way
 Here is a quotation from St Therese for each day of the week. Let's use her words to inspire our actions.

Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Theresa is my guiding star. 'In light, I sail a bright route.'	'A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a hopeless soul.'	'I can nourish myself on nothing but truth.'	'In spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.'	'Let us not grow tired of prayer: faith works miracles.'
Kindness Why do you think St Therese uses stars to show her thoughts of kindness? Below, write ways you can practice kindness.	Caring Why do you think a smile or kind word can make such a difference to others? Below, write ways you can show care today.	Honesty St Therese had no time for dishonesty and lies. Why do you think this was so? Below, write ways you can practice honesty today.	Hopeful What does St Therese teach us about perseverance and hopefulness? Below, write ways you can share hope with others today.	Faithful St Therese prayed every day that the world would share the love of God and Jesus. Below, write ways you can share your faith with others today.



On Friday 9th October, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Pupils and staff across the school wore yellow to show their support and raise awareness about looking after our mental wellbeing. In assembly, Miss Wright spoke about the Young Minds charity and the importance of supporting one another when we're finding things difficult.



A huge thank you to the Mini-Vinnies and Miss Wright for organising last night's cake sale and for all your kind donations,



On Tuesday 7th October we were visited by Margaret Wright from the Lancaster Diocese. Margaret led a series of reflective Watch and Pray sessions with the children, focusing on scripture from their RE Covenant and Creation topics. The children were captivated by Margaret's storytelling, especially when she used her beautiful golden boxes filled with symbolic objects to help bring the scripture to life. These thoughtful sessions encouraged the pupils to reflect deeply on faith, creation, and God's covenant with His people.

Our staff and children have been working hard to continue these sessions and build on what

Margaret showed us. The children absolutely love watch and pray and this is having a positive impact on their knowledge of scripture and links they can make with the teachings of Jesus.