



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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'Christ be in our heads, in our hearts and in our hands'

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have enjoyed another wonderful week in school!

This week our whole school has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated British Science Week, all centred around our theme: "Curiosity – What's your question?" Throughout the corridors and classrooms, children spotted posters filled with questions designed to spark wonder and get everyone thinking. In EYFS and KS1 our younger scientists enjoyed taking part in the NFU Farm Live sessions, where they discovered the answers to some brilliant questions such as: How do you train a sheepdog? How do tractors work? In KS2 pupils got stuck into a range of exciting activities inspired by Horrible Science, alongside hands-on classroom investigations. They explored scientific ideas with enthusiasm, asked thoughtful questions, and showed fantastic teamwork throughout.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and Year 6 dance team took part in the South Ribble Dance Competition. They performed brilliantly and we were delighted to share a video of the performance during our Award Assembly. We are incredibly proud to announce that they came 2nd out of 15 school team - a fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved!

On Thursday, our Year 4 pupils who are part of the Sacramental Programme spent the day at St Teresa's Church for their special retreat. They worked with Fr Ian and the parish catechists, taking part in a series of reflective activities that helped prepare them for the next step in their faith journey. The day concluded with a beautiful Service of Reconciliation, during which the children made their First Confession. They represented our school wonderfully.



Today, we held our annual Mother's Day Shopping Event. A huge thank you to the ladies from the parish who kindly came in to help wrap the children's gifts—it is always such a lovely community effort. We are also extremely grateful for your generous donations, which make the event possible each year.

We hope that all our mums, grandmas and special women enjoy their surprises and have a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday!

Jillian Holmes



General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Jesus heals a man born blind. Jesus helped a blind man to see again. We need to open our eyes to the problems of the world and what we can do to make them better.
- ❖ Letters home this week: 2026 Y3 Leighton Hall; 2026 Y4 Leighton Hall; Updated Summer 2026 Menu; Y5 Hindu Temple Trip; Non-Uniform Day Thursday 19th March 2026; Y5/6 Tag Rugby Training; Family Tree Project.

Parking at drop off and pick up

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all children and families by adhering to the following guidelines when dropping off or picking up your child:

- ❖ Please do not park on the double yellow lines on Stanley Grove. These restrictions are in place to maintain clear visibility and safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles. Parking on these lines can create hazards, particularly for our young children.
- ❖ Please do not park on the corners of the road around the school as local residents have complained they cannot get passed, especially when they have strollers.
- ❖ Drive carefully and be mindful of your speed when navigating the area around the school, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. There are many children and families crossing the roads, and extra caution is vital to avoid accidents.

Online safety

[Please click here to view the latest Online Safety Newsletter](#)

After school clubs

After school clubs finish at 4.20pm. To ensure the safeguarding of all children, parents must wait at the bottom of the steps outside the main school entrance for their child.

Monday Reception Multi Sports with Prime Sports

Friday Y1 SR Multi Skills

South Ribble Dance Competition

On Tuesday evening, the annual South Ribble Dance Competition took place, and this year it was bigger than ever, with 15 primary schools from across the district taking part. The theme for this year's competition was 'Dance from Around the World'.

Our dance troupe had been working incredibly hard since October, learning a complex and energetic routine. Their performance was a vibrant celebration of colour, featuring bright feathers, upbeat music and boundless energy. The synopsis of our dance was:

"Rhythm of unity - come together and celebrate your community, the rhythm at the heart of your country. Come together and dance: different cultures, different beliefs, different faces, but one world, one unity. The lights, your face, your eyes... exploding like fireworks in the sky."



On the night, the children performed beautifully, dazzling the judging panel while the audience cheered and applauded. We were thrilled to finish in 2nd place overall, missing out on first place by just two points! Congratulations to New Longton, who finished in first position.

A huge thank you goes to Sarah Wearden for choreographing the dance and dedicating so much time and effort week after week. Your hard work is truly appreciated.



Mini Vinnies

God of hope, inspire us to look out into the world, praising and thanking you for all that is good and seeking your help as we try to change what is not fair or right.

Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnie's

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 98%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.7%

Target for academic year overall attendance 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

PTFA News



Dates for the diary

Week 2 Lunches w/c Monday 16th March 2026

Monday March	16 th	All Day	Deadline to Consent to Y2 Synagogue Trip
		All Day	Deadline to Pay for PTFA UV Party Night
Tuesday March	18 th	All Day	Deadline to Consent to Y5 Hindu Temple Trip
Thursday March	19 th	All Day	Deadline to Pre-order & Pay for Summer Lunches
		All Day	Non-Uniform Day
		8:30am	Y4 Swimming
		9:30am	Group 1 Y5 Hindu Temple Trip
		3:30pm	KS1 PTFA UV Party Night
Friday March	20 th	4:30pm	KS2 PTFA UV Party Night
		9:30am	Tinies Morning Session
		1:30pm	Tinies Afternoon Session

Schools calendar can be found here:

<https://www.st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk/special/google-calendar/>

Community
& Parish
Information

Weekend Mass Times:

St. Teresa's: 6:00pm (Saturday night) 9:30am (Sunday morning).

St. Mary Magdalen's: 11:00am (Sunday morning).

St. Oswald's: 5:00pm (Saturday night) 8:30am (Sunday morning).



EASTER COACHING CAMP

TUES 7TH TO FRI 10TH APR

JOIN US AT PENWORTHAM PRIORY
ACADEMY!!

Run by experienced and qualified PE teachers and coaches, players will have the opportunity to develop their skills in a safe and inclusive environment.

With the use of the fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities at Priory, there will be a variety of football related activities that will engage and challenge players of all abilities.

**9AM - 3PM (WITH WRAP-AROUND
AVAILABLE)**

With a daily price of £20 a day or
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- ✓ Ability-Set Tournaments
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