



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 6th March 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had another wonderfully busy week in school. On Wednesday, our pupils took part in wellbeing workshops delivered by the South Ribble coaches. The children learnt simple breathing techniques and gentle exercises designed to help them relax, stay calm and understand how to look after their mental health. These sessions were enjoyed by all, and we are pleased that the coach will be returning on Monday 23rd March to deliver workshops to the remaining classes.

On Thursday, we were delighted to take part in a special tree-planting ceremony at St. Teresa's Church. Our School Council and Mr Biggs have been working closely with members of the parish and our school governor, Mr Pearson, to design the new Laudato Si Garden - a space inspired by caring for creation and looking after our environment.

We were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Penwortham, Cllr Will Adams, along with Fr Ian and several parishioners, who joined us for the ceremony alongside some of our pupils. It was a wonderful community moment, marking the first step in bringing the garden to life. We look forward to sharing more updates as the Laudato Si Garden continues to grow and take shape.



We've had a wonderful World Book Day in school today. The children really embraced this year's theme, "Read Your Way," and enjoyed sharing stories and exploring books together. Our focus was on poetry from different cultures and each class took part in activities such as performing poems, illustrating them through art, creating music inspired by poetry, and writing their own poems. The book displays, created by teachers along with books brought in from home, were a great talking point. Thank you to everyone who completed a Poetry Suitcase at home. The children loved sharing their creative ideas and the effort put into these projects was fantastic.

The school was full of excitement as children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. We loved seeing the wide range of costumes, from simple and creative to wonderfully imaginative. It's been a brilliant day celebrating the joy of reading.



Have a lovely weekend!
Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Jesus and the Samaritan woman
- ❖ Letters home this week: Mother's Day Event 2026; Reception Mrs Dowson's Trip; Dance Competition; Cross Country Event; Y6 Leavers Events; Y2 Humblescough Farm Trip; Laudato Si' Nature Garden Project at St. Teresa's Parish Church; Letter Attached; Dance Competition - Update for Parents; Tempest Class Photo's Wednesday 11th March - Full Uniform; Summer Dinner Menu 2026 - Please Submit Choices by 19th March; Athletics County Finals.

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.

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 13th March at 9.00am.

RM : A Jovestani
R/1C : L Hills
1/2V : F Burns
2B : A Peterson

3J : P Ruwani
3/4E : F McKeever
4A : H Allen
5A : B Moon
6I : A Parker

FS/KS1 St. Teresa's Role Model
A Rose

KS 2 St. Teresa's Role Model
A Carter

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 Skills with Prime Sports

Thursday Extra Athletics Practice (4:30pm finish)

Friday Y1 Multi Skills with South Ribble

Sports news

Well-being Festival with South Ribble Part 1

On Wednesday, Coach Tanya from South Ribble came in to deliver some sessions on well-being for some of our classes. The children completed some movement, breathing and partner work. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and how calm they felt. The final well-being session is on Monday 23rd March. If your child has not received a session, they will get one on this day.



Cross Country

On Tuesday, we took a large squad of children (35) to Hutton Grammar School for the annual district cross country. It was a bright, blue-sky day and the sun was shining down on our competitors - very unlike normal cross country weather! The girls were up first to race in the 1500m event, across the vast Hutton playing fields. Then the boys were up to complete the same race. There were nearly two hundred girls and over two hundred and fifteen boys competing



from twenty schools! All our girls and boys did extremely well and we were proud of them all for getting around a gruelling course and crossing the finish line. Some of our talented runners placed very highly... Well done to Edward and Emily who amazingly both finished in 2nd place! We also had some other top 10 finishers, including Gabriel, Gus, Izzy and Julia! Overall the girls finished in 2nd place and the boys 3rd place. We are delighted to announce that our combined score was 94 points so we finished in 1st place overall! This is a phenomenal achievement for our school and we are thrilled with all our children! Well done!



Mini
Vinnies

God of love, help us to share the light of your love with one another and to play our part in building a better world.

Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 98%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.6%

Target for academic year overall attendance: 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

Attendance
Update

PTFA News



Dates for the diary

Week 1 Lunches w/c Monday 9th March 2026

Monday 9 th March	9:00am	6I Stay & Pray
Tuesday 10 th March	3:30pm	Y5/6 Dance Competition
Wednesday 11 th March	9:00am	Tempest Class Photographs
Thursday 12 th March	All Day 9:00am	Y4 Reconciliation Retreat Day Reception St Martha Stay & Pray
Friday 13 th March	9:00am 9:30am 9:30am 1:00pm 1:30pm 3:00pm	Award Assembly Tinies Morning Session Y3/4 St Edmund Class Mass in Church Mother's Day Event Tinies Afternoon Session 6I Stay & Pray

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).





Holiday Club

CRAFTS • COMPUTER GAMES • BAKING
OUTDOOR PLAY • BOARD GAMES
ROLE PLAY AREA • SPORTS EQUIPMENT
CONSTRUCTION

FOOD
 Breakfast, toast & afternoon snack provided. Please bring a packed lunch (no nuts, please)

OPEN
 7.30am - 6pm

ALL STAFF FULLY QUALIFIED

Book online:

SCOPY: Our new quick and easy online booking system - please call to find out more or visit scopy.com to register

Costs:

Contact:

£27 Full day, if booked in advance
 £30 if less than 7 days notice to book
 £20 per half day, am or pm
 £120 Full week
 Ask about our 3 for 2 offer for siblings
BACKBOOK search 'Schools Out at St Teresa's' - 'Schools Out at Lea' or 'Schools Out at Whitefield'

Whitefield - 07866 810738
 Oaklands Drive, Penwortham, PR1 0RH
 stteresas@schoolsoutcc.co.uk
Lea - 07969 770555
 Greavestown Lane - Lea - Preston - PR2 1PD
 lea@schoolsoutcc.co.uk
St Teresa's - 07548 239349
 Stanley Grove - Penwortham - PR1 0JH
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Holiday Club

Date for 2025-26

Name:

Please ✓ in the first column to indicate the day(s) you would like to use our **Holiday Club**. Please return, along with your registration form, to be given priority.

Key:

ALL 3 HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN
LEA HOLIDAY CLUB ONLY
WHITEFIELD ONLY
ST TERESA'S ONLY
LEA & WHITEFIELD ONLY
LEA & ST TERESA'S ONLY
WHITEFIELD & ST TERESA'S ONLY

To Book:
 Whitefield - 07866 810738
 Lea - 07969 770555
 St Teresa's - 07548 239349

Schools Out is Closed:

- + Good Friday 3rd April
- + Easter Monday 6th April
- + Bank Holiday Mon 4th May
- + Bank Holiday Mon 25th May
- + Bank Holiday Mon 31st August
- + Christmas 22.12.25 to 23.26

To secure bookings a payment of 1 weeks fees is to be paid, followed by fees paid 1 week in advance.

1 SEP - MON	29 MAY - FRI	
2 SEP - TUE	1 JUN - MON	
October - Half term		
27 OCT - MON	2 JUN - TUE	
28 OCT - TUE	3 JUN - WED	
29 OCT - WED	4 JUN - THU	
30 OCT - THU	5 JUN - FRI	
31 OCT - FRI	Summer Holidays	
28 NOV - FRI	20 JUL - MON	
February - Holidays		21 JUL - TUE
16 FEB - MON	22 JUL - WED	
17 FEB - TUE	23 JUL - THU	
18 FEB - WED	24 JUL - FRI	
19 FEB - THU	27 JUL - MON	
20 FEB - FRI	28 JUL - TUE	
30 MAR - MON	29 JUL - WED	
31 MAR - TUE	30 JUL - THU	
1 APR - WED	31 JUL - FRI	
2 APR - THU	3 AUG - MON	
Spring Holidays		4 AUG - TUE
7 APR - TUE	5 AUG - WED	
8 APR - WED	6 AUG - THU	
9 APR - THU	7 AUG - FRI	
10 APR - FRI	10 AUG - MON	
13 APR - MON	11 AUG - TUE	
14 APR - TUE	12 AUG - WED	
15 APR - WED	13 AUG - THU	
16 APR - THU	14 AUG - FRI	
17 APR - FRI	17 AUG - MON	
Spring bank Holidays		18 AUG - TUE
7 MAY - THU	19 AUG - WED	
22 MAY - FRI	20 AUG - THU	
26 MAY - TUE	21 AUG - FRI	
27 MAY - WED	24 AUG - MON	
28 MAY - THU	25 AUG - TUE	
	26 AUG - WED	
	27 AUG - THU	
	28 AUG - FRI	

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