



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 February 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/ Carers

Last Friday evening, our Young Voices Choir had an unforgettable experience performing alongside schools from across the region at the Young Voices concert at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester. The atmosphere was electric and the children represented our school brilliantly. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm and great pride, truly acting as excellent ambassadors for our school. A huge thank you goes to Miss Stokes and Mrs Bradbury-Wade, and all the staff who generously gave up their time to rehearse with the children and accompany them to the concert.



Last week, we also took part in NSPCC Number Day to support the NSPCC. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £379.60 for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the day.

On Tuesday, we marked Safer Internet Day, although our learning linked to this important theme has taken place throughout the entire week. We began with a whole-school assembly on Monday, delivered by Mr Biggs and our Digital Leaders. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' encouraged pupils to think carefully about how technology, including artificial intelligence, can be used responsibly and safely.

General News

Throughout the week, children have taken part in a range of age-appropriate activities exploring online safety, responsible technology use and the importance of making positive digital choices. Classes have also revisited and discussed our ICT Acceptable Use Policies to reinforce expectations and ensure everyone understands how to stay safe online. Further information about Safer Internet Day can be found on the official website. [Click here](#)

It was also wonderful to see so many of you on Tuesday and Wednesday for our Parents' Evenings. We greatly value these opportunities to share your child's progress and celebrate their achievements together. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely half-term break!

Jillian Holmes

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme w/c 23rd February: Lent
- ❖ Letters home this week: Acceptable Usage Agreement KS2; World Book Day 2026; Lancashire County Athletics Finals - Transport; Y3 Swimming; Y1 Multi Skills Club.
- ❖ **HOUSPOINTS WINNERS - Arrowsmith (Red House) are our house-point winners this half-term. Children in this house may wear their own clothes on Friday 27th February.**

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.

Celebrating Our 5-Star Food Hygiene Rating

We are delighted to share that our school kitchen has once again been awarded a 5-star rating by the School Standards Agency following this week's inspection. We are especially proud to have maintained this top rating from last year, reflecting our continued commitment to excellent hygiene, food safety, and high-quality meal provision for our pupils. A huge thank you to our dedicated kitchen staff for their hard work and ongoing dedication to maintaining such high standards.

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 27th February at 9.00am.

RM : M McDonagh
R/1C : A Flynn
1/2V : I-R Hawarden
2B : F Carruthers

3J : G Challoner
3/4E : A Gardham
4A : O Granato
5A : J Ashworth
6I : G Morgan

FS/KS1 St. Teresa's Role Model
J Dew

KS 2 St. Teresa's Role Model
I Mawdsley

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.

Wednesday Y5/6 Dance Competition Club (4:40pm Finish)

Friday Y1 Multi Skills

Sports news

Tennis Festival

On Tuesday, some Year 4 children were chosen to represent the school at the annual South Ribble Tennis Festival. They competed in singles matches against children from other schools across the district. There was some wonderful play on the courts, with thrilling rallies between the players and some ace shots!

We won plenty of matches, winning the group stage and progressing to the top-seeded group. This group was more challenging, but we still managed to win plenty of matches. Our children competed to a great standard and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout.



Overall, we finished in second place out of twelve schools. We are tremendously proud of this - well done to our team!

A special mention goes to Jacob, our team captain, who played incredibly throughout and didn't lose a single match. Jacob was recognised for his exceptional talent and was awarded

the Boys' Player of the Tournament award, receiving a medal to take home. Well done, Jacob!

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 97.5%
Current academic year overall attendance: 96.6%
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 23rd February

Monday 23 rd February	8:40am	School Re-Opens
Thursday 26 th February	8:30am	Y4 Swimming
Friday 27 th February	All day 9:00am 9:30am 1:30pm	Own Clothes Day - Arrowsmith only (RED House) Award Assembly Tinies Morning Session Tinies Afternoon Session
Saturday 28 th February	6:00pm	Y4 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Teresa's Church
Sunday 29 th February	9:30am 11:00am	Y4 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Teresa's Church Y4 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene's Church

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).

2026 COACHING CAMPS

JOIN US AT PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY!!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
MON 16TH TO FRI 20TH FEB

EASTER
TUES 7TH TO FRI 10TH APR

SUMMER
MON 20TH TO FRI 24TH OF JUL
MON 17TH TO FRI 21ST OF AUG

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

With a daily price of £20 a day, £75 for 4 days or £85 for 5 days.

- ✓ Skill Development Practices
- ✓ Ability-Set Tournaments
- ✓ Small-Sided 3v3 Games
- ✓ Fun-Filled, Active Days!!

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