



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 16th January 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had another busy week in school. On Tuesday, Year 4 visited Masjid E Saliheen on Grafton Street, Preston. The children were given a guided tour of the mosque by the Imam, who explained the key features of the building and the importance of prayer in daily Muslim life. Some pupils were able to observe and take part in the washing (wudu) that takes place before prayers, and they learned about the Qur'an, the rituals of worship and the significance of Hajj. The children's behaviour throughout the visit was excellent, and they asked many thoughtful and respectful questions.



On Tuesday evening, the Year 6 teachers held a SATs information meeting for parents. The session outlined the arrangements for the upcoming tests and provided guidance on how families can best support their children in preparing. The presentation used during the meeting is now available to view on the school website, [click here](#).

Today, Mr Biggs held the final meeting with parents from the Behaviour Policy Consultative Group. The revised policy has now been amended and formally approved by the governors and the school's mission statement has been updated to incorporate the house values in alignment with the new policy. Thank you so much to all the parents who have contributed to this group. Click to view the [Behaviour Policy](#) and the [Mission Statement](#).

Have a lovely weekend!
Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: The Lamb of God
- ❖ Letters home this week: CPG Revision Books Y6; Young Voices Final Arrangements.

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 23rd January at 9.00am.

RM : G Walker

3J : A Carter

R/1C : R Boulton-Lakeland

3/4E : J Banks

1/2V : E Whittaker

4A : J Blackburn

2B : E Chamberlain

5A : O Garner

6I : I Johnson

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
J Cookson

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
O Woosey

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 Y5/6 Girls Athletics (Last Session)

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

Thursday Y5/6 Boys Athletics (Last Session)

Friday Y2 SR Football

Sports news

Sports Kits

Please return any school sports kit to us as soon as possible so we can complete our full sets and ensure everything is ready for future use.

Thank you for your support!

Mini Vinnies

God of life, help us to act so that no one goes thirsty and all people around the world have enough water for their needs.

Amen.

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 97.7%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.6%

Our target for overall attendance: 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

Dates for the diary

Week 3 lunches w/c 19th January

Thursday 22 nd January	7:50am	Young Voices Rehearsal
	8:30am	Y4 Swimming
Friday 23 rd January	All Day	Y6 Deadline To Order CGP Books Via ScoPay
	9:00am	Award Assembly
	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)

Lancashire County Council

ONE STOP SHOP

A monthly drop in for families to access advice and support.

SEND IAS (Lancashire Department for Work & Pensions)

Primary Mental Health Team (citizens advice, Unify)

School Nurse (we are withyou, South Ribble)

Pathway Navigator (NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria, HOME START)

West Paddock Family Hub (West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1HR)

3rd Wednesday of the month
9:30 - 11:30am

21/01/26
18/2/26
18/3/26