



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 21st May 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

Last Saturday was a very special occasion for our school community as some of our Year 4 pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration, and we are incredibly proud of the children for the reverence and maturity they showed on such an important milestone in their faith journey. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Fr Ian and to all of our dedicated catechists who worked so hard to prepare the children so thoroughly for this sacrament.



We are also delighted to share that the collection taken at the Holy Communion Masses at St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's raised an impressive £903. This amount will be sent to Bishop Habila in Nigeria to support his parishes and the important work being carried out there. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

On Monday, Year 5 enjoyed their much-anticipated trip to Martin Mere. Despite the damp and rather unpredictable weather, the children had a fantastic day. They took part in a range of engaging and educational workshops, learning more about wildlife and the natural environment. Their enthusiasm and behaviour were excellent throughout the visit, and it was wonderful to see them making the most of the experience.



General News

On Wednesday evening, we were pleased to welcome new parents whose children will be starting in Reception this September. The meeting was a great success and provided a valuable opportunity for families to learn more about school life and ask any questions ahead of September. A special thank you goes to Emma and Harry in Year 5, who delivered an excellent presentation - they spoke with great confidence and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Unfortunately, due to poor weather conditions, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel Sports Day. We know how much the children were looking forward to this event, so we are pleased to confirm that it has now been rearranged for Wednesday 15th July, with the same timings as previously planned. Please save the date- we look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun-filled day of sport and teamwork.

Today, we were delighted to welcome Fr Ian back into school. He presented our First Holy Communion children with their certificates and joined us in celebrating as a whole school community. It was a lovely opportunity to recognise the children's achievement together.

Also, today, we have enjoyed a fantastic PTFA Dancerciseathon. The children have absolutely loved taking part - listening out for the bell and stopping their lessons to enjoy a burst of dancing! It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and energy across the school and we are very grateful to the PTFA for organising such a fun event and to all those who have sponsored the children.

It looks like we will have some nice weather over the next few days, so I hope the children enjoy a wonderful half-term break. School will reopen at 8.40am on Monday 1st June.

*Kind regards
Jillian Holmes*

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme w/c 1st June: Holy Trinity
- ❖ Letters home this week: Sword Fencing Final Session Date Change; Y5 Cricket Club; Y6 Cricket Club; Reminder No High 5 Club Friday 22nd May; Y2 Acro Club.

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 5th June at 9.00am.

RM : I Evans

3J : E Cookson

R/1C : S Clark

3/4E : M Pate

1/2V : M Griffiths

4A : M Banks

2B : H Muncaster

5A : L Murphy

6I : W Molloy

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

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

S Banks

J Blackburn

Online safety

[Please click here to view the latest Online Safety Newsletter](#)
[Please click here to find a useful video about Navigating Group Chats](#)

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 Cricket Club

Tuesday Y1 Multi Sports with Prime Sports

Wednesday Y2 Acro with ESDC

Thursday Sword fencing (Morning Club) & Y6 Cricket Club

Friday Y3 Dodgeball & Y5/6 High 5

Mini Vinnies

God of all, you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples, filling them with joy, peace and courage. May we also be filled with your Spirit, be brave and share your peace in our world.
Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

Last 5 days 13th May to 19th May: 96.5%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.7%

Target academic year overall attendance: 97%

Dates for the diary

Week 1 lunches w/c 1st June 2026

Monday 1st June All Day Deadline to pay for Y6 Tower wood Residential
8:40am School Reopens After Half Term

Thursday 4th June 8:30am Y3 Swimming

Friday 5th June All Day Deadline to Hand in Y3 Scoot Safe Form
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

FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

ONE STOP SHOP

A monthly drop in for families to access advice and support

SEND IAS (Lancashire SEND IAS) | **Department for Work & Pensions** | **School Nurse**

Primary Mental Health Team

citizens advice | **Unity** | **Smokefree Lancashire**

we are withyou | **BARNARDOS** (Changing childhoods. Changing lives.)

CompassBLOOM | **key** | **South Ribble**

Pathway Navigator

NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust | **Advice about School Age Autism pathway processes** | **HOME START**

West Paddock Family Hub
West Paddock
Leyland, PR25 1HR

No need to book, Just turn up

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