



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 12th December 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have enjoyed another wonderful week in school. On Tuesday morning, we welcomed parents to a meeting focused on our Catholic life, mission and worship. During the session, we discussed the school's current areas for development, shared feedback from the recent parental questionnaire and spent time reviewing and reflecting on our mission statement.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were thrilled to host the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance, Away on a Silent Night. The children were absolutely wonderful - confident, enthusiastic and full of joy. They made us all proud! Thank you to all the parents and relatives who came along to support the children and a special thank you to our staff for their hard work in preparing such a memorable performance.

On Wednesday, our Mini Vinnies visited Priory Park Care Home to sing for the residents. The residents were delighted to welcome the children and thoroughly enjoyed their beautiful singing. Our pupils were wonderful ambassadors for the school, bringing joy and warmth to everyone at Priory Park.



*Have a lovely weekend.
Jillian Holmes*

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Are you the one?
- ❖ Letters home this week: Spring Toast 2026 Reminder; Y4 Swimming Reminder; Y2 SR Football Club; School Linking Project Y3; Attendance Letter; Y5/6 Athletics Club; Y5/6 Walking/Cycling Home Form Reminder; Reminder: School Dinner Payments & Christmas Lunch.
- ❖ Primary online admissions are now open.

The deadline for applying for a school place for Primary admissions is **15/1/2026**. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application. St Teresa's supplementary forms are available from our school office or can be found on our website and need to be returned along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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.
- ❖ Due to the many and varied sporting events that our children attend, we use a lot of school sports kit bags. These are orange and will have a number written on them e.g. 13 and an age group too, e.g. age 11-13. School are currently missing lots of kit bags and kit. Please can you check if your child still has a kit bag and kit at home, and wash and return the kit before the end of term.

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 19th December at 9.00am.

RM : A Titterington

3J : B Holden

R/1C : E Lillis

3/4E : W Warburton

1/2V : B Wearden

4A : A Rooney

2B : T Pascoe

5A : R Lyon

6I : C Henley

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

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

Online safety

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

After
school
clubs

Sports
news

Mini
Vinnies

Attendance
Update

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 Y3 Dodgeball with Prime Sports

Mindfulness Event

On Tuesday, some of our Year 4 children attended the annual Wellbeing Event at Worden Academy, organised by our South Ribble School Games Team.

The children participated in a range of activities throughout the morning, such as: mindful colouring, mindful stretches and movement, poses and sequences, mindful breathing practises - independently and with a partner, mindful resting and meditation.

It was a lovely morning and the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school! We will be sharing some of these activities with our school wellbeing ambassadors and sharing this practice within school!



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!

God of love, help us always to try to do the right thing, even when we find it hard, so that we are ready when Jesus comes. Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Whole-School Attendance

This week: 97.4%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.7%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

PTFA News

PTFA - "Guess the Name of the Elf" Competition Update

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's festive *Guess the Name of the Elf* competition! All money has now been collected by the PTFA, and the sealed winning-name envelopes are ready to be opened.

The winners from each class will be announced next week, during our final week of school before Christmas. We can't wait to reveal which lucky children have correctly guessed their class elf's name and will be taking home the wonderful Christmas hamper prizes prepared by our fantastic PTFA team. 🎁

Thank you once again for your support. Every penny raised helps us continue funding school events and activities throughout the year.

Dates for the diary

Week 1 lunches w/c 15th December

Tuesday December	16 th	All Day	Christmas Day at St Teresa's!
		All Day	Final Day to Hand in Foodbank Donations
Wednesday December	17 th	6:00pm	Lower Junior Carol Service in Church
Thursday December	18 th	10:00am	Reception St Martha Class Mass in Church
		3:00pm	Y5 St Augustine Stay & Pray
Friday December	19 th	9:00am	Award Assembly
		10:00am	Y4 St Anthony Class Mass in Church
		1:30pm	School Closes for Christmas

Schools calendar can be found here:

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

Community & Parish Information

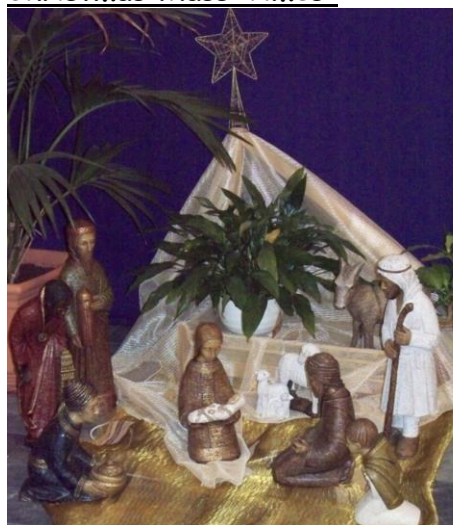
Weekend Mass Times:

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).

Christmas Mass Times:



Christmas Masses in Penwortham 2025

Christmas Eve:
5pm St Mary Magdalen's Church
6:30pm St Teresa's Church

Christmas Day:
10am St Teresa's Church

Boxing Day:
10am St Marys Magdalen's
Church

**Come and celebrate
the birth of our Saviour!**