



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 28th November 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

Last Friday, two of our Year 4 pupils, Isla and Matilda, proudly represented our school in a poetry recital competition organised by the WRIST Consortium, our local cluster of schools. The event was hosted by Priory Academy, who also delivered a fantastic performance poetry workshop.

As part of the competition, each participant was required to memorise a poem and perform it with expression, clarity, confidence, and appropriate gestures. The judging panel included local dignitaries, among them Cllr Will Adams, the Mayor of Penwortham. Both Isla and Matilda represented our school beautifully, performing with exceptional poise and confidence. We are incredibly proud of them both.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Isla won the competition! This is a brilliant achievement and we hope you will join us in congratulating both of our pupils.



Thank you to everyone who has already completed the RE and Catholic Life questionnaire. If you haven't had the chance yet, please do so, as your feedback is extremely valuable to us.

[Click here for the Parent Questionnaire.](#)

If you are able to attend the meeting on Catholic Life in school on Tuesday 9th December at 9am, please inform the school office. Your presence and support are greatly appreciated.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a very special time of preparation and reflection as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas. To mark the start of this important season, our whole school will be attending Mass on Thursday 4th December at 10:00am. If you are able to support us by accompanying the pupils as we walk to the church, please contact the school office to let them know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: No one knows the day and hour.
- ❖ Letters home this week: Reception Nativity Tickets on General Sale; PTFA - "Guess the Name of the Elf" Competition; Y1/2 Christmas Production Ticket Reminder; Christmas Day Letter; Invite to meeting about Catholic Life at St. Teresa's - Letter from Mrs Holmes; Reception / Y6 Height & Weight Checks - postponed to 8th December; Year 1/2 Christmas Production Tickets - General Sale Information; Reminder: Christmas Dinner Choice Due Monday.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Spring 2026 Toast is now available for you to purchase via ScoPay for your child. Deadline for payment is Monday 8th December 2025.

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:

Online safety

- ❖ On Tuesday morning, a child who had been given the safe space to cross the road by another road user was nearly knocked down by another driver. Please exercise extreme caution when manoeuvring around the junction of Stanley Grove and Meadway.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.

[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.

Tuesday Mad Science

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

Friday Y2 SR Target Club

Sports news

Y3/4 Dodgeball

A huge well done to our brilliant Year 3 & 4 children from St Teresa's, who finished 4th out of 8 teams in the South Ribble competition on Tuesday after school.

The group played with heart, teamwork, and a confidence that seemed to grow with every match!

They showed great spirit from the first whistle to the last, representing the school with pride and plenty of smiles.



Well done to everyone who competed — again, you've done St Teresa's proud!

Mini Vinnies

Dear Father,

Help us to thrive through each day in advent and love one another.

Like you love us, please help people who are grieving and going through a rough time and living in a sinful life.

Christ be in our heads in our hearts and in our hands.

St Teresa pray for us.

By Jenson and Gabriel

PTFA News

PTFA - "Guess the Name of the Elf" Competition

The PTFA's festive Guess the Name of the Elf competition is back again this year! Each class will have their own colourful name poster with a list of possible elf names.

- £1 per square
- Posters will be in classrooms from Monday 1st December
- Children can choose a name/square they think belongs to the mystery elf!

To help keep things fair, the first week will be for children who would like to buy one square each. After that, any remaining squares will be available for further purchases until the sheets are full. Filling the sheets is important as each class has a sealed envelope containing their winning name, ready to be opened on draw day!

Our wonderful PTFA team is also preparing super Christmas hamper prizes for each class, which will be arriving in school soon. 🎁

All proceeds go towards supporting school events and activities.

Dates for the diary

Week 2 Lunches w/c 1st December 2025

Monday December	1 st	All Day All Day	Deadline to Make Christmas Dinner Choice via ScoPay Y1/2 Christmas Production Tickets Go On General Sale
Wednesday December	3 rd	6:00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday December	4 th	7:50am 8:30am 10:00am	Young Voices Rehearsal Y5 Swimming Whole School Mass

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).