



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 21st November 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a fantastic week in school. On Tuesday, Mad Science visited our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to deliver their H₂O workshops, sponsored by United Utilities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experiments and learned lots about water, science and the world around them.



On Wednesday, Mr Biggs and a selection of our Year 6 boys visited Preston County Hall as part of International Men's Day. Prior to the event the boys had been paired with a local male role model, Hamish Clough, who visited our school and spent time answering the groups' questions about his career, life and family whilst offering insights, stories and inspirational advice on his career path.



Whilst at County Hall, they had the opportunity to present their work, alongside Hamish, to other schools whilst learning about the other role models involved in the project. In addition to this, the boys got to enjoy a story telling workshop lead by the excellent Dan Worksey, an employability skills session and watched a magic performance by the brilliant Jasper Cherry who reached the finals of Britain's Got Talent and appeared on America's Got Talent All Stars. It was a fantastic day and the boys were excellent ambassadors for our school.

General News

Today, Matilda and Isla, two of our Year 4 pupils are representing the school in a poetry recital at Priory Academy, alongside pupils from our local WRIST cluster of schools. They have learned and performed their poems entirely from memory! We will let you know next week how they got on!

Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Christ the King
- ❖ Letters home this week: Reception Nativity Ticket Reminder; Parents R.E Newsletter.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ As the admission authority for St. Teresa's Catholic Primary school, the **Governing Body** wish to consult with you on our admission arrangements for Year 2027-28. This is because you may have an interest in the proposed admissions. Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year. The consultation period for this policy is from Monday 6th October to Sunday 16th November. We invite you to consider the policy which can be found on the school website at: [Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2027-28 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#). Any comments you may have can be sent to the following e mail bursar@st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk or directly to the school in an envelope marked Admissions Policy Consultation. If you would prefer a printed copy or require any further information please contact us at school.
- ❖ 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:

- ❖ 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 28th November 2025 at 9.00am.

RM : L Parker

3J : W Wright

R/1C : B Peterson

3/4E : R Martin

1/2V : N Gallagher

4A : A Duckworth

2B : E Copping

5A : E Massey

6I : R Dixon

FS/KS1 St. Teresa's Role Model

KS 2 St. Teresa's Role Model

M Balazs

H Fleming

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 Y4 Dodgeball with Prime Sports

Tuesday Mad Science

Wednesday Y5/6 Dance Competition Rehearsal (3:20-4:40pm)

Friday Y2 SR Target Sports

Sports news

Please return all sports kit to school as soon as possible, as we have several upcoming fixtures and need to ensure teams are fully equipped.

Thank you!

Mini Vinnies

Dear Lord,
We pray for everyone in our parish who may be ill or having a hard time.
We ask you God to pray for those we have loved and lost.
We thank you for all our achievements and gifts that we have.
Thank you for your love, God
Amen

By Connie, Emily and Felicity

PTFA News

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the UV Disco until the New Year. However, we are excited to announce that our popular "Name the Elf" competition will still be going ahead in each class, with the chance of winning an amazing Christmas goodie hamper! From Monday 1st December, children are invited to bring in £1 to select a name from the matrix for the elf. We can't wait for the festive activities to begin!

Thank you for your continued support.

Your PTFA

**Dates for
the diary**

Week 1 lunches w/c Monday 24th November 2025

Monday November	24 th	All Day	Reception Nativity Tickets General Sale
Thursday November	27 th	7:50am 8:30am 10:00am	Young Voices Rehearsal Y5 Swimming Y3 St Joseph Class Mass in Church
Friday November	28 th	All Day 9:00am	Deadline to Order & Pay for Y1/2 Christmas Production Tickets Award Assembly

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).