



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 14th November 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We've had a very busy and exciting week in school! It has been Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme was 'Power for Good.' Throughout the week, children took part in thoughtful discussions and engaging activities about kindness, respect and how we can all use our influence to make a positive difference. The week began with Odd Socks Day on Monday, a fun reminder that it's great to be unique and embrace our differences.



Also on Monday, Margaret Wright visited our school to lead Christian meditation sessions with the children. These sessions provided a calm and reflective space for pupils to pause, focus and draw closer to God through mindfulness and prayer.



On Tuesday morning, we gathered as a school community for a short Remembrance Day service. Pupils and staff came together in a quiet and respectful atmosphere to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many and to pay their respects. We were incredibly proud of how respectfully and maturely our pupils took part in this important act of remembrance.

On Tuesday evening, our Digital Leaders, alongside Mr Biggs, hosted an informative session for parents focused on online safety. The event offered plenty of opportunities to discuss current and relevant issues and we were delighted to see our parents actively engaging in these important conversations. A big thank you to our amazing Digital Leaders for their hard work, to Mr Biggs for leading the session and to all the parents who attended and supported this event.

A big thank you also to everyone who brought in bags of clothes on Wednesday for the PTFA's Recycle for Schools initiative. Your contributions not only support our PTFA fundraising efforts but also help promote an environmentally friendly way to give back.

Today, we are excited to be celebrating Non-Fiction November! It has been wonderful to see pupils dressed up as their favourite non-fiction characters. Throughout the day, classes have been taking part in a range of non-fiction reading activities, exploring fascinating facts and true stories. The £1 donations collected will go directly towards purchasing new books for our school.



Have a lovely weekend.
Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Troubles and Persecutions
- ❖ Letters home this week: Reception Christmas Production 'A Wiggly Nativity' Tickets Now On Sale; Y1/2 Christmas Production 'Away on a Silent Night' Tickets Now on Sale; Christmas Day at St Teresa's - Important Lunch Arrangements; First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2026 - Letter From Father Ian; Tinies Application - For Children Starting in September 2026; Email from Tempest Photography - Free Delivery on School Photos.
- ❖ Primary online admissions are now open.

The deadline for applying for a school place for Primary online 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 21st November at 9.00am.

RM : C Baxter

3J : L Barden

R/1C : A McCann

3/4E : E McCann

1/2V : F Wilcock

4A : T Yeulett

2B : M Allen

5A : E Adamson & N Lambert

6I : A Carter & H Mills

FS/KS1 St. Teresa's Role Model

KS 2 St. Teresa's Role Model

F O'Keeffe

A Roberts

Online safety

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

Online Safety Event

On Tuesday evening, our Digital Leaders and Mr Biggs gave an Online Safety presentation to parents. The session focused on current tech trends we are seeing in the U.K with children in primary education, apps and services that children use, the growth of AI, guidance for parents of setting controls and the importance of talking to their children about their online use. The presentation and information booklets for parents can be found on our school website.



Sport 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

Wednesday Y5/6 Dance Competition Club

Friday Y2 SR Target Club

Dates for the diary

Week 3 lunches w/c 17th November

Thursday 20 th	7:50am	Young Voices Rehearsal
November	8:30am	Y5 Swimming
	10:00am	Y1/2V Class Mass in Church

Friday 21 st	All Day	Deadline For Initial Order & Payment of Reception Nativity Tickets
November	9:00am	Award Assembly

Schools calendar can be found here:

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

Sports news

Girls South Ribble Football Finals

It was the South Ribble Girls football finals at Priory Academy last night and it was a cold one!

Unfortunately, it just wasn't meant to be on the night - but the girls gave everything they had and represented the school with pride, passion, and a fantastic attitude throughout the entire competition!

What an incredible journey for our St Teresa's girls in the girl's football this year so far! Out of 40 teams, our girls finished an outstanding 4th place, showcasing unbelievable effort, determination, and teamwork from start to finish.



Every player contributed, every performance mattered, and the resilience they showed was something truly special. We couldn't be prouder of this team and their achievements. Well done girls - you are so talented and we have some future lionesses in the making! Jo Harwood (see photo below) former lioness and PNE walking footballer commented on our girls and the skills they showcased - she was mega impressed!



Mini Vinnies

Let's pray...

Loving God, help us to come to you and listen to your word. Guide us as we try to help those who are treated unfairly so that together we may build a better world. Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

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).

Community & Parish Information



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Chorley Sweet Chilli Parenting Workshop Dates

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Thursday 26th March 2026 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

The sessions will take place at the Home-Start Central Lancashire offices, 112a Market Street, Chorley PR7 2SL. Access to the building is via the Fleet Street Car Park.

If you would like to register for a place on the session, please call the office on 01257 241636 and ask to be added to the booking list.

Please be aware that **all sessions** must be completed, and we are unable to offer any childcare for the sessions. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served served

If you would like to hear about our future Sweet Chilli Parenting Workshops, please register via the QR code and we will then be able to send you the information when new sessions are released.



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Mental Elf is coming back to Leyland!

Saturday 29th November Worden Park 10am-2.30pm

Tickets from £7.00*
* Plus ticket booking fee

Join your family & friends for some festive fun.

2k, 5k or challenge your sElf distances!

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Merry Christmas!



December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



Toy Fair

Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th November 2025
10 am - 3 pm

In the Garden Room
At St Catherine's Hospice

