



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 24th October 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a fantastic final week of this half term. On Monday, Mr. Biggs led a special assembly to celebrate Black History Month. Pupils across the school have been engaging in activities inspired by influential Black musicians, artists and historical figures.

Several classes also began their 'Stay and Pray' sessions this week. These have been a lovely way for pupils, parents and staff to come together in reflection and prayer. Thank you to all the parents who joined us – your presence made these moments extra special.

On Tuesday, the Carter family kindly shared their experiences of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, with our Infant children. They explained how Diwali is celebrated with the lighting of lamps, colourful decorations, delicious food and special time spent with family and friends. The children listened beautifully and were excited to learn about the traditions and meanings behind this important festival. A big thank you to the Carter family for helping our pupils understand more about Diwali.



On Wednesday, we welcomed visitors to our Open Day for prospective parents. It was wonderful to see so many families exploring our school, meeting our pupils and staff, and experiencing the warmth and enthusiasm that makes our school so special.

Thursday evening saw our PTFA Film Night, where pupils enjoyed watching Dog Man together. Thank you to the PTFA and all the volunteers and staff who organised this fun event – it was a great success!

Finally, we are delighted to share that our school has been awarded "School of the Year for PE and Sport" for the Penwortham and Western Cluster. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of our pupils' enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting spirit across all year groups. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Dawson, whose commitment, passion and leadership in PE have played such an important role in earning this wonderful recognition.

What a fantastic way to finish the half term – thank you to all staff, pupils and families for your ongoing support and positivity. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme w/c 3rd Nov: Saints
- ❖ **HOUSEPOINT WINNERS** - Clitherow (Green) - All pupils in Clitherow may come to school in their own clothes on Friday 7th November 2025.
- ❖ Letters home this week: Y6 High School Application Reminders; Changes to School Payment and Refund Procedures; Online Safety Evening - Letter from Mr Biggs; Poppy Appeal - Items Available after Half Term; All Hallows Ed Tech Letter.
- ❖ Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open.
The deadline for applying for a school place for Secondary admissions is **31/10/2025** and 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. All Hallows yellow supplementary forms are available from their school office. 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.

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 7th November at 9.00am.

RM : J Cookson
R/1C : L Benton
1/2V : A Dixon
2B : E Davis

3J : H Gore
3/4E : F Johnson
4A : B Johnstone
5A : E Bullough &
6I : L Hodges & J Crowley
FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
A Barber
KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
M Pate

Online safety

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

Join us on Tuesday, 11th November at 5:00 PM Online Safety Briefing for Parents, led by our Digital Leaders.

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.

Friday Y2 SR Target Club

Sports news

Y5/6 Girls Football Team

The girls were in action at Priory last night for the last set of cluster fixtures for the girl's football league. They worked tremendously together to score some wonderful goals resulting in lots of success. We were blown away with the skills that they showcased throughout. We are delighted to announce that we have once again finished as winners in the league, winning



some more medals. We are so proud of the girls for showing grit and determination and now we look to the South Ribble finals in November. Thank you to the friends and family that came to support us. Thank you to Prime Sports and Coach Simon for coaching our girls and providing valuable support again. Well done girls, you smashed it! Let's go St T's, let's go!

PE & Sports Award

On Tuesday, Mrs. Dawson attended the annual South Ribble School Games Conference in Leyland. One of the keynote speakers was Jo Harwood, a huge advocate for girl's football who was once part of the England Women's football team and a former PNE player. Jo



was inspirational in her talk and re-emphasised the importance of 'rights, equality and empowerment' in sports for girls and women. We are always looking to encourage and inspire our girls here at St. Teresa's and we are proud of the huge uptake we have when presenting opportunities for all our children.

During the day, we were absolutely thrilled to receive yet another award for PE and Sports! We were voted and awarded, 'The School of the Year' from South Ribble for the second consecutive year. This recognition means the world to us again. At St Teresa's we pride ourselves on our levels of physical activity and we continually seek out opportunities to meet the Government's recommendation of 60 active minutes a day. This is implemented through our PE lessons, movement

breaks, structured coaching sessions at lunch times and playtimes, outdoor learning plus our vast array of extra-curricular clubs. In December, coaches from South Ribble will once again be training some of our Year 5 children to become play leaders and lead games and structured activities for our EYFS and KS1 children. This year we are aiming for the very prestigious 'Platinum Award' for the School Games Mark. Thank you to all our children, staff and parents who value and support PE and school sports!



Dates for the diary

Week 1 lunches w/c 3rd November (new lunch menu)

Monday November	3 rd	8:40am	School Re-opens After Half Term
Wednesday November	5 th	All Day	Tempest Individual & Family Photographs (Full Uniform)
Thursday November	6 th	7:50am 8:30am	Young Voices Rehearsal Y5 Swimming
Friday November	7 th	9:00am	Award Assembly
Sunday November	9 th	All Day	Remembrance Day

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).

Eden Singleton Dance Company at St Teresa's Primary School

*Contact the email address, Facebook or Instagram if your child is interested.
First class is free!*

TIMETABLE	
MONDAY 6:00-7:00pm ISTD Ballet/Tap/Modern 7:00-8:00pm Junior Lyrical Competition Team	
TUESDAY 5:30-6:30pm: 7 and Under Cheer Dance 5:30-7:00pm: 9 and Under Cheer Dance 6:30-8:00pm: 11 and Under Cheer Dance 7:30-9:00pm: 13 and Under Cheer Dance	
WEDNESDAY 6:00-7:00pm All Ages Latin & Ballroom 7:00-8:00pm All Ages Street Dance	
THURSDAY 6:00-7:00pm Parents Cheerdance 6:00-7:00pm Junior Stretch/Jazz/Tricks 7:00-8:00pm Senior Lyrical Class 8:00-9:00pm 14 and Over Cheer Dance	
SATURDAY 9:00-9:30am ISTD Primary Ballet 9:30-10:30am 7 & Under Latin & Street Combo Class	
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